



2nd Lanark Scout Group News

August 2017

Top Awards

Many congratulations to the following young people who have gained the top awards in their Section. What a wonderful achievement!



Cubs *The Chief Scouts Silver Award* Travis Horn, Ruaridh Hunter, Harris Scott

Scouts *The Chief Scouts Gold Award* Amy Darroch, Ethan Wood, Stuart Wood

Explorers & Scout Network *The Explorer Belt* Lucas Anderson, Ben Strang & Hannah Waugh

Paying for Subs

Thank you very much to all the families who have set up monthly standing orders for payment of subs. It will make things easier for leaders to track money, and hopefully easier for parents as they can ignore the termly reminders for fees!

Volunteer Opportunities...

There are lots of ways that adults can help in Scouting. It doesn't have to be a weekly and it doesn't even have to involve being with children!

Currently at 2nd Lanark we're looking for one or two people to take on a Quartermaster role and look after our camping kit. This would involve checking it out when our young people go off for camps and ensuring it's returned in good order.

Our Scouting District is looking to expand the Appointments Committee to help them respond more quickly to new leader applications. If you know of anyone, parent or someone not yet actively involved in Scouting - who would be interested please let us know. Training is just one evening at Elmbank St, Glasgow - next available date 30th August. Commitment would be just a few evenings throughout the year.

And we always welcome adults to volunteer as leaders. With five active Sections in Lanark, there's a huge age-range of young people to work with. If you know anyone - family member, neighbour or friend - who would enjoy helping us out please ask them to get in touch.

Thank you to Lanark's own "Material Geeks" ...

...who as well as being mums to children in our Group, have also set up their own unique creative business. Their talents with sewing (as well as other skills) are used to benefit us all as they make up our tartan neckies. Do check out their facebook site for great gift ideas!

News from the Sections...

BEAVERS The Beavers have made the most of the lighter evenings and tried to get outdoors as much as possible. All three Colonies joined together to celebrate World Orienteering day with a great session at Castlebank Park. Other evening sessions included sports and team games, cooking pizzas and making yummy smoothies, and enjoying toasting marshmallows over a campfire accompanied by a great singsong.

We say a big "Thank you" to Jane & Geoff Smith who have been leaders with Colony A for the past year and welcome Dieke Smit is stepping up to help us.

cubs The highlight of the Cub term was their weekend away at Bonaly Scout Centre on the edge of the Pentland Hills. Pack A stayed Friday night, with Pack B joining them first thing Saturday morning for a full day of activities including climbing, fire lighting, team challenges, grass sledging and crate stacking. After dinner and a campfire Pack A went home leaving Pack B to fill the dorms for their night away. Pack B left on Sunday after cooking sausages and bread dough over an open fire. It was a fabulous weekend made all the better by glorious sunshine. Cubs also worked for their Outdoor Challenge Award learning how to put up hike tents and spent a night fishing. They also completed the Disability Awareness activity badge.

SCOUTS 2nd Lanark Scouts were very well represented at the National Scout Island Adventure weekend. 22 of our young people joined 600 others from across Scotland for three days and nights of activity and adventure on the Isle of Mull. They had a fantastic time and were a credit to the Group. During their evening meetings Scouts in both Troops learnt about tent pitching, safe knife use and sharpening. They also did basic Emergency Aid and carried out safety surveys of their family's homes. A great evening was also spent tidying up Castlebank Park. Many thanks to the volunteers working with Lanark in Bloom, for their time and enthusiasm.

EXPLORERS The summer programme for Explorer Scouts always provides a useful antidote to school revision and exams. Three of our young people celebrated the holidays by joining a team from the Region to undertake their Explorer Belt across Europe. They hiked for ten days whilst completing tasks and challenges designed to get them to meet the local people and learn about their culture before visiting Kandersteg International Scout Centre in Switzerland.

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