

Unfortunately I am sorry to say that we haven't made any progress in trying to recruit Leaders for either our Scout Troop or the newly formed Scout Association group, the Squirrel Drey for boys and girls aged between 4 and 6. Is there anyone out there who thinks they are able to help, but are frightened to ask? Please don't worry about it!! We are a friendly bunch. Contact either myself or our Group Scout Leader Cam March. If you have a child in the Group already, then speak to their Leader who will pass the information onto us and we can make arrangements for an informal chat. You will have a fantastic time. District are actively involved with recruitment and have organised a Recruitment Fair in addition to having a stand at Freshers Week at the University. Fingers crossed that we may have some success.

Very little happened during the Summer break for our two sections and our Leaders have had time to recharge their batteries. They met before the term started to formulate their respective programmes and both sections have exciting activities planned that will keep their charges busy and enable them to earn a variety of badges in the forthcoming weeks.

Steve, the Cub leader has almost planned his programme through to Christmas, but I understand one of his first duties was to award some of his cubs with the Chief Scout Silver award which he had planned to do last summer term but unfortunately ran out of time. Included in his plans for this term is a hike on the Old Hills and orienteering. An ambitious plan is to make a Christmas tree for the village 'Tree Festival' using broom handles, sticks, ropes, and a mix of tools such as drills and saws. Activities planned but not finalised include a weekend camp, a Fire Service visit and rifle shooting. Cubs meet on Mondays from 6.30pm to 8pm and are for boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 10 1/2.

Beavers meet on Wednesdays from 6pm to 7pm and are for boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 8. The Beaver programme includes communications, codes, fire safety and making models of hedgehogs. Quite a mixture! I am sure the Beavers will have plenty of fun.

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