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1st York Poppleton Scout Group.



Hello Everyone

I trust you are all looking forward to the festive period.

Another year nearly done and another update for 1st York Poppleton Scouts 2017.

During 2017 we have achieved a lot across all sections, Steve and I attended the Chief Scouts award evening in November, where all the young people achieved their Bronze (Beavers), Silver (Cubs) and Gold (Scouts) individual awards. This is what they are all working for when they join the sections and why we always try and have an active and varied schedule. In addition to individual awards there are two District Scout Group Awards, of which one is for the most awards across all three sections, which I am really pleased to say we won. So really well done to all the young people and leaders for their hard work.

We have recruited several more leaders and helpers over the past 12 months and they have already made a big impact in helping 1st York Poppleton. But we need more, so please think long and hard about volunteering (or other people you know); as we again have waiting lists, which it would be great to reduce. We want all the young people who want to become part of Scouting to benefit.

We did several fundraising events throughout the year, Poppleton Children Sports day, Apple Day and Bonfire night, all of these were really successful and brought in a large amount of monies for 1st York Poppleton. Thank you to everyone who helped make these so successful; including our new Fundraising Manager Tess. All these monies go back into the scout group which includes maintaining the Scout Hut & providing equipment for all the sections and helps fund camps.

We now have our new marquee funded by Poppleton Beer Festival Committee, which we got just in time for Group Camp but didn't need to use it as the weather was kind!

Scout Camp and Group camps were also extremely successful and I promised you a briefed report on Group Camp so here it is written by Tim Bowers;

Another fantastic time was had by the scout, cub and beaver sections on group scout camp. The weekend kicked off on Friday 21st July with the Cubs and Scouts meeting at the scout hut for a fun filled bus trip to Hesley Wood. The theme this year was Harry Potter and during the trip the Cubs and Scouts were given platform 9 3/4 tickets sorting them into patrols following the books' houses. Wide games, camp fire and hot chocolate kept everyone entertained on the first night.

It's was great to see the beavers arrive on the Saturday where the organised activities commenced. These included; climbing and abseiling, cave bus, rafting and shooting. The leader board was regularly visited as the patrols vied for pole position. Quidditch made its first appearance on the

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wide game itinerary and immense fun was had by all. More wide games, tucks shop and well needed free time completed daytime activities. The evening was eventful with a huge downpour cancelling Hesley Woods main campfire but this didn't dampen 1st York, Poppleton's spirits. The indoor campfire sing song left everyone a little hoarse. And let's just say the hilarious rhymes to Quartermaster Stores and You'll never get to heaven will have to stay on camp. Bedtime came a little earlier on Saturday; thanks goodness.

As always the food was superb providing hearty, tasty and nutritious meals throughout the camp. Tuck shop served to provide the energy tops as well as raising some funds for the group.

Sunday saw more tension at the leader board with the last round of organised events. Scouts Own provided peaceful time for reflection and celebration. Quidditch was back by popular demand knocking Capture the Flag down to second place in the wide game of choice. The weather behaved itself, just, raining during the night and the odd shower as we broke camp. The bus arrived with tinge of sadness, marking the end of another successful group scout camp.

Sincere thanks to Jo (Akela) and the rest of the leaders and helpers for putting in the time to make the camp the fantastic success it was.

We have our new Chairperson Mandy Bowers in place and she has already made an impact with some really good additions on the Website, so take a look and see if you can spot them;

<http://www.poppletonscouts.co.uk>

The Website (CEO is Paul Tweedhope) is looking really good and has a lot of information that everyone can easily access including standard forms and an automated permissions service, that when you complete it goes to the Leaders running the event and on record.

We had our few minutes of fame with "That's York" TV doing a short article on 1st York Poppleton Scouts, it certainly gave Tish my other half a good laugh!!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=haH4Lj_fiY

Young Leaders, continue to play a key role in the sections and we have recruited several more who are now helping in Cubs, so thanks to Jo our Cub leader for her recruitment drive.

We still are looking for a couple more Young Leaders to help at Beavers so if there is anyone else who may be interested (14 to 18 years) please let me know, details of the Young Leaders scheme;

<https://members.scouts.org.uk/supportresources/300/young-leaders-scheme>

A huge thank you to all the volunteers at 1st York Poppleton Scout group, without them we would not have a Scout Group.

Don't forget those stocking fillers, Compass, mess tins, camping stove or a scout pen knife, they will need them all on their journey through Scouting! See our suggestions of our website Santas Scouting Stocking fillers

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Finally, I hope all the young people across the Scouts, Cubs and Beavers continue to enjoy Scouting in 2018, we have some exciting events planned including a "Night Hike" for the Scouts and are always open to suggestions for activities.

Have a Happy Christmas and Happy New Years.

Cheers

Guy

1st York Poppleton Scouts

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