

Knocklyon Scout Group 112th Dublin

Group Camp

112th Knocklyon Scout Group kicked off the scouting year with a fantastic and challenging group camp in Larch Hill over the weekend of 23rd - 25th September. Over 220 youth members of Knocklyon 112th attended the camp ranging from 7 years of age right upto 17. A group of in or around 30 leaders also attended bringing the total number to 250.

Despite challenging conditions on Friday night which resulted in cubs going home due to broken tents and gusts of wind, all re-appeared on Saturday morning to take part fully in a very busy few days. Activities undertaken included backwoods cooking, pioneering, assault courses, navigation, communications and first aid along with a few less serious activities like games and water bases.

Beaver Summer Camp

In June, the Beavers joined the National Beaver Camp in Larch Hill along with 400 other beavers from other units around the country. The theme for the weekend was the stone age. The Beavers also went on the Montpelier County Camp in Larch Hill. Over the course of the camps the Beavers got to experience backwood cooking, making twister bread on sticks over an open fire. They had fun trying to transfer water from one bucket to another using sponges. They also learnt how to make Kites and made their own woggles for their neckerchiefs. The beavers were in great voice around the campfire learning traditional scout campfire songs while toasting marshmallows.

Cub Summer Camp

The 2011 Cub Summer Camp took place in Lilliput Adventure Centre on the banks of Lough Ennel, near Mullingar over the June Bank Holiday weekend. In glorious sunshine 60 excited cubs headed off on the bus from the Scout Den on the Friday afternoon. On arriving in Lilliput the cubs set up camp, pitching their tents and arranging their site. In the evening the instructors from Lilliput took the cubs into a nearby forest for a game of manhunt which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Saturday saw the cubs get their adrenaline flowing by taking part in a number of fun adventure activities from sliding down a zip line, rock climbing and abseiling however the highlight of the day was the bog hopping through the muddy peat of the midlands. The cubs also headed out canoeing onto Lough Ennel. On Saturday evening the cubs joined the cubs from Ballyroan who were also staying at the site for a campfire which was ably lead by a number of venturers from the 112th who gave up their weekend to help with the camp. Sunday morning was spent in the local woods practising archery and shelter building. On Sunday afternoon the cubs headed into Mullingar to spend their pocket money and have dinner in a local hotel while Sunday evening was spent watching a DVD, drinking hot chocolate and eating popcorn. Unfortunately all good

things come to an end and on Monday morning the cubs packed up their tents and gear but not before trying their hands at orienteering around the shores of the lake. Late on Monday afternoon 60 tired cubs and their leaders made it back to the Den after having a great fun packed weekend.

Scout Summer Camp

In July, 75 Scouts, Venturers and Leaders from Knocklyon 112th spent their two week summer camp in Malta. A fantastic adventure was had by all on this fun-packed Mediterranean island! Although temperatures sometimes reached 38 degrees centigrade, this did not stop the group from taking part in a huge array of activities, the memories of which will last a long time. Some of the trips and activities undertaken included a fun day filming and playing in the water at Popeye Village, a late night trip to a local Feasta and Ferry trips to the islands of Gozo and Comino where we basked in The Blue Lagoon. The Scouts also spent a day kayaking and abseiling in Ghar Lapsi while another day was spent shopping and sightseeing in the historic town of Valeta. Other activities included a day at Splash & Fun Waterpark, snorkelling in local waters. As part of the world wide scouting movement the Scouts and Venturers had some joint activities with Sliema scouts in their Den where the Scouts got to see what the Maltese Scouts get up to. Most of these activities were done on a patrol basis and after a long day, all scouts would return to site, get the fires going and begin cooking on the open fires! Evenings were spent 'Nightswimming', playing games onsite and one very memorable 'Talent Show'.

And finally:-

The Annual General meeting of the 112th Knocklyon Scout Group will take place on Monday 10th October at 8.30pm in the Scout Den. All are welcome to attend.