

Knocklyon Scout Group 112th Dublin

Beaver News

With over eighty Beavers spread out over three nights the Knocklyon Beaver Scouts colonies are one of the largest sections in Mountpelier Scout County. As we are preparing for the launch of the new ONE Programme, all three nights have worked very closely together to run events and activities in tandem with one another, thus paving the way for the new programme. We decided to make good use of the excellent Autumnal weather and have been out of the Den most Week-Day nights on Torch Walks around Knocklyon, Hiking up to the Hell Fire Club and visiting the Conker Tree in Beverly. We have also begun our schedule of Week-End Outdoor Activities by Hiking up Tibbradden Mountain and through Crone Wood beyond Powerscourt in Enniskerry. In all cases we have been very lucky with the weather and have enjoyed the fantastic scenery which is so close to our door. The Beavers also joined the Mountpelier Scout County Halloween Fancy Dress Gang Show in Greenhills Scout Den on 21st October and enjoyed the ghoulish, creepy, scary music and yucky, sticky, gooey Halloween games and arts and crafts over the course of the evening.

Cub News

The three cub packs have been extremely busy since their return in September. As well as the weekly meetings in the Scout Den all three cub sections have been out and about making the most of the good autumn weather. Monday Cubs headed up to Larch Hill at the beginning of October to take part in the Mountpellier Scout County Cub camp. Larch Hill became Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardy and the cubs took part in many magical and mysterious activities. Despite the weather all the cubs graduated with their OWLS. Tuesday Cubs kicked off the year at the end of September with a camp at Rathbeggan Lakes Family and Angling Centre near Dunshaughlin. The cubs explored the nature trails, made pond peepers and enjoyed playing in the water pistol range and going out on the paddle boats. In October Tuesday Cubs hiked the Maulin Trail through Crone Wood. Blest with the weather they got amazing views of Powerscourt Waterfall and out over Dublin Bay. The highlight of the hike was the backwoods lunch where the cubs cooked up pizza's, hobo popcorn and chocolate apples over the fire. Wednesday Cubs enjoyed a sleepover in the Scout Den during October. All three cub packs celebrated Halloween with arts and craft projects and parties playing traditional Halloween games. November will see the cubs going on night hikes and orienteering in the Hell Fire Club while the senior cubs will take part in Ceannaire Og, a special leadership training day for older cubs to be held in Larch Hill.

Scout News

Tuesday Scouts have been extremely busy practising their camping and mountaineering skills. In September, they headed to the Scout Centre at Lough Dan for a camp which saw all the scouts test their stamina on the obstacle course. There was also the opportunity to try some water based adventure skills while raft building on the lake. They have also taken part in the Ulster and Connaught Mountain Pursuit Challenges and the Sionnach Mountain Challenge which required the scouts to demonstrate their hiking and navigation skills. Well done to Mark Quigley, Eoin Hennessy and Conor Maguire who achieved their MPC Diamond, having successfully completed the Leinster, Connaught, Ulster and Munster Mountain Pursuit Challenges. Thursday Scouts followed Tuesday

Scouts to Lough Dan where they also headed across the lake to the 'Tropical Beach' and completed the obstacle course. All three scout troops headed to Larch Hill in October to take part in the Mountpellier Scout County Camp. Over the course of the weekend while learning camping skills the scouts also got the opportunity to meet and make friends with scouts from the other Scout Groups in the area. Friday Scouts braved the elements recently when they hiked through Kilakee and Cruagh Wood building bivvy shelters along the way.

We would like to thank all those who supported us during our recent bag packing weekend in Tesco's in Rathfarnham.