

Knocklyon Scout Group 112th Dublin

Beaver News

All three Beaver Colonies have been extremely busy at their weekly meetings since the New Year working on their Paw Print badges, as well as learning new games and generally having a lot of fun. The Monday Beavers took a trip to the Ormonde Cinema in Stillorgan to see 'Planet 51' which was very entertaining. Thursday Beavers wrapped up well and braved the cold for a day out in Larch Hill. Friday Beavers put their aprons and chef hats on and made rice crispy buns in the Scout Den which were delicious and eaten with great relish by all the Beavers.

Cub News

At the end of the January, Tuesday Cubs visited Airfield Trust in Dundrum where they learnt the traditional Irish craft of making St. Bridget's crosses which was then followed by a tour of the farm. February saw all three cub packs share the fun of scouting with their families on parent-cub hikes. Monday cubs went to Cruagh Wood with their parents, Tuesday Cubs headed to the Glencree Valley while Wednesday Cubs hiked around Kilmashogue Wood. The parents were treated to Sunday brunch cooked backwoods style and saw how resourceful the cubs could be building shelters. Good luck to the teams that will be representing their cub packs in the Montpelier Scout County Cub Challenge in early March.

Scout News

Monday Scouts kicked off the new year with a snow hike around Three Rock and the Pine Forest. This was followed in February by a trip to Killarney where they stayed in the International Youth Hostel and practiced their mountaineering skills climbing in the Macgillycuddy Reeks. In January Wednesday Scouts also took to the local peaks for a snow hike and in February spent the weekend in Glendale Lodge in Glencree practicing their 'backwoods' skills and testing their pioneering ability and courage traversing the rope bridge building exercise and getting some (wet) practical experience in river crossing skills. The Wednesday Scout team that will be taking part in the upcoming mountain pursuit challenge got warmed up with a 14km hike around Glendalough a part of which was spent walking through a snow cloud. Meanwhile preparations are also underway for the 'Shield' campcraft competition that will take place in April.

Venturer News

Leaders weekend

Leaders from all sections of the Knocklyon Scout Group spent a weekend in Glendalough in February. They stayed in the CYC hostel and a great time was had by all. Saturday saw the leaders hike around Glendalough up to Camaderry. After the exertions of the day the Leaders retired to the Wicklow Heather Restaurant near Laragh for a well-earned meal and refreshments. Many thanks go to Richard Fagan and Gaye Hand for organising a very successful weekend.