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Website



Some of you will have been wondering why our logo contains a website address which you have been unable to access.

Well, that is the case no longer, from now you can log onto www.swiss2009.org.uk & hopefully find all the information you need for this event.

Dates

Main Trip

We will definitely be going to Switzerland on Monday 27th July, returning on Weds 5th August & it looks like we will spend our first night in the city of Basel.

Waddecar

We will be going to Waddecar Scout Activity Centre on Friday Evening 22nd May & return on Weds 27th May

Hike

We are planning a hike sometime around New Year similar to the one we did in Jan 08.

Quote of the Day

If the weather's grey & damp and you're feeling down,
Learn to look above the clouds!

Jamie Harrop

Hesley Wood Camp

I hope you all enjoyed the camp. I thought it went well and we saw lots of evidence of you all beginning to gel together better.

I thought the campfire was the best bit of camp, where you surprised me at how you put everything into the singing. If you perform like that in Kandersteg you will all be cheered off.

You still need to be more organised when we first arrive & start putting the tents up but having said that you all did well taking them down on the Sunday.

You will have noticed that Schoffa & James took more responsibility for you at Hesley Wood. This will continue at Waddecar & in Kandersteg with the other Leaders taking responsibility for their own Sub Patrol only.



Huw's Camp Report

We arrived at Hesley Wood Campsite on Friday the 29th of August. Most of us arrived reasonably punctually but Will arrived about an hour late because his car had broken down. Trust Will to be late!

Firstly we put up our tents and luckily for me in particular it was dry because I had left my waterproof jacket at home! I later discovered that I had also left my wallet at home too!

Once our tents were up we played 'wide games', where I managed to get my hand caught in a nettle patch. After the games were over we all went back where supper was waiting for us. Then we gradually went off to bed.

The next day we were all disappointed because it was the day of the hike! To add to my disappointment my patrol, Toblerone, were cooking the breakfast (I'm not very good in the mornings). We then set off on the walk which took a long time and even though it wasn't raining we still had certain slowcoaches lagging behind. The walk was about four miles to a little village. While the rest of us were looking around or eating our lunch James K***** soon found the only shop in the village and proceeded to stock up on sweets, crisps and fizzy drinks! As if this wasn't enough he was soon back at the shop for a cake. Eventually we got back to the campsite, the slowcoaches had now turned into snails so it took a lot longer than expected.

Once we were back we did archery. I was dire at the archery but Tommy T***** was particularly good. The climbing wall was fun and most of us managed to get to the top (I won't mention any names). After this we had tea and had some free time before the campfire where we all sat around the fire and sang songs.

The next day we did kayaking. This was fun and a few of us fell in. I “Will” mention one person in particular. Will W***** boat capsized and Will was paddling around trying to find the shoe he had lost only to discover he still had it on!

Later on we took our tents down and made apples with blackberries and sugar inside them. We ate these after our barbecue lunch. Then it started to rain, but most of the tents were down so we quickly put the others down and waited under the trees. We waited for our parents to come and get us and gradually YOU all went home, but late is my Dads middle name so what did I expect? Eventually my Dad came and picked Simon, James, Thomas and I up. To those of you who were unfortunate enough to travel in my car I hope you accept my apology.

Apart from the car incident I really enjoyed the whole camp.

Huwbedobedooooooooooooooooooooooooooooo!

Huw - Assistant Patrol Leader (Toblerone Patrol)

Fundraising

Scarecrow Festival

We made a loss of £278.17 at the Scarecrow Festival.

As we expected to make around £900 profit, this actually means we lost £1178.17.

Luddenden Mayors Day

We made £30.84 from this day.

We are also expecting a donation from the Mayor soon of around £250.

Ingrow Station 29th Nov

Unfortunately there is no longer a fundraising opportunity here.

The Winter Wonderland event is still going ahead for Cubs & Beavers but the organisers found out that the Santa Specials do not stop at Ingrow so there would be no point in setting up any stalls.

Back Packing

Still no word from Sainsbury's or Morrisons. We will write to them again, hopefully they may just need reminding.

Something to think about

If the Earth was only a few feet in diameter, floating a few feet above a field somewhere, people would come from everywhere to marvel at it.

People would walk around it, marvelling at its big pools of water, its little pools and the water flowing between the pools.

People would marvel at the bumps on it and the holes in it, and they would marvel at the very thin layer of gas surrounding it and the water suspended in the gas.

The people would marvel at all the creatures walking around the surface of the ball, and at the creatures in the water. The people would declare it as sacred because it was the only one and they would protect it so that it would not be hurt.

The ball would be the greatest wonder known, and people would come to pray to it, to be healed, to gain knowledge, to know beauty and to wonder how it could be.

People would love it, and defend it with their lives because they would somehow know that their lives, their own roundness, could be nothing without it.

If the Earth was only a few feet in diameter!

Fundraising cont'

It's worth noting that we are now nine months away from setting off to Kandersteg.

When we went last time in 2006, we didn't even launch the event until November (eight months away) & we managed to raise £2157.

If anyone has any ideas for raising money, please get in touch.



Equipment

With Christmas fast approaching, it might be a good time to think about what you will need in Switzerland & write a note to Santa asking if he will provide it for you.

- **Rucksack or Holdall** – must be large enough to carry everything including your sleeping bag, mat, pillow etc.
- **Sleeping Bag** – must be warm enough & yet pack away small enough to fit in your bag.
- **Waterproofs** – good quality top & bottoms.
- **Hiking Boots** – worn in!
- **Sleeping Mat**
- **Day sack**

If you shop at Springfield Camping at Ludd Ft & take your Swiss necker with you, they will give you 10% discount on some items.

Next Payment

The next payment of £70 is now due (3rd Oct)

Quotes

“Remember, if you ever need a helping hand, you'll find one at the end of your arm.

As you grow older, you'll discover you have two hands:

One for helping yourself and one for helping others”

Anon

“You have great days ahead of you, may there be many of them”

Anon

“If you cannot do great things; do small things in a **GREAT WAY**”

J F Clarke