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Blackhills Camp

We hope you enjoyed this weekend camp & are looking forward to the next one in August (29th – 31st).

This will most likely take place at Hesley Wood, Sheffield.

There was some lost property from the weekend. (Including **one** trainer) Anything unclaimed is down at Scouts.

Swiss2009 Necker

You were all presented with these at Blackhills. These should be worn for **all** Swiss2009 activities . They should **not** be worn for normal Scout meetings. This is the only Swiss2009 Necker you will get so look after it.

Swiss2009 T Shirt

We will get these in approximately twelve months time.



Personal Details Form

You all filled one of these in before the hike in January. This form provides us with all the information we need to know about you for all training days/camps up to going to Kandersteg. However if any of your circumstances change you need to inform us straight away. This may be a change of contact phone no, medication being taken, allergies etc.

Fundraising

Unfortunately neither Sainsbury's nor Marks & Spencer came back to Angela with a date for bag packing.

On **Saturday 29th November** there is a County Fun Day being held for Beavers on the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway. Groups are being given the opportunity to have a stall at Ingrow Station for fundraising. This should be a good opportunity for us as the KWVR will be very busy with the Santa Specials running.

5th – 7th September – Norland Scarecrow Trail

14th September – Luddenden Mayor Making Day

Please add these dates to your diary.

Blackhills Camp

A Report By Eddie – Toblerone Patrol

We arrived at Blackhills Campsite at around teatime on Friday night. It seemed like a nice, normal quiet campsite until... Thomas M***** arrived!

We trudged down the track to our campsite, a nice large area near a pond with several trees surrounding. The weather at this point was fine.

The tents were put up, but not all of them. The very complicated 5-man tent took an extra 15 minutes to put up, with no thanks to Mick! Finally, after what seemed like a decade, all the tents were up and we had the briefings for the camp and for wide games.



The games were good fun, with several pile-ups. After the games we went back to the hostel for supper and then bed. Early the next morning we awoke and then realised it was the dreaded hike. But it turned out not to be as bad as we thought. With a fun quiz to do walking around the trail it was quite enjoyable

After a nice, long lunch stop we continued back to the campsite. Just as we arrived, the heavens opened. Just avoiding getting soaked, we took shelter in the hostel practising for the talent show.

This turned out to be quite fun, although it contained a terrible Freddie Mercury impression and a failed russle-russle story (both by M*****) and some weird stories (by Barney). Then it was campfire songs and some frustrating puzzles by Scoffer.

On Sunday morning we crate stacked (the harnesses hurt) and built the little Beavers a little bonfire, which was quite fun.

After a quick lunch we walked down to the campsite, packed all our belongings and tents away and carried them to the car park, where we were picked up.

This was the end of Blackhills Scout camp.

A big thanks to all the leaders that made this trip possible.

Camping At Blackhills Campsite

A Report by Simon– Snow Patrol

On Friday 14th March, many of the Scouts and Explorer Scouts went to the Blackhills campsite in Bradford for 2 nights in preparation for our 2009 trip to Switzerland. We spent our nights in the same tents that we are going to use in Switzerland and in the same Patrols.

When we got there, the first thing we had to do was to set up our tents and put all our bags in them. We went up to the cabin and were told rules like what time we had to go to sleep and what time we had to wake up. There were lots of groans when we found out we had to wake up at 8:00am! We were also introduced to a points system where we would be rewarded with points for doing chores without being asked and for being well behaved.

We had some free time after that and we had a choice of games to play. Many of us played cheat but George seemed to be playing his own made up game of cheat.

After our meal we played some wide games. The first was when we had to find 2 glow sticks, if your team found the right glow stick then they won. The team with the green glow stick won. The second game was “Capture the Flag”, where each of us had a piece of string tied on our arm and these counted as lives. If you lost your string you have to get another life. The first team to get the other teams flag won. The final game was everyman for him self. First to get the glow stick back to camp won. Matty got it and then ran into a huge puddle and everyone chased after him and got soaked. Barney and I just watched and laughed.

The next day we woke up and were told that the talent show was that night, so we had a bit of time to discuss what we were going to do. Also we were told that we were going to have a tent inspection and a walk. The tidier our tent the more points we got. I think the tidiest tent was Jacks and Gemmas with 18 points out of 20 and the worst tent was George's patrol. Soon after this we set off on a 5 mile walk and on this walk we had to answer some questions. I remember one of them said what 4 legged monster do you walk through at the beginning of the walk. It was a pylon that seemed miles away from where we began.

But two of the groups took a short cut and were left waiting for ages for Micks group to finally catch up to the rest. We were waiting by the sign "Harden Please Drive Carefully" when they finally caught up and then we went to the golf course to eat dinner. When we got back it started to rain badly so we went up to the cabin to prepare for our acts for the talent show.



Jack's patrol started things off for the talent show. They read out some doctor doctor jokes while wearing wigs and big glasses. The best one was when Will started and then stopped because he couldn't read Jacks writing. Also Kierans patrol did some magic tricks which amazed the audience. Georges patrol read out 2 stories both made up by Barney. My favourite was the one about the bad parent. Next was Jessica's and Gemma's act. They also read out a story but with a few things that involved dressing Jack and Kieran up like girls. They wore makeup, scarves, leg warmers and more but they had to wear it all for the rest of the night! Brilliant!



Then it was M***** group. M***** read out a story and Steven and Eddy would add sound affects. The story was about the leaders who were on a Blackhills campsite and 1 by 1 they would each mysteriously disappear. Unfortunately for us we all got wet from the water gun. Yvonne's twin sister was involved in this. Then the Leaders read and acted out a story where the Leaders went missing in a strange house out in the forest somewhere.

Long story short, they "tried" to scare the audience at the end.

On the last day we had crate stacking to do. This is where you have to climb up as many milk crates as possible without falling over. It was funny how Jessica was slowly toppling over and she ended up holding onto all of her crates. She just wouldn't let go. Barney got the least crates with 4 and the highest that was reached was 23 crates.* At the same time as this though, there was an Easter egg hunt for some Beavers and we had to supply a roaring fire, marshmallows, and chocolate for dipping them in. Also we had to hand out crème eggs to the Beavers but some parents took some and one guy even took the rest of the box when there was about 6 left!

I asked one of the other Scouts and Mick what they thought of the camp. Huw said "The best bit was M***** in the talent show and I liked the walk a lot too."

Mick said "The best bit for me was that I thought you all left on Sunday better Scouts than when you arrived on Friday night"

Overall I thought the camp was a great success and I would love to do some more camps like it.

- Simon has been very modest here as it was him that managed 23 crates

Mick

Next Payment

The next payment of £70 is now due (4th April). On paying this you will have paid exactly half the total amount. (£260)