

Stevenage Cub Scout Diary

2013	Sept	Sat	21/22	County Night Hike
	Sept	Fri	27	Mayor's Presentation
	Oct	Sat	12	Archery sessions—need to book
	Oct	Sun	13	Gr8 Big B@sh at Phasels Wood
	Oct	Sat	19	JOTA / JOTI
	Oct	Sun	20	County Cyclocross at Well End
	Nov	Sun	10	Remembrance Service
	Dec	Sat	7	Archery sessions—need to book
	Dec	Sun	1	District Christingle Service
2014	Mar	Sat/Sun	1/2	Entertainers Day (Only book one day)

How to Contact Us

For more information you can contact the Stevenage District Cub Scout Team by email – cubs@stevenagescouting.org.uk

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER...

Call us on 0844 357 4918, and leave a message if no-one is available.

Please remember all our leaders are volunteers and it may take a few days for us to return your call.

You can also find out information about our events on the Stevenage Scouting District Website – www.stevenagescouting.org.uk

Information about County Events is available at
www.hertfordshirescouts.org.uk

And the national website www.scouts.org.uk has more information about national initiatives

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Future Events - 2013

Mayor's Presentation Evening Friday 27th September - Mayoral Chambers

We will be holding our next presentation evening for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts that have achieved their Chief Scout Award. The Mayor of Stevenage, along with other dignitaries will be presenting the awards at this unique ceremony. This year there may be a third ceremony in the Autumn term due to the numbers of youngsters achieving this award.

If your son/daughter has achieved their Bronze Award between March 2013 and end of July 2013, and has not received an invite to this event a fortnight before then please contact Stuart Leacy on 0844 357 4916.



JOTA / JOTI

Sat 19th October - District HQ, Poplars from 10am - 1pm

This annual international event will give the Cubs the opportunity to make contact with Cubs and Scouts worldwide via various Radio communications or the Internet in a controlled environment and work towards their Communicator badge. The activities will all be based around communication, code breaking and making; speaking in foreign languages; non-verbal communication and signalling.

Cubs are welcome to come along on Saturday morning from 10am till 1pm. The cost per session is £4.50, including refreshments.

County Cub Cyclocross Sun 20th October – Well End

This event is taking place at Well End Campsite, near Borehamwood from approx 2pm. It is suggested Cubs take their own bike with them, together with a helmet; though there are few bikes you can borrow. This year there will be an agility trail and a speed test competition, as well as the normal track through the woods. If you are interested in entering – please contact Andy Spicer on 01438 221937, with your name and pack before the end of September. Numbers are limited to 16 riders from Stevenage.

Future Events - 2014

Cub and Brownie Entertainers Day

Saturday 1st March or Sunday 2nd March 2014



Now for the 11th year, this is a chance for the cubs to put on a play. The play is kept a secret from not only the cubs but also the leaders, until 9am, when the envelope is opened. At this point the cubs and brownies play some warming up games, before then choosing their parts for the play.

For the rest of the day they practise their lines, paint their scenery and make all their own props. Just before tea there is a full rehearsal on the stage. It all then stops for a sausage and chips supper, before then the dress rehearsal, and the final performance in front of the audience.



Every year it never looks like it is possible, but somehow on the night it comes together, to form a very enjoyable evening. Do not forget to buy your tickets to watch, when you pay for a place for your son or daughter.

**Book your places, to avoid disappointment.
Spaces do go quickly, especially for the Saturday.**

Please complete the enclosed reply slip and return with a cheque payable to "Stevenage District Scout Council" or visit www.stevenagescouting.org.uk and pay via EventBrite online.



PAST EVENT—Mayor's Presentation Evening



Again, a very enjoyable evening was had by all the young members who received their awards, thanks to the Mayor of Stevenage and Stevenage Borough Council.

ARCHERY DAYS 2013

Sat 12th October or Sat 7th December

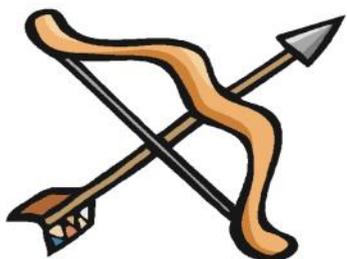
Cost £2 for 1¼ hour archery session.

GNAS qualified leaders. Indoor range.
Sessions to take place at
Fifth Stevenage H.Q,
Shephall View, Stevenage. SG1 1RL.

Choice of session times 9:15 10:45 13:00 14:30

To book your child's place phone 221937 or check and book online; All to then pay on the day.

Email andy.spicer@stevenagescouting.org.uk



Future Events - 2013

GR8 BIG B@SH

Sunday 13th October - Phasels Wood - Coaches leave District HQ
After meeting at the District HQ the coach will leave for Phasels Wood Campsite in Hemel Hempstead. On arrival the cubs will have the opportunity to take part in 5, hour long, activities. Within the activities the cubs will be stopping for lunch. At some point everyone will stop their activities for the arrival of **Bear Grylls** by helicopter, relying on weather conditions. After the arrival and short walk around by Bear, he will leave again by helicopter and the activities will continue. An exclusive badge will be given out to all those attending.

The cost of the event will be £12, and the cubs will need to bring a packed lunch, waterproof and small amount of pocket money, £3, which they may be able to spend in the shop. The only uniform they need to wear is their scarves.

The coach will leave District HQ, Poplars between 9am and 10am, and will return just before 6pm.

Remembrance Parade

Sun 10th Nov – Old Town

More information will be made available from your Cub Leader nearer the date. It is expected that Cubs will be asked to assemble in the Old Town at approx 10:00am

Christingle Service

Sun 1st Dec – Church of St George and St Andrew

Our annual Beaver & Cub service in aid of the Children's Society will begin at 4pm. The church will be open from 3:30pm. There will be a collection during the service, but donation envelopes will be distributed to Beavers and Cubs prior to the event.

2014

Cub Entertainers Day 2014

On one Sat or Sun March 2013 - Datchworth Village Hall

Now for the 11th year, this is a chance for the cubs to put on a play. See page 7 for more information. Booking early is quite important, as places do go fast, especially for the Saturday.

Stevenage District Cub Camp to Cleethorpes 2013

After meeting at the District HQ, the group of 100 people left for Cleethorpes, stopping at Lincoln Castle on the way up. The rest of the week consisted of a whole range of activities, and trips to different places, including; archery and air-rifles, beach and bowling, castle, Discovery Centre and disco, evening walk, fairground, games, hiking, ice-creams, Jug and Bottle carvery, kite flying, laser quest, museums, nature walk, overhead rides, Pleasure Island and party, quizzes and codes, ropes course, swimming, train trips and trawler tour, under canvas in tents, visits, windmill and World War 2 simulation, x-words, yummy food and a zoo; just to mention a few, and of course sleeping, when there was time.

Here are some reports from the cubs who went on the camp.

Cleethorpes is a fun camp. I really liked going to the windmill, it was a long walk but we got bread fresh from the windmill with our lunch. The food was great and also the cooked breakfast. At Cleethorpes we do lots of things e.g bowling, archery, climbing, theme park, fishery museum and lots more. I would recommend going to Cleethorpes to any beaver moving up to cubs. *Samuel - Poplar*

I liked going to Cleethorpes camp as it was lots fun and got spend time with my cubs friends and getting to know them bit better i like going to the windmill where got to see how bread was made.i like going on the steam trains and laser quest as never do that before i liked the cooked breakfast we got but all the food was great i had fab time. *Luke - Poplar*

I really enjoyed my coach trip to Cleethorpes. Staying in a tent was fun. I also liked making more friends and spending time with them. My favourite time was being at the theme park and i went on the big rides. Also i liked laser quest. And i really liked the food. Cant wait to go to another camp and have lots more fun. *Kayley - Pin Green*

On the Cub Camp Week my best day was when we went to The Pleasure Island Theme Park. This was the first time I had been to a theme park and I was very excited. I went on several rides, my favourite being the Boomerang rollercoaster, so good I went on it twice!! I can't wait until next year's camping trip. *Alfie - St Nicholas*

I really enjoyed the whole experience working and playing with all the other cubs, i met so many new friends. Thankyou to all the adults as well who made the trip an exciting and fun time. i really enjoyed the theme park, bowling and rifle shooting the best. There was so much to do and to eat as well. I cant wait until the next cub camp. The whole trip was BRILL !!! *Matthew - First Cubs*

I had loads of fun at Cleethorpes Cub camp. It was excellent. I loved everything. My absolute favourite was when we went to Laser Adventure. It was cool: my team won both rounds. I can't wait to go to Bournemouth. I hope it will be just as fun as our excellent trip to Cleethorpes *Benjamin - Pin Green*

My first experience of rifle shooting was brilliant, I really enjoyed learning how to load the pellets into the rifle. I also learnt how to put the safety catch on and that I should take my time to aim the rifle then fire at the target. I was really happy that I was able to hit the target. My family were really impressed when I showed them my targets. Thank you to everyone for making the cub camp so fantastic. *George - First Stevenage Cubs.*



Pictures from the Cleethorpes Camp



At Cleethorpes I really enjoyed being with my friends and making new friends. I thought the Theme park, swimming and laser quest were great fun. Thank you very much to all the leaders and helpers for giving us a fantastic time. *Adam - Poplar*

My favourite thing was the Pleasure Island theme park because there were loads of different rides and I got to go on one which was very cool. It was called the boomerang. You went backwards going up, then you zoomed down round a loop and back up the other side. Then you did it backwards. My friends and I liked it so much we went on it 10 times. *Antony - Pin Green*

On the way to the bowling alley, we went in lots of minibuses. When we got there, we had to tell the leaders the size of our shoes, and then we lined up to get our bowling shoes. Next we got into groups of 8. In my group was mostly girls. We all had a good time. *Amber—Poplar*

Thank you to all the cubs who submitted reports, and I am so glad that they all enjoyed the camp. Hopefully, some of them will still be young enough to take part in Bournemouth 2015.

Finally, a very big thank you, to all those leaders, who gave up their time freely, to help.