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GROUP NEWS



As we are coming out of lockdown we are hope to be able to do some face to face activities outside in small group with social distancing, in the next couple of months. The Scout Association is working on who we can do it safely, working within the government rule. It also depends on the availability of leaders to be able to do this.

Sections are still organising some virtual scouting for their members to do at home, via zoom meetings, emails and their Facebook pages.

In these challenging times, as we are slowly coming out of lockdown we will be looking into the possibility in the next few months of doing Scouting in small groups and Scout Association rules.

Thank you goes to *Akela Rob* who sent us a photo of the Scout Hall, the grass on the green is still growing

Berkshire Scouts @home challenge

Challenges for those Scouts who want to complete whilst Scouting at home. This has been developed the '*Berkshire Scouts @home challenge*', open to all members of Scouting in Berkshire. The challenge can be completed as a section, as a Group, or by individual members, but the main aim is to have fun and give leaders and young people new ideas to try.

The challenge has been adapted to suit Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, and to complete it, They should complete an activity from each of the six challenge areas:

1. Helping Others
2. Nights Away
3. International Scouting
4. Youth Shaped Scouting
5. Learning New Skills
6. The Scouting Family



More details <https://www.berkshirescouts.org.uk/scoutshome/>



Group AGM

PG are going to hold our AGM on Sunday 20th September at 3pm. As we can't hold face to face AGM we will be holding it on zoom.

More details will be in Septembers PG Tips and emailed out to all members by their leaders.

BEAVER NEWS



Littlewick Colony

Littlewick Beaver have been meeting on zoom.

We have had some great fun playing scavenger hunts games. We have also been working towards our Global issues badge where we all showed the rubbish we had and talked about whether it could be recycled, go to the compost or was rubbish. The beavers received some badges that they had earned earlier during lock down, Gardener, Nights away and the Personal challenge. This week Beatrice and Jasmeiy gained their Global issues badges. We look forward to seeing more beavers joining our zoom meetings during the school holidays.

GSL (Erica Hunter)

Winter Hill Colony

This month we continue to send badge work to the Beavers via email and our Facebook page. We also started to do Zoom meetings with the Beavers. We have had beavers share their collections to earn their collectors' badge and played Kim's game (where they have to remember what item was removed from a picture). At our next Zoom meeting we plan to make pizzas in a mug using a microwave. We will be sending details out soon.

Normally, Beavers would stop during the school holidays, however this summer we are going to continue with our Zoom meetings, many of you will not be going away on holiday this year so we thought it might be good to have something to look forward to.



WH Tictac (Tom Beynon)

CUB NEWS

Winter Hill Pack

It was great to see many of the cubs at our last Zoom meeting! We played some quiz games and decoded some 'secret' messages.

On 6th July, The Scout Association announced that Face to Face scouting can begin to take place. We don't usually hold cub meetings over the summer holidays, but I am proposing to continue to meet in small groups, under the restrictions that we have to follow. Over the next week or so, we will be submitting a Risk Assessment to the District Commissioner for approval. We are only allowed to meet in small groups, outside and must follow social distancing guidelines and enhanced hygiene practices.

We will continue to run a series of 'blended' activities - Zoom meetings, weekly emails with badge ideas and sharing of activities on our Facebook Page. I will contact parents/carers when the Risk Assessment is ready to share and will let you know what we have planned for our meetings over the summer. Obviously, there is no obligation for cubs to be involved in these activities but it would be great to see anyone who is around and wants to take part in some outdoor scouting.

WH Akela (Rob Harris)

SCOUT NEWS



Winter Hill Troop

We have continued to run our virtual Troop meetings, with Scouts completing challenges and badges at home. Any Scouts who have gained badges should have received them in the post.

This month's zoom meetings have included various games and activities. The Scouts have had a pizza evening making some interesting and tasty pizza as well as a talent evening where some played musical instruments, did jokes and skateboard tricks.

Last week the Scouts had a go at cooking donuts, I hope they cleared up the mess they made in their kitchens. Photos on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/pgscouts

Don't forget to send me photos and let me know what you have been doing at home.

Simon Wheeler (WH Scout Leader)