



An action-packed summer

Welcome to the second edition of the North Richmond Scout Group Newsletter!

As you will read, all three of our sections were very busy in the first half of the year with lots of exciting outdoor activities, camps and events.

We also made some improvements to the hut with the help of money raised throughout the year by the efforts of scout and parent volunteers.

Urgent Volunteers Needed!

We are still very much in need of adult volunteers to help run section nights. The need is **very** urgent in the **Beaver section** as our long-standing Beaver leader Charlie will be leaving us at the end of the year, and unless we find a replacement soon we will be **forced to close** our Beaver colony.

If you, or anyone you know is curious to learn what volunteering as a team member is about, please talk to us or send us an email.

Hut improvements

We are in the middle of updating some of the electrics in the hut. New lighting has been installed at both the front and the back of the hut to improve security and make the entrance way more appealing in the coming winter months. More to come!

The planters at the front of the hut have provided some lovely colour through the summer. Well done to all the Cubs and Scouts who planted and helped maintain the plants.

Thank you

A huge thank you to all the parents who helped at the District Summer camp. It was amazing to have so many active volunteers who pitched in and helped in so many ways. It made the camp a huge success, so thank you!



Twinning Parade

We were proud to take part in the Richmond Twinning parade to celebrate our ties with twin towns Fontainebleau and Konstanz. Scout Leader Daniel even led the parade as the Flag Bearer for Richmond!

Fundraising Committee

We are looking for parents who would be interested in joining the group fundraising committee. This is a fun role planning our main fundraiser at Richmond May Fair as well as any smaller fundraisers that we can get involved in or run over the year. If you would like to get involved, please email alex@northrichmondscouts.org.uk or let any of the leaders know on section nights.

BEAVERS



Badges

The Beavers have been working hard the first half of the year with 8 different badges being awarded to beavers across the section. Cooking badge proved particularly popular!

Volunteering – Help save our Beaver colony!

We are still urgently looking for volunteers to take over running the Beaver section from Charlie who is leaving at Christmas. Unless a future leader/s step forward soon our Beaver section will sadly need to close at the end of the year.

A big thank you to all the parents who have been helping on beaver nights and to our young leader Sophie who puts in a huge amount of effort to help make the nights a success. Please remember to sign up as parent helper on OSM

Spread the word!

Many of our Beavers will soon be moving up to Cubs. If the colony is to survive, we need to increase Beaver numbers. Please invite any friends aged 5 ¾-8 down to join us, and do spread the word at school gates or at other clubs. Speak to the leaders for a leaflet, perhaps you know of a noticeboard that you can post a leaflet for us?

Beaver Sleepover

In November we will return to Polyapes for our Beaver sleepover. We have a hut for eating and sleeping in so the beavers will be dry and warm!

There will be lots of activities over the weekend, and these will include: Caving, Giant Games, Craft, Campfire, Wide Games, Fire making and Cooking on Fires, Nature trails, Sports and games. Plus the chance to for plenty of exploring around the camp site.

Dates for your diary

9th Nov Remembrance Sunday
27th Nov Group open Evening
11th Dec Pantomime

Beavers on the bus! At Polyapes



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Activities

The Cubs had a busy Summer term. We enjoyed getting outside over the Park, earning our Athletics badges, did some gardening including a sunflower growing competition. As part of our World faiths badge we made Buddhist lanterns outside the hut & enjoyed learning about bicycle maintenance as part of cyclist badge. We were invited to take part in a Twinning Parade with the Scouts.

We finished off the term with a Barbecue where we cooked our own burgers, sausages, together with some delicious marshmallows on sticks !

District Camp

In August some of the Cubs took part in Richmond District Camp. We camped for 4 nights & enjoyed a variety of exciting outdoor activities including crate stacking, 3G swing, archery, axe throwing, a zoo trip, as well as winning an orienteering wide game played in the dark!

Autumn Term

This term we will be focusing on our Challenge badges as we work towards the Chief Scout Silver award.

Cub Volunteers

We continue to need regular assistance from parents on cub nights. It would be great if there are any parents who would like to share a particular skill or knowledge with the pack.

Cubs on Camp!



Building a Shelter



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9th Nov	Remembrance Sunday
27th Nov	Group open Evening
11th Dec	Pantomime

SCOUTS



Activities

The scouts started the year with the winter sleepover followed by County night exercise which saw our team battle the dark to navigate through the Surrey hills to complete the course.

In April the scouts attended a Rugby training day organised by the RFU which ended with the scouts attending a women's international game at Twickenham stadium.

In June we went rowing on the Thames in glorious sunshine and we also attended the Richmond Twinning parade to

Camps

The Scouts enjoyed many opportunities to camp this year. Patrol camp, saw the scouts practice their scout camping skills.

At Water Weekend the scouts got out on the water canoeing, sailing, rafting, rowing.

This year we tried something different and did a lightweight camp traveling from the hut to a campsite using public transport and carrying our gear on our backs.

Finally in the summer holidays we had the week-long District Summer camp which let the scouts enjoy exciting activities like climbing, abseiling, high ropes, archery, rifle shooting and 3D swing.

Dates for your diary

11th Oct	RAF Museum Day
9th Nov	Remembrance Sunday
27th Nov	Group open Evening
11th Dec	Pantomime

