

'Wolf' cub pack spring 2012

First of all we at 'Wolf' would like to wish everyone a very happy new year and we hope you all had a great Christmas.

Once again we have a busy term in store with activities which we hope will be exciting, informative and get our cubs eager to take part.

January 11th Our first night back and we are being visited by Captain Dave Dittmer of the United States Navy. Capt Dittmer is with us in an official capacity and will be in full dress uniform. Many of you will be aware that over the last 18 months we have been forging links with American cubs (WEBELOWES) in Hillingdon. US scouting has chosen to honour 'Wolf' for our commitment to international Scouting by making a presentation. After the ceremony Capt Dittmer will help us carry out our beginning of term inspection and hopefully will have time to present our 'cub of the month' award. It is very important that everyone arrives on time and in full uniform (trousers, jumper, scarf woggle and clean shoes) as he can only stay till around 7.00pm and we cannot delay our start; if parents and siblings wish to stay for the presentation you are very very welcome to do so. Sixers and Seconders will work on part one of their 'Global Challenge Award' whilst the rest of the pack will enjoy some traditional cub scout games.

Jan 18, Feb 22 & 29 Three events marking the London 2012 Olympics scouting style. Each evening will feature events held as part of the Olympic Tradition both Ancient (Roman Times) and Modern. 'Wolf' will be registered on the Scout Association website and gain points towards Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards. On the 18 Jan the we will also investing our new cubs.

Sunday January 22nd A visit to the RAF Museum in Hendon. There is a separate note for this but we will depart by coach from the Scout Hut at 12.15 to arrive in Hendon at 13.00hrs. After eating our lunch in the museum we will split into sixes to tour the museum and complete the Air Activities Workbook with the possibility of having the badges presented to our cubs by museum staff in period uniform. We will leave the museum at approx 1500 for a 1600 arrival back at the hut.

The cost for the day is £5.00 per person. Parents and siblings are very welcome to come with us on a first come first served BUT children who are not 'Wolf' members must be accompanied at all times by a parent.

January 25th Campfire and Sausage Sizzle and indoors for some more Olympic events if it's wet.

February 1st Night Hike. Starting from Raans Road and ending in Stony Lane, the hike will cover approx 2.5 miles. The cumulative mileage will count towards an 'Olympic' marathon and give valuable points for our Olympic team. This is a linear walk but there is ample parking at either end. We will provide transport by mini bus back to our starting point for all who leave their cars back at the start and accompany us on the walk. Map and post codes etc to follow.

February 8th Pinewood Derby Rehearsal, Please bring your cars along for this practice (even if they are unfinished) to give you an idea of how they will perform. We still have some kits available at £5.00 each if you have not yet got yours.

Saturday February 18th **PINEWOOD DERBY DAY** Together with cubs from Flackwell Heath and in the company of Cllr. Mrs Mimi Harker OBE our town mayor and the Stig we will hold a series of races to determine the best race car. Prizes include Overall Winner, Best Design, coolest car etc and everyone who takes part will receive a memento of the day (we have invited Bear Grylls our chief scout and the Duchess of Cornwall our newest volunteer but they have yet to check their diaries). Make sure you have your car ready and we'll need lots of help and support.

March 7th We will get back to some good old fashioned playground games i.e. marbles, skipping, hopscotch, jacks and all the other games we played before Nintendo etc.

March 14th Quiz night, thinking caps on for this as Col Hathi may not ask the sort of questions you might expect. Sixers and Seconders will complete their 'Global Challenge Award'.

March 21st An evening of games and activities planned and run by our sixers. As leaders we have (as yet) no idea what to expect so please watch this space.

March 28th Last pack night of term and an Easter egg hunt with a difference. Possibly NO EGGS or perhaps you might need a map and compass to find one, organise a pipeline to transport your egg or even just the ability to throw/catch an egg over a long distance? Who knows!

We do understand that there is a residential course taking place for some of our cubs that week and would be grateful if you could let us know if your cub is going to be away.

I believe that you will all have received an Email from Pam Alexander our Group Scout Leader (GSL) informing us that she has resigned from the position.

Pam has worked very hard on behalf of 2AOH for more years than I care to remember and in a variety of roles. No matter what duties she has undertaken she has always had the Groups best interests at heart.

I am sure that you as parents, together with all of 'Wolf's cubs and leaders would wish to join together in wishing her every success and happiness in whatever role she devotes her considerable energies too.

Akela