

Minutes of District Beaver Meeting April 2018

Present: Michelle Woodall 1st Apsley
Tyla Stevens 2nd Hemel
Andrea Murphy 2nd Hemel
Rebecca Wharfe 1st Hemel
Rob Rivers 1st Hemel
Carrie Stanworth 1st Gadebridge

Apologies: Mary Pilides 1st Kings Langley Andy White 1st Bovington

Review of events since last meeting:

Animal Friend Badge day 28th January 2018

200 Beavers booked. 4 bases 30 mins each, duplicated to accommodate so many Beavers and their parents. Hedgehog craft. Decorate Biscuits and squash. Games. Animal encounter by Repsmiles. General consensus that it was an excellent event with different elements which kept the Beavers engaged and they learned something along the way. Comments from parents and leaders were very positive. It was noted by David who ran one of the hedgehog bases that when parents helped their children cut out etc, there was time left over. He ran a quiz all about hedgehogs but suggested we have an extra activity ie word search, colouring to fill the gap. We may look at running this event in 3 years time.

Forthcoming events:

Promise Renewal 23rd April 2018 at Phasels

District are still looking for help at the Beaver/Cub Sessions. Most said they were going, some to help, others walking around with their child. Michelle unable to attend due to her Cubs meeting that night.

Beaver Challenge Hike 13 May 2018

We will walk from KL Common to Phasels snake like. Leaving KL by 3.15pm. There should be a police escort (Michelle has organised this, just need to follow up nearer the time) as there will be walking on the road of Rucklers Lane. Jamboree participants will be doing the catering for their fund raising efforts. Michelle has spoken to Jane Harding who is co-ordinating, and suggested that the Jamboree team could sell tea, coffee, cakes, sweets, plus extra hotdogs for adult walkers. They can also promote the Jamboree. Michelle also suggested that the Jamboree Leaders do the campfire and with the participants, run campfire songs after everyone has had their hotdogs. After the meeting Tyla and Michelle spoke to Ramsay and he agreed to run the campfire songs.

Please note that Hi Vis jackets need to be worn.

Jamboree Launch party 4th July 2018 Phasels

Letters came out today at the meeting. Beaver/Cubs 5.30-7.30 cost £5. The Beavers will be moving around various American-themed bases. Forms and payments to Maureen by Wednesday 14th June at the latest. If you don't have the letter please let Maureen know and she can email it to you.

ASAP (Activities Spectacular at Phasels) 15th September

Every year Phasels open all their on site activities, bring out their mobile equipment & add extras such as inflatables, bumper cars and segways. There is also evening entertainment and fireworks late in the evening. The day event costs approximately £15 for Beavers and slightly less for Adults, but you do need the ratio of 1:6. It is excellent value for money and the young people have an amazing time and tick off lots Adventurous activity requirements. The site is available for overnight camping but Michelle suggested a day event with Beavers bringing a packed lunch. Michelle mentioned that 1st Apsley have hired a building as a base with Phasels providing evening meal for the young people and that the letters have already gone out with a cut-off date end of term so that there is no rush in Sept. Everyone mentioned they would look to do a similar thing and asked Michelle if she could send them a copy of the letter 1st Apsley sent out. Since the meeting the letter has been emailed out.

County Beavers Paradise Park Day 30th September

Paradise Wildlife Park, Broxbourne is offering both Beavers and their families, including siblings and grandparents, the chance to visit their centre for the reduced price of £8.00 per person. There will be extra activities put on for the Beavers during the day including Keepers' talks for which you can book for upon arrival; beavers can also work towards badges. This is not a leader led activity – Beavers will need to be accompanied by a parent/family member at all times and they will need to make their own way there.

It is an excellent day out with lots to do. Beavers need to book and pay the Scout group and one payment made to Paradise Wildlife Park. Tickets will then be posted to the group for distribution. Michelle said that letters have already gone out to 1st Apsley Beavers with a cut-off date end of term to allow time in September to send off payment and allocate tickets. Everyone asked if Michelle could email the letter 1st Apsley used so that they could adapt and send to their Beavers. Since meeting letter has been emailed. If anyone else needs a copy of the letter please email Michelle on woodalls.scouts@gmail.com.

Xmas Panto Sunday 16 December 2018

Rob and Rebecca have volunteered to organise this event. It was suggested that we look into a touring panto that could come to Hobbs Hill Wood School, Boxmoor playhouse and Hatfield University. Since the meeting, the university is a no go. Tyla mentioned that she could ask at her school and Michelle would look into M&M Theatre Productions www.magicoftheatre.com recommended by Beaver leader at 4th Hemel.

Depending on how many we get interested, we may look at 2 sessions due to hall capacity. Michelle will check this with the school.

Badge Event Sunday 27th January 2019

It was decided that we will do the Emergency Stage 1 and 2 badges. We will look to: Get an ambulance or two – we need contacts for this 30 minute bases, based on the badge requirements: 1. Getting help and calling 999, reassuring, emergency services. 2. Unconscious – recovery position. 3. Bleeding and bandages. 4. Burns & asthma, drink biscuit, quiz. At the moment just throwing ideas out there. If anyone has any contacts please let us know. Tyla will look into getting St John's Ambulance to give some talks. Since the meeting we need to book it.

Any other business

A whatsapp group has been set up with those above, under District Beavers. If any other group would like to join please let us know. We would appreciate to have more than 4 groups helping at these events especially when there are 13 Groups in the District.

Next meeting: Thursday 6th September.