5th Dartford Scouts
Leaders Meeting

Location: Scouts Hall
Date: Tuesday 31st August
Start: 19:30pm

Apologises:
Dan Lilleycrop; Nigel Hughes; Zara Austin; Debbie Prescott; Wendy Hurd

Attendees:
Peacock Beavers: Maggie Lilleycrop
Philpott Beaver:
Leigh Cubs: John McLoughlin, Tracey Honey, Michelle Watts
Collins Subs: Tracey Gardiner
Burn Troop- Del Hurd, Tim Roscoe
Earley Troop- Jason O'Brien, Keith Furlong, Dave Monteith, Darren Watts
Johnston Explorers- Stu Watts
Group: Paul Boreham, Lyn Medcalf, Jim Lilleycrop, Gary Missions, Lynn Missions

Notes:
Paul opened the meeting explaining that this was the first all leaders, helpers and assistants meeting of the new scouting/academic year to ensure we as 5th Dartford scouts have a full understanding of the way ahead, share programme ideals and request help and offer assistance and to ensure that we can focus requests to the executive committee.

Section reports-
Johnston Explorer Scouts:
Leader: Vicky Watts(ESL), Stu Watts(AESL), Dan Lilleycrop(AESL),
Regular Helpers: Jim Lilleycrop, Kim Watts
Boys: 15
Future aims of having 3 or 4 big activities that the explorers can work towards of a section evening.
Current focus:

- Gilwell Winter Camp with both scout troop
- Explorers own winter camp in November
- Scuba Diving night
- Water activities with Cambria
- First-Aid

Will request Explorers to assist with other sections when informed of where help is required.

Earley Scout Troop:

Leaders: Dave Monteith(ASL), Keith Furlong(ASL), Jason O'Brien(ASL), Darren Watts (ASL).
Occasional Helper: Julie Furlong, Nigel Hughes
Boys: 25 currently, lost 2 gained 3 new linkers.
2 Gold awards expected before X-mas
Looking at performing community service (contact via Lyn)
Proficiency badges being completed at home

Burne Scout Troop:
Leaders: Del Hurd(SL), Tim Roscoe(ASL), Jason Elliot(ASL),
Occasional Helpers: Ashley, Wendy Oliver + Parthe Dandawaite
Boys: 17 with 2 linking cubs.
Good feed of linkers from Ted
1 Gold award expected for X-mas

Leigh Cub Pack:
Leaders: John McLoughlin(CSL), Tracey Honey(ACSL), Michelle Watts(ACSL)
Status: 15 boys with 1 linking and 3 new trialists
5 Silver acorns to be awarded
Programme up to X-mas
Attending District sports day in September
Rotating previous years badge work
A combined night with Tom at the 9th
Looked at running a combined cub camp at Hope Hill, unfortunately required dates had been booked months ago. Looking to book next years camp now.

Collins Cub Pack:
Leaders: Ted Essex(CSL), Hillary Essex (ASL), Sarah Essex (ACSL), Tracey Gardner (ACSL), Trevor Gull (ACSL), Zara Austin(ACSL)
Boys: 33
Dynamic programme as arranged by Ted

Peacock Beaver Colony:
Leaders: Maggie Lilleycrop(BSL), Debbie Prescott (ABSL)
Occasional Helpers: 4 Explorers assisting
Status: 24 boys, with 3 going up in Sept and another 2 in December with a register of interest and a waiting list.
7 Bronze awards to be awarded, Debbie focusing on badges
With Maggie being away on 17th and 25th September assistance is being supplied by Lynn for an archery evening as well as Lyn and Tracey the next.

Philpott Beaver Colony
Leaders: Wendy Hurd (BSL), Julie Brittle (ABSL)

Occasional helpers: Del, Ashley, Judith Brickle
Status: 24 boys, a number on the waiting list as well as a register of interest.
Judith will be stepping down in September after assisting for two years due to family commitments. Thanks attributed to Judith help and assistance and hope that she will say in contact.
6 Bronze awards to be awarded
Science day in November at Swanley
Halloween Party
Panto at the Orchard theatre – Jack and the bean stork

Combine Explorer and Scout Activities:
Pancake Race 15th Nov – Stu will organise and send invites to both scout troops to attend Explorers night and run the combined event.

Natural Rock Climbing – Del to suggest a date to go out to Harrison Rocks for older scouts and explorers. Possibility to request assistance from County climbing team.

Biking activity – Paul requested Tracey to ask Neil Gardiner to arrange a suitable short ride for scouts and explorers.
Bedgebury was discussed as a good activity, which also included go ape (£25)
Bewl Water was also discussed.
Thames pathway from Erith to Greenwich park.
Sponsored cycle ride to raise funds.

Canoeing with West Kingsdown Scouts.

Power Kiting via Kent Air Scouts – Paul made contact at Kaleidoscope and understand the prices to be: 2 hour £7, 4 hour £12 and a full day £17.

Combine Scout and Cubs Activities:
Scouts to assist with cubs cooking.

Mini Hike – Geo Caching, Emergency Centre or Scout HQ tour.

Swimming race/fun and games

Combine Cubs and Beavers Activities:
Understood to be all in place

Training:
Climbing –
Renewal for Del and Keith in March 2011
Re-take Dan and Jason

New – Jason O
Shooting –
Nigel, Darren, Lyn, Stu
Archery –
Michelle, Jason O, John
Kyaking –
Jason E
Narrow-boat Skippering –
Gary & Lynn volunteered to looking into this course which will enable qualified leaders to hire crafts at low-cost. Request information to be presented at next Exec.

KCC Food Hygiene –
Paul, Lyn, Tracey H, Maggie, Michelle

Future Activities:
Working Party 12th September

District AGM 27th September – Acacia Hall

Race Night 2nd October

NSRA YPS 6 weeks course starts next week and will lead up to Bisley.

Bisley Camp – 15-18th October 34 participants, with several from 9th Dartford.

5th Dartford Scouts Raffle ticket 20th November – Sainsbury Crayford
Maggie to provide details of section and time allocations.

Birthday Parade 5th December –
Need to book the church
Beavers and Cubs – Wendy to look in to Drum Workshop
Scouts and Explorers – Jason to look in to 10 pin bowling

Gilwell Winter Camp – Paper work to follow in the next few weeks

Dartford FC visit – Saturday 5th February (3rd Jan not available)

AoB:
Request for group funding for Beaver/Cub Cross bows with sucker arrows. Thought to cost £15 each and require six. Require Perspex for targets (Stu may be able to acquire some). Maggie to put details together for presentation at the next exec meeting.

Meeting closed: 09:35

Future Leaders Meeting:
Winter - Tuesday 18th January 2011 - 19:30 – 21:30 location tbd
Spring - Wednesday 27th April 2011 - 19:30 – 21:30 location tbd