

Eastleigh District Scout Association

Dear Beaver Scout Parents

Ref Beaver Scouts attending Eastleigh District Scout Camp 2009

As you will already have been informed this summer the Eastleigh District Scout Association is celebrating the centenary of the formation of the District and the main event is our District Camp at Lyons Copse Scout Camp site near Wickham in June.

This event is also special because with your support and help we will be allowing the Beaver Scouts of Eastleigh to join in this event more fully, by arranging for them to spend the night with everyone else at the camp site. Normally, the Beaver Scouts would attend an event the size of this one only for a day, or at best they would sleepover in their Scout HQ or another suitable building in Eastleigh afterwards. It is the first ever time that they will remain on site.

The Scout Association rules for Beaver Scouts insist that they can only stay overnight indoors, and that they must not be away from their parents/guardian for more than 24 hours.

The Beaver Scouts will arrive on Saturday 6th June at Lyons Copse Camp site between 9.30 and 10am and will be handed over to the Beaver Scout Leaders.

Their first event of the day will be the chance to partake in a number of activities laid on for them which will include going on the aerial runway, sumo wrestling, junior assault course, inflatable obstacle, and bouncy castles, they can cook pancakes, popcorn, and sausages and donuts around a camp fire, or visit the chocolate factory, they can have a go on an amateur radio, fly flags and take part in the giant balloon race, just to name some of the activity bases on Saturday morning. Lunch will be with the Cub Scouts, Scouts and Leaders of their own Group.

Saturday afternoon we have a number of events taking place in our arena including inter Beaver Colony sporting events, Cub Scout car races, Scout Tug of War, and a fully professional birds of prey flying demonstration. At the start everyone will join together a piece of string/boot lace/rope of between one metre and two metre long that has been brought from home into our giant friendship knot. Our team of chefs will be providing a super dinner afterwards, and then a evening show. After the evening activities the Beavers will retire to their respective building, under the watchful eye of their leaders, for the night.

A breakfast will be provided by District and served by their Beaver Scout Leaders on Sunday morning, after which the Beavers will join together with the rest of the District for a 'Scouts own' (a scout together) at 9.30am before the Beaver Scouts leave the site for home. I think you will agree that the Beavers Scouts should have a really good time.

I mentioned at the start of this letter that this can only happen with your support and help. I listed the rules that govern the Beavers attending an overnight stay and you may have worked out that our timing is very close to the maximum permitted for them to be away from their parents, so it is most important that at least one parent drops their child off on Saturday, and is present at the site by 9.30am on Sunday.

Details of how to get to the site are available from your leader and you will see that we are operation a one way system to help with vehicles coming and going to the site, and will be great importance to you on Saturday morning, so please use it. Due to the size of the car park and amount of cars that will be on site at the same time when the Beaver Scouts are dropped off and collected, we ask for your help in sharing cars. PLEASE consider one parent and one Beaver sharing a car with another parent and Beaver. Leaders cannot appoint young people to anyone to carry, but they can offer help and advice on who is going etc. Please do not bring dogs; they are not permitted in the camping areas of Lyons Copse. We would also request that parents do not wonder around the site or go into sleeping areas of the site, even to look for other off spring that may be on site.

Any problems or questions please contact me or ADC Beaver Scouts. Thank you,

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