



79th Glasgow (Stamperland) Scout Group

Beavers

As, at the time of writing, we have just been back a couple of weeks from the Christmas break there is not a lot to report.

But the Beavers have just about finished their Camp Craft badge and have started learning some knots such as the clove hitch, reef knot and figure of eight. They are quick learners.

In advance, a Happy Easter to everyone.

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Cub Pack

Entertainers Badge - While the Cubs have not long been back after Christmas we have already helped most the Cubs gain their Entertainers Badge. Part of this involved performing a short sketch using some random objects that we had provided them. The Cubs have a great imagination with some very funny sketches. We also performed some Camp Fire songs and hope to build up a better knowledge of these amongst the Cubs for our next weekend away later in the year.

Burns Night - Our current programme has also seen us celebrate Burns Night with some games, making Highland Cow Fridge Magnets and tasting some traditional Scottish food.



Personal Safety & Emergency Aid - We have now moved on to look at the Personal Safety and Emergency Aid badges, so all about the Cubs keeping themselves safe and looking out for others via basic First Aid. We have some visitors lined up for March to help bring this to life a bit more.

Sleepover – To help provide opportunities for the Cubs to get away we are once again heading to the Sea Life centre at Loch Lomond for a sleepover. This gives the Cubs a chance to sleep under the glass tunnels and windows of the centre watching the fish, rays, turtles and sharks swimming above them.

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Scouts Troop

As we started back 18th January - This is the first article from the Scouts in 2018. Can we wish you all a belated happy and peaceful New Year for 2018 and hope you have a good year.

Community Impact Challenge Badge - As we go into 2018 the Scouts have completed the various challenges towards the Community Impact Challenge stage 1. These have included:

1. Identify need - Investigate what issues and challenges exist in your chosen community – it could be local, national or international.
2. Plan action - Decide what issue your section should take action on and what you want to change. Talk to your section about what actions you would like to take.
3. Take action over three months. You should:
 - Spend at least four hours personally taking action on your chosen issue. You can achieve more impact by spreading your time out over a month, instead of doing it all in one go.
 - Involve others in the action. Work in a team with your section and preferably people in the community you are trying to help.
4. Learn and make more change. Discuss what you've learned with your section. Talk about how you have made people's lives better, what you could do to help more people in your chosen community and how taking action has developed you.
5. Tell the world. Help other people to understand why the issue you took action on is important, what you did and how they can help.



Some of the outcome of this were the activities reported before Christmas:

- Collecting food to donate to the Glasgow South West food bank
- Taking part in the 2017 Christmas shoe box appeal in conjunction with Blythswood Charities
- Raising money for the Glasgow City Mission with the individual Scouts taking part in a Troop Bake-off at the going up ceremony which was held on the 16th November. All donations on the sale of the cakes going to the Glasgow City Mission for homeless and less well-off people.

DIY Activity Badge - At present the Scouts have started working on the D I Y Badge and will be completing the various challenges for it over the coming weeks. The first part looks at:

- Show you can work safely and know about the following:
- Hazard symbols and signs (for dangers such as toxic, flammable, irritant, electrical danger or slippery surface)
- Safety equipment (such as goggles, gloves, masks, ear defenders)
- How and where to turn off mains supplies (such as water, electricity and gas) to the house.



Watch out for pictures of some finished projects to highlight some of the skills learned.

Burns Night on 25th January - Leaders had arranged a night for the Scouts to take part in celebrating Robert Burns night (poet and lyricist). He is widely regarded as the national poet of Scotland. The boys had prepared poems and songs with various sketches for the night and were then served by the Leaders with Haggis, neaps and tatties along with our national drink - Irn Bru.

Group's Annual General Meeting – By the time you are reading this the Group's A G M will have taken place. This gives an opportunity for Leaders to meet with the parents and discuss the programme of events over the last year that their boys having been actively involved in.

9-11th March: Joint weekend at Allander Chalet Auchengillan – This will be a joint weekend with the 1st Stamperland Guides and the Scouts and Explorer Scouts of the 79th. A full programme of activities and challenges have been organised for an enjoyable weekend. We will keep you updated in the coming weeks.

Explorers - As we go in to 2018 the Explorers look to be on the increase with the assistance of Sam Wilson, Greg Keir and John Bradley (all former Scouts) who are willing to take the various training and hopefully run the unit on a

monthly programme. The Leaders have arranged a programme of activities for the Explorers in the coming month's dependant on exams and other commitments.

Waiting list – At present all sections within the Group have waiting lists to join the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

If you would like to discuss any of the above please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the other Leaders on a Thursday night.

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