



Scout Troop Annual Report 2011

The Scout Troop has had a busy and exciting year, with too many activities to list, so here is a summary of what we have done. Lots of the activities mentioned below have photos on the group website, so have a look at those at the same time.

June and July saw us taking part in various activities for the Shelterbox Challenge badge. We found out about global poverty, different faiths and built some shelters in Kennel Lane woods. We finished off the summer term with an evening using the catapults.

In July/August we attended the Cheshire International camp; Chamboree 2010 with 10 Scouts, including 2 from Holland. The Scouts had a great week trying many new activities and making new friends, as well as seeing motorcycle stunts shows, knights jousting and an X Factor style show.

In September we carried on with the Shelterbox Challenge badge and did some cooking on Trangias, and some knotting and pioneering.

October saw us preparing for the District Survival Camp by instructing the Scouts on correct use of knife and axe and how to build a shelter. The camp took place at the end of the October where we had many Scouts from across the district camping under plastic sheets, cooking on open fires and taking part in various bushcraft activities from water purification techniques, making natural cord and of course skinning and preparing rabbits for their tea!

The district wide game in November had a hundred plus Scouts, from several groups, running around Forest Camp in the dark, playing a version of "Manhunt". The Scouts also spent a night making marmalade ready to sell at the Christmas Fayre, and we had a visit from Darren at Littler's butchers, who came down to tell us about butchery and show us the various cuts of meat.

We had a visit from a Police dog handler and his dogs in December, and finished the year with a trip to the Ski centre in Runcorn, where we attempted to ski down the slope!!

We had a Robot Wars style evening, where we battled customised remote control cars around an arena in January, as well as starting our preparations for the Cheshire Hike competition with a practice hike around the local footpaths.

In February we had a talk from the Police Drugs officer who told us about the dangers of drugs, and brought replicas of various ones for us to look at. We also had a first aid evening and started our Fitness challenge.

We continued with the Fitness challenge in March and also started work on some knot boards, and got the Scouts to bring in and talk about their hobbies and interests for the hobbies badge.

We had one team take part in the Cheshire Hike Competition in April. They did very well (even saying that our practice hikes were harder than the actual competition!!) and hopefully we will have more teams next year.

May was very busy with us doing the DIY badge, learning the basics of electrics and plumbing and also preparing the inside of the scout hut for repainting, which was done in 2 hours, and some of the scouts even went home clean!!

We also had a camp to coincide with the Jamboree On The Trail (JOTT) weekend, where we camped overnight then walked and cleared a local footpath on the Saturday and met up with the Thursday Beavers.



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We started June with some Scouts taking part in a speed initiative with the Police, where we helped at a speed camera check point in the village with the Scouts speaking to the stopped motorists about the dangers of speeding.

This year has also seen one of the Scouts gain the top award in the Scout Section, the Gold Chief Scout Award. Ben Hilton gained his in June 2010, and was presented it by Wayne Bulpitt (UK Chief Commissioner) at a special presentation ceremony in November.

As you can see from the above report and the various photos on the website and slide shows at the AGM, we run a very active and busy Scout Troop, and my thanks go to my fellow leader, Trevor, and the parents on the rota, which help to deliver this programme on a weekly basis.

We are always on the lookout for new activities for the Scouts to try, so if you have a hobby/interest/job that you think the Scouts may enjoy then please come and see me and we will fit it into our programme.

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