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LEADERSHIP CHANGES

Beaver Scouts

As I am sure most of you are aware, at the end of March, Emma retired gracefully after 5 years as a leader with us.

Emma has been a very committed and dedicated Beaver Scout Leader and our Colony has grown under her leadership. The Group is very grateful for all the fun and friendship, hard work and support she has given, not only to the Colony, but also the Group.

To date, no permanent leader has been found for the Colony, but the leadership team will run the Colony and offer a full quality, fun filled programme for our Beavers until a new leader is appointed.

Cub Scouts

Caroline (Akela) has decided to *hang up her Cub Cap* and will be taking up a new challenge within the Group, initially with the Beaver Scouts and later in the year with the Scouts.



I am very grateful that Tim (Kaa), Anita (Bagheera) and Natasha are enthusiastic and committed, to working as a team, to provide the Cub Scouts with a superb, exciting programme. We are looking for more adult leadership and support in both the Beaver and Cub sections to help us to continue to deliver the best Scouting to our young people.

Elaine

FAMILY CAMP AND AGM

Our first Group Family Camp is being held over the weekend of the 25th - 27th June. This will be an exciting opportunity for parents to come along and join in some Scouting activities that the Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts and Scouts do on a regular basis and have some fun.

The AGM will also be held during the weekend where we can celebrate the achievements in the last year of all the young people within the Group.

Over the next few weeks all parents will be re-

ceiving information and rules which we have to apply with regards to family camps.

We will endeavour to keep the cost as low as possible and we are looking at ways where we can supply food and drink for the weekend so parents haven't got to supply their own cooking equipment etc. We are also looking at some entertainment on the Saturday evening along with either a barbeque or pig roast.

Please put this date in your diary and keep an eye out for further information.

DON'T FORGET

- For uniforms and much more go to the Scout Shop in Ivy Road. Mon/Weds 7-8.30 Sat 10-4
- There's lots of useful information on our very own website, so log on now
- Gang Show 5-8th May at the Deco

www.overstone46scouts.org.uk

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CONGRATULATIONS TO KIM FOR BEING SELECTED TO REPRESENT US AT THE 2011 WORLD JAMBOREE



The Beaver Scouts have been working towards their Global Challenge badge and have earned along the way their Musician One badge and Experiment One Badge by growing a broad bean recording its growth. We visited the recycling centre as part of the Global Challenge badge and as a

46TH OVERSTONE BEAVERS
5:30-6:30PM TUESDAYS

result we made jewellery using recycled plastic bottles and carrier bags. We have also concentrated on Fair Trade by playing games and investigating the different foods available. The Scout Band paid us a visit in order to help us gain the Musician One badge and great fun was had by all. With the weather improving and the nights getting lighter we will be making full use of

the woods at Overstone. To celebrate Easter we had a joint Easter Egg hunt with the Cubs. This is my last term as Beaver Scout Leader and I will desperately miss the children and the friends I have made along the way and wish the Beaver Scouts lots of happy times with the group. Can I also thank Tess who will also be leaving with me for her massive support.



Braving snakes at the 48th

48TH GREAT BILLING BEAVERS
6:30-7:45PM TUESDAYS

At the moment we have 10 Beaver Scouts but two are moving to pastures new. We would therefore welcome any new 6 or 7 year olds into the Colony with open arms. We have been working hard towards more badges this term. The Beaver Scouts really enjoyed the Imagination Badge and 'wowed' all the leaders with their models from home. We have tasted food from other countries as part of the Global

Challenge, and the chocolate croissants proved a great success. We have eaten pancakes, heard about Chinese New Year attempted some Aborigine dot painting and learnt about Saint David and St Patrick among other things. Our favourite night was the visit by the snakes, spiders, lizards and tortoises. There were even a few brave souls who held the largest snake. Well done!



We are all looking forward to getting out and about more next term. Happy Scouting - Elm. Willow. Christmas, Oak and Cherry.

As you can see from these pages, scouting can be great fun and full of new and exiting challenges.

If you haven't tried it already then why not give it a go???



The Cubs have had a busy time so far this year, we have made the most of the dark evenings and cold weather by working hard towards our indoor badges. These include Emergency Aid, Musician, Astronomy and also part way towards their My Faith badge. We joined with the Beavers

46TH OVERSTONE CUBS
6:45-8:00PM TUESDAYS

when the Scout Band visited which was fun and then spent another evening navigating through the stars as part of our Astronomy Badge. We have also had a couple of themed meetings, we had activities and made gifts for Mothers Day and also joined in the celebrations for the Chinese New Year which included trying to eat Chi-

nese food with chopsticks. Now the evenings are finally getting lighter, we plan to be outside a lot more with plenty of muddy games and activities. We also have a weekend Camp planned for May which will include camp fires games, tents and plenty of fresh air...





46TH OVERSTONE

Over the last three months the Scouts have had quite a varied program, they went to Moulton Fire Station in January where 12 Scouts gained their Fire Safety badge under the guidance of Chris Hunt Red Watch manager. We also had N.E.A.T. (Northampton Emergency Aid Team) visit us in February to teach first aid and 11 Scouts gained their Emergency Aid level 2 badge. We are also currently working towards our Model Making and Forestry badges.

We are currently planning for our next quarter and hope to include more outdoor activities with hikes, orienteering, map and compass work and games that make full use of the fantastic woods at Overstone. We have 4 Scouts taking part in a patrol leaders training weekend in April. This weekend is to develop Scouts in the role of team leadership and will provide them with an understanding of what a team is and how best to work together for the benefit of the

team. It will include areas of self development, and specifically how to lead a team. We will also introduce the Scouts to core practical skills to enable them to support in planning, organizing and running activities. It is hoped most of the Scouts parents will join in the Family Camp in June and we shall also be attending the County Camp in July as well as a District camp in October this year.



The woods at Overstone

THE PEOPLE BEHIND THE GROUP

The Group Executive Committee exists to manage the Scout Group and support the Group Scout Leader. We are extremely lucky in our Group to have three people who are committed to carrying out these roles. Graham Wiseman, our Chairman, leads the Team providing the Group with sound administrative and financial support, helping maintain the Group and develop its part in the Community.

Tracy Spence, our Secretary, provides sound administrative support to the Group and keeps in touch with the Scout District. Ralph Hine, our Treasurer, monitors the Group's income and expenditure against the approved budget and produces the annual accounts. These people are paramount to the running of the 46th/48th Scout Group and provide unlimited help and support to the whole Team. Without

them we could not offer the vast range of opportunities and experiences for our young people to participate in exciting fun filled Scouting. 46th/48th need more Adult help to support the Group. The support can be as flexible as the individual can offer and however big or small. All those involved in our Group, including those *behind the Group*, have the opportunity to enjoy all aspects of the Big Adventure of Scouting.



The Group Executive Committee



46TH REPRESENTED AT WORLD JAMBOREE

To apply for the World Scout Jamboree I went to a selection day full of activities to show team work, leadership and ability. We were all split into teams, most people in the teams weren't familiar with each other so that helped to show the skills needed. It was very challenging and you had to make sure you were doing

your best throughout the day but still show your own personality. When I found out I got in I was over the moon of course but the work isn't over yet. We now have the fun task of raising £2500 per person, this money goes towards all the fees, training, and travel and it helps support other Scouts in less fortunate countries to share

in this great experience. Our fundraising includes collecting bags full of clothes, car boot sales, car washes, bag packing, car parking and company donations. We will to promote Scouting through our fundraising and our trip, then groups from all over the world will know about Northampton Scouts and what we get up too.

We are always looking for enthusiastic new leaders and helpers.

Can you spare a few hours each week?

the rewards are priceless...

GETTING IN TOUCH

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WHEN DO WE MEET

Scouts at Overstone
Tuesdays 8:00–9:30pm

Cubs Scouts at Overstone
Tuesdays 6:45-8:00pm

Beaver Scouts at Overstone
Tuesdays 5:30-6:30pm

Beaver Scouts at Great Billing
Tuesdays 6:30-7:45pm

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

WHEN	WHAT	WHO
9-11th April	Patrol Leader Training	Scouts
25th April	St Georges Day Celebration	All
5-8th May	Gang Show	Family & Friends
8-9th May	Camp	Beavers & Cubs
14-16th May	Skills Weekend	Leaders
20th May	Skills Night	Scouts
16th June	Skills Night	Scouts
25-27th June	Family Camp	All & Family
26th June	AGM	All & Family
2-4th July	County Scout Camp	Scouts
3rd July	County Cub Activity Day	Cubs
6th July	Skills Night	Scouts
1-3rd Oct	District Scout Camp	Scouts
4-5th Dec	Christmas Camp	All

KIM'S COLUMN



Diary of a young leader...

Hello I am Kim and I am a young leader for the 46th Northampton (Overstone) Beaver Scouts and this column gives you the highs and lows of being a young leader.

Beavers was great; today we made big tissue paper flowers. It was a hard task to get them to understand it but they seemed to enjoy the night and the activity seemed to run pretty smooth. I hope all you mum's enjoyed their artistic skills and the lovely gift they made you for Valentine's Day.

The evening started off quite relaxed we sat the Beavers down and listened to them talk about their weekends whilst everyone was arriving. Then we said our "Hello" and some of the Beavers then went off to finish a badge whilst the rest came and listened to the instructions on how to make a flower. They then set off to work and Kingfisher, Tess and I took on a table each. It took the whole night to make the flowers and then we hid them and a few Beavers helped me to clean up. It was a very simple night, but it was also very hard work.

I would also like to say Thank you to Kingfisher (Emma) and Tess for being such great leaders at Overstone 46th Scouts and we will all miss you.

JOINING IN

46th Overstone Scout Group

Leaders/Adult Helpers for the Beaver Scouts and Cub Scouts to join the Big Adventure of Scouting

Interested: Please call Elaine on 07749031094

THANKS TO OUR SUPPORTERS

We would like to say a great big thank you to everyone who has supported the group over the last year.



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You purchase an item for say £100 and if we're offered 5%, we get £5.

What's the catch?

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