

Puma Cub Scouts

Annual Report 2015/2016

2015/16 has again been a full year for Pumas, unfortunately John and Richard have been unable to continue helping on a Tuesday evening, which has left myself as the only leader.

Cub Camp was yet again another highlight of our year, I think the talking point of the camp was the very long hike that we undertook on the Saturday, and according to some of the Cubs we walked anything from 10 miles to 100 miles! We are looking forward to this year's camp, and part of the term's programme will teach the Cubs how to erect and dismantle a tent.

During the year we have enjoyed a wide and varied program. Looking back at the programme for the year it appears that food features a lot! We have planned and cooked meals within our Sixes, there was quite a variety of food produced that evening. I expect that your Cubs will be very helpful in the kitchen!

As with previous years we've taken full advantage of being so close to Bowsey Woods with various hikes, shelter building and of course many sausage cooking evenings. These evenings are very popular with the Cubs as they have an opportunity to run around and burn off some much needed energy. As the nights become lighter and warmer we will continue to spend as much time as possible outside practising our skills.

We have also visited Tesco Henley to look at different foods. The children had the opportunity to discover what ingredients are used in the production of bread, taste different cheeses, touch a fish and then watch it being filleted. They then finished the evening tasting a variety of fruit and try to work out where in the world the fruits are grown. The favourite part of the evening for many was being allowed into the giant walk in freezer, we could only stay for a couple of minutes as the temperature was .

We have tried to continue to send teams to participate in the different District events that are on offer. We took 1st place in the rifle shooting competition, with Will Harmer coming 1st in the under 10's category. Avi Pomeranz Dore came 3rd in the Under 11's category. Last weekend our team came 2nd in the Shelter Competition, just beaten by a team from Wildcats!

Again we took advantage of a District run trip to Gilwell, joined this year by the Wildcats, the home of Scouting, for a Funday. The Cubs are able to pick from a huge range of activities. We even took part in a science event run by Rolls Royce. Once again the Cubs had a great time, and Richard and I got some ideas for our pack programmes.

Looking forward to the rest of the term we have an exciting District event planned to help celebrate Cubs 100, we will continue to spend time out and about learning new and old Scouting skills.

Currently we have 22 children in the pack, both boys and girls, this is fantastic as it shows how much fun and excitement Cubs have and I'm so proud that so many children wish to join, however, we desperately need more adult help. You don't have to commit to every week, and we can work round other life commitments.

Thank you to Faizan Azam and Grace Atkinson who have been helping out as part of their Duke of Edinburgh awards. Young leaders are a really important element, the Cubs look up and really appreciate the time that they have given up to help support them.

Finally, a massive thank you to all the parents who have been roped into helping, who have helped wash dishes, drawn maps, come on hike and generally helped out. Without your support it would be impossible to run Cubs. Thank you once again, and here's to another great year of Scouting.