

Shorts

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Submitting Articles – We Need Your Input

To help make Shorts a useful tool for information sharing within Thurrock Scouts we need a regular supply of interesting and informative articles that inspire and promote fresh new ideas amongst us all. If you've put some effort into organising an event why not tell others the good (and bad!) points about it so that they can learn from your experience rather than re-invent the wheel themselves?

The best way to submit articles is via email to mleach@bigfoot.com

Pyxis Explorer Scout Unit

The year so far.....

What a disaster January was for the unit with all events cancelled due to bad weather etc. thankfully we have made up for this since with the following activities:-

4/2 - Baking – we made and decorated Valentines cookies and gingerbread men with most looking quite edible, although we believe the ten explorers present had more flour on themselves than in the mixture!

16/2 - Pancake challenge – event held at Cherrywood campsite with all learning to assemble and light trangias and then to cook pancakes. Good feast was had by all.

27/2 - Walk – trip to London to complete part of the Thames Path Walk, a long day but successful despite diversions for path closures and flooding!

4/3 - Lucky Dip Cooking – 14 explorers scouts were split into three teams to compete in this activity as further practice for the District Ready Steady Cook competition. Teams took part in a quiz to earn unlabelled tins and were then challenged to provide a 3 course meal from whatever they ended up with.

20/3 - unit members helped at the Avock challenge and supported Ockendon Group's race night.

27/3 - Swimming Gala – well done to Daniel, Charlotte & Hannah who competed in this event with excellent results.

1/4 – April Fools! – a really silly night especially for the occasion, with some games traditionally played at Halloween and other daft party games, a good laugh was had by all.

25/4 – unit members attended Thurrock's renewal of promise service or joined other Essex explorers to marshal a section of the London Marathon course, you can read more about this at www.essexscouts.org.uk/news

29/4 – Gang Show – several unit members took part in this year's Gang show, other members of the unit went along to support them as usual.

6/5 – Fire lighting & backwoods cooking – we were unable to use Ockendon Scout & Guide Headquarters for our unit meeting this month, as it was being used as a polling station, so we went to Cherrywood campsite where 13 attendees built and lit fires and then prepared foil and paper parcels to cook on the embers. We then feasted on jacket potatoes, sausages, mackerel and trout.

The unit looks forward to participating in the Triathlon competition and Jamborama.

Lynn Taylor
Explorer Scout Leader

Nights Away Awards for Young People

You are reminded that we have certificates and woggles for all young members who complete 50, 75 and 100 Nights Away. There is no charge for these and all I need are the names of qualifying people. There must be worthy recipients and it is a great shame that they are not receiving the recognition that they deserve.

Graham Monk

District Calendar

May					
6th	Appointments Advisory Committee	Panel members	ALSC	7.30 p.m.	Heather Butcher
6th	Scout Leaders Meeting	Scout Leaders	ALSC	8.00 p.m.	Lyn Rider
8th	Jamboree on the Trail	All sections	TBA	TBA	Graham Monk
10th	7th Grays AGM		7th Grays HQ	7.30 p.m.	Tim Webb
11th	Getting Started Modules	All sections	ALSC	7.00-10.00 p.m.	Colin Ward
13th	District Executive	Executive members	ALSC	8.00 p.m.	Iain Rider/David Gregory
15th	Cub Sports Day	Cubs	Condoovers		Thameside/East Tilbury/1st Grays
16th	Triathlon	Scouts and Explorers	Belhus Park		Avock
18th	Full Appointments Advisory Committee	Panel members	ALSC		Heather Butcher
20th	Avock AGM	Avock	ALSC	8.00 p.m.	Steve Taylor
20th	Cub Leaders Meeting	Cub Leaders	ALSC	8.00 p.m.	Sue Rogers
27th	Beaver Leaders Meeting	Beaver Leaders	ALSC	8.00 p.m.	Edna Fox and Kay Watt
28th - 31st	Jamborama	Scouts and Explorers	Condoovers		Iain Rider
June					
10th	District AGM	All sections	ALSC	8.00 p.m.	David Gregory/Iain Rider
12th - 13th	Camping Standards	Scouts	Condoovers		Lyn Rider
16th	Getting Started Modules	All sections	ALSC	7.00-10.00 p.m.	Colin Ward
18th - 20th	District Cub Camp	Cubs	Condoovers		Sue Rogers
24th	District Executive	Executive members	ALSC	8.00 p.m.	David Gregory
26th	Beaver Fun Day	Beavers	Condoovers		Edna Fox and Kay Watt
27th	Joint Scout and Explorer Day	Scouts and Explorers	Cherrywood		Lyn Rider and Emma Dell
July					
1st	Information and Exchange Meeting	All sections	ALSC	8.00 p.m.	Iain Rider/David Gregory
3rd - 4th	Camping Standards	Scouts	Condoovers		Lyn Rider
9th - 11th	Mega Camp	Cubs	Skreens Park		Sue Rogers
10th - 11th	Gilwell 24	Explorers	Gilwell		Emma Dell
12th	Explorer Leaders Meeting	Explorer Leaders	Emma Dell's house	8.00 p.m.	Emma Dell
13th	Getting Started Modules	All sections	ALSC	7.00-10.00 p.m.	Colin Ward
15th	Scout Leaders Meeting	Scout leaders	ALSC	8.00 p.m.	Lyn Rider
18th	Water Activities	Scouts and Explorers	Grangewaters		Lyn Rider and Emma Dell
20th	Full Advisory Committee	Panel members	ALSC		Heather Butcher
31st - 7th Aug	Playscheme for staff				
August					
2nd - 5th	Playscheme for participants	All sections	Condoovers		

World Scout Jamboree Fundraiser

22ND WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE SWEDEN 2011
UNITED KINGDOM

Cost?
 £12 per person in cash
 (by 9th May)



Where?
 The Maharaja,
 London Road,
 Benfleet,
 (at the bottom of
 Bread and Cheese
 Hill)

How to get tickets
 From:
 Jo Harvey at 7th Grays,
 Stuart Pattullo at Chaf-
 ford Hundred (Maggie
 Pattullo 01375 481
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When?
 6pm Sun-
 day
 23rd May