

113th GLASGOW (BURNSIDE) SCOUT GROUP Newsletter, August 2012



WELCOME !!

Welcome to our very first newsletter.

We have created this newsletter as a way of keeping all the parents and friends of the 113th up to date with what's going on in the Group, and to let you know what's coming up in the near future.

We hope you find it useful, and of course we welcome any comments you may have.

All sections return to normal meetings in the week commencing August 20th.

To mark the start of the 2012-13 year we are holding what we hope will become a new annual tradition - THE FAMILY BBQ - on Saturday September 1st at 5 pm, and hope you can all make it along (and the weather holds out!). Everyone is welcome who has a child that attends one of the sections, the section leaders and their families and those associated with the 113th (you know who you are!). Food and entertainment will be provided; BYOB for adults, and juice will be available for the children.

We will also use this occasion to hold our AGM very briefly at the start of the event.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

*Family BBQ :
1st September,
5pm*

*Family Halloween
Party:
27th October*

*Remembrance
Service:
11th November*

*Bag Packing:
15th December,
Tesco Burnside*

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*Beaver Camp:
11th—12th May*

*Plant Sale:
18th May*

*Family Day Out:
8th June*

LATEST NEWS : Section activities

In the coming months we will use this part of the newsletter to give you updates on the activities of each of the sections, but as a taster, we can look back to what they got up to at the end of last session:

April saw another successful Beaver Camp under the theme "Hawaii 113-0", enjoyed by parents and Beavers alike. The weather at Auchengillan may not have been quite Hawaiian, and the palm trees may only have been inflatable, but 20 Beavers and their parents had a surfastic time with an energetic programme of games, crafts, team challenges, silly costumes and the all-important jelly fight.

The weather was on our side for an excellent trip to Calderglen Country Park in May. The Beavers enjoyed walking a park trail, a picnic and even a spot of fishing. Getting out and about not only gave us the chance to take advantage of some rare sunshine, but also contributed to the boys' work towards their badges.

We finished the session with our traditional barbeque, where we presented a number Beavers moving on to Cubs after the summer with their Chief Scout's Bronze Awards.

The Scouts have continued to be as active as ever, spending as much time outdoors and out of the ordinary as possible.

Recent outings have included overnight bivvies near Moffat, and a Bike & Bivi at Auldhouse in April, and their summer camp at Loch Achray, near Callander, from 29th July to 4th August.

The summer week saw them enter Nig's exclusive international time zone "113 CampTime" for the traditional mix of forest challenges, Angel Delight, dodgy raft design, and poor personal hygiene, all under the motto "you can sleep when you're dead".

GLASGOW SCOUT SHOP

Please don't forget that Glasgow has its own Scout Shop, which can provide you with all sorts of clothing and equipment for Scouting activities, in Beaver/Cub/Scout-friendly sizes, including :

- Uniforms
- Sleeping Bags & Rucksacks
- Boots
- Camping & Outdoor Equipment
- Tents



You can shop in person at 21 Elmbank Street, Glasgow G2 4PB (Mon-Fri 10-4, Sat 10-3) (near Charing X railway station) or any time you like online at www.glasgowscoutshop.com

All profits from the shop go back into Scouting

FAREWELL

The Beavers' end of year BBQ also marked the last night for one of the Group's leaders. Lily Mortimer has been with the Beavers since February 2009, initially as a 6 month volunteer in order to complete the service element of her Duke of Edinburgh program. 3½ years later, she has qualified as a Young Leader, survived 4 camps and has thoroughly enjoyed running weekly activities with a fantastic team of leaders. She leaves to embark on a gap year, which will include teaching in Africa for 8 months from January, before studying law at university. Good luck Lily !!



JAMBOREE TIME



Last month Scouting in Scotland played host to its 33rd International Jamboree at Blair Atholl. The event brings together Scottish and international Scouts, from as far afield as Canada and Japan, for 10 days of camping, activities and adventure.

The next World Jamboree will be in Japan in 2015. Scouts currently aged 11-14 (approx) will be eligible to apply to represent Scotland.

CENTENARY TREES PLANTED

In March, the hall was gifted with several saplings by the Glasgow Tree Lovers' Society to celebrate the hall's centenary. Jean Miller, former chair of our own parents' committee, kindly organised the donation of the three main trees, and all were planted by Scout members and other current users of the hall.



FUNDRAISING

We are fortunate that our lease of the ground floor space to Ace Place Nursery provides us with a valuable source of income which we can use to fund hall improvements and subsidise each section's activities, but it's also important that the Group is seen to earn its income in more traditional ways. It's for that reason that we continue to organise the annual bag-packing at Christmas, the social events during the year, and the Plant Sale in May.

In the year gone by our bag-packing at Tesco raised £711, and as previously we have resolved that the young people should be the direct beneficiaries of their efforts. Hence this money is now used to pay for specific activities or outings for each section.

In May the Plant Sale raised a profit of £587 for the Group— a big thanks to all who helped out, particularly Jo and Stephen Gold who sourced and transported all the plants from the nurseries.



Contact us:

If you have any questions, comments or issues you would like to raise about anything to do with the Group, then please do not hesitate to get in touch with any of the following people:

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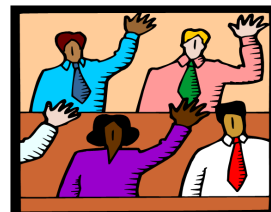
NEW LIGHTING, NEW GEAR

Over the past few years the property lease has given us funding which we have used to make major improvements to the fabric of the hall, including central heating, floor restoration, kitchen redecoration and car park resurfacing. This year we have applied funds to carry out the rewiring of the hall, to both ensure safety and improve lighting in & around the hall.

Probably of more interest to the young members, the Scouts have also invested this year in a new trailer, a new bell tent, outboard motors for their aquatic escapades, and caving ladders for their underground escapades.

WE NEED YOU

We're sure you agree that the 113th Scout Group is a fantastic place for your child to come and learn lots of new skills, make friends, build confidence and have some great new experiences.



To achieve this the leaders dedicate their time week in, week out, but they also need the support of the parents. The Parents Committee supports the leaders so that they are able to provide such a fantastic experience for all our young people. We oversee the running of the Hall, and run events such as the Hallowe'en party, the Plant Sale, special events such as our Olympics day in 2011 and the Centenary celebrations in 2009-10. Some of these provide funds for the Group but also, just as importantly, involve all of our Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and the wider community in coming together.

The Committee meets at 8pm on the 1st Thursday of each month to discuss the day to day aspects of running a successful Scout group. Just a few hours a month can make a huge difference, or if you can't make the monthly meeting on the first Thursday of each month then perhaps you will be able to help in another way. Maybe you have a skill you would like to offer or, just as valuable, a little time to give on a fundraising day.

Please come and talk one of the other committee members or a section leader if you would like to know more.

Thank you,
113th Parents Committee