

'Wolf' spring term programme.

To all our Mums Dads and Cubs,

Attached is our programme for the spring term 2010. We hope you will find it exciting and that our cubs especially will look forward to all that it offers.

We will be working on three badges this term, Computer Badge – which requires a basic knowledge of a computers parts (for which we are lucky enough to have a dozen towers to take apart), the ability to send and receive Emails and to send a document as an attachment and a knowledge of how to 'surf' the web safely.

The first Aid badge which our existing cubs will have at level one, we will move on to level two with them and introduce our newer cubs to the level one standard.

Home safety will be the third part of our badge work programme, this will involve looking at all the risks in our homes – electricity, gas, hot water, fire escape routes, smoke alarms etc so a fairly comprehensive tour de force.

There is lots of fun stuff in the programme as well – Graffiti or wall art on a big scale, camp fires, a night hike and 'Gloop' a thermoplastic substance used by special effects artists to recreate body parts or to make bouncy balls. Our last activity for the term (weather permitting) is the decoration and flying of Chinese Lanterns.

As leaders we try to provide a varied and exciting programme for our pack, this is made possible by the commitment of our volunteers (and we are all volunteers- no one gets paid) but we also rely very heavily on our parents for help, if you are on the parent rota, and you all are, please attend that meeting, or, if you cant, because of family or other commitments, please swap with another parent (we can help with contact details) and let us know you have changed.

Although it is only the beginning of January we have already set the dates for our camps which will take place in the summer term.

Our first camp will be on the 8th of May when we will hike to Coles Hill and overnight in a full sized Tepee, cook over wood fires then depart for home around 11.00am on the Sunday morning. The cost for this will be £14

A major event for the whole of 2nd Amersham on the Hill Scout Group is our **Group Camp** over the weekend June 11/12/13 at Phasels Wood camp site; this is a fun filled time for ALL our members, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts so make sure you book early. The cost for this camp has yet to be set.

'Wolf' will be taking to the water during the first full week of the Summer holidays, starting from Reading on the morning of July 24th we are taking a narrow boat down the Kennet and Avon canal towards Bath. The boat accommodates twelve people four of which will be leaders at least two of whom, including myself, are fully qualified skippers holding a Royal Yacht Association Inland Waterways Certificate, leaving room for eight cubs. We will split the trip into two halves, eight cubs will travel south towards Bath and a second group of eight will take over and bring the boat back to Reading to dock around 5.30pm on the 1st of August. Cubs will be allocated a place depending on the mixture of sexes.

All cubs taking part will have the opportunity to steer the barge (no mean feat at 67ft in length) operate the locks, help with cooking etc. We will provide training on locks etc before we depart and all our cubs will be provided with 'buoyancy aids' which they must wear when outside the cabin of the barge or on the bank or operating locks.

The cost of this adventure will be around £110 for four days and nights aboard the barge. The cost includes food, accommodation, insurance, any excursions off the narrow boat. Parents will be provided with a full route planner showing overnight stops and will be very welcome to join us at any point on our voyage (please bear in mind we are moving so getting back to your car is your responsibility) and to travel with us for a time.

A form is attached for you to register your interest in any (or all) of our camps. We do not require a deposit at this point but the Narrow Boat trip is limited to the first sixteen cubs to apply.

We all hope you had a brilliant Christmas and would like to wish you a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Akela