

Chester & District Sectional Meeting

Date: 05 September 2019

Time: 8pm

Venue: District HQ @ 58 Weston Grove, Upton, Chester CH2 1QJ

Agenda

Item 1 - Welcome

Present – Claire – Tarporley; Heather – Saltney; Bev – Christleton; Jenny – 8th; Amy – Saltney; Sion – Saltney; Kristy – Cestrian; Rose – Tilston; Jane – 18th (Chair)

Item 2 – Group News

Focused on ideas for either getting others in to lead or getting the beavers away from their standard evening meet venue. Ideas which have been tried include;

Ice cream Farm – Tattenhall

Boulder Hut – either do a leaders course or book a party (M53 Jun 7) up to £13.50 per child (party)

Go Ape (Junior) – was about £10 per child

Chocolate Shop in Tarporley

Fire station – but note Chester closed for 18 months so would need to go to Ellesmere Port

Litter picking

Police Community Liaison Officer

Hearing dogs (you can either have them in as a one off or you can choose to sponsor a hearing dog

Mapping / Navigation in your local area

Remember Chester has the River, Canals and various wooded areas or wilder park areas (such as Caldley Valley)

Pets at Home

Tescos

“YouShape” meeting led by Brandon (the District’s Youth commissioner) – please email

brandon.hone@chesterscouts.org.uk

Can you go up the tower in your local church, or try bell ringing?

Quite a number of places though do not open evenings, but do let us know if you persuade someone to open!

Before the sectional meetings we had a talk from Tim McLachlan at the Alzheimer’s society. He (or a dementia fiends champion) is prepared to come and lead beaver friendly sessions to raise awareness of dementia. He can be contacted on 07484 098725. He is a cub leader himself. This session counts towards a number of badges including the Disability Awareness and Community Action.

Item 3 – District News

- Feedback from District Camp – Beavers all seem to have had a good time, The ice cream went down well. Next time could we publicise the fact that the bins were sorted and the single use plastic etc recycled?
- Chester’s 110th anniversary in 2020 – Design a badge competition open to all Youth Members. Details online - click [here](#). Deadline is 3rd October

- Harry Potter Beaver Party and Sleepover @ Wizz Kidz – October 18/19 or October 25/26. - £15/Beaver for Party - £17/Beaver for Sleepover. The 18/19th event is full but still some space at the 25/26th event. We are planning for the Chester Eurojam contingent to come and support this event (as Jamboree did last year). Please send requests to Kristy asap, final numbers and names by the end of September. For the full information, click here.
 - The Youth Forum (scouts and Explorer) will be meeting to decide how the District will celebrate 110 years – if your beavers have any ideas please email them to brandon.hone@chesterscouts.org.uk
 - Gang Show registration for Beavers will be 7th December 2019, with the show itself being week commencing 18th February 2020. Rehearsal times and location to be confirmed.
 - Safety – Any safety concerns? Please get in touch with concerns.
 - Leader Training –
 - Module 10 [First Response] – September 7th – Chester
 - Challenging Behaviour – September 8th – The Heath, Runcorn
 - Understanding and Supporting ADHD – September 11th – The Heath, Runcorn
 - Modules 12A,12B,16,17,18, 19, 38 – September 21st & 22nd – Tarporley [BSL's only]
 - Safeguarding – November 7th – Chester
 - Module 10 [First Response] – December 7th – Chester
- All training courses can be found on the County website [www.cheshirescouts.org.uk] and check out the heading 'adult training'. Modules are to be booked on Eventbrite.

Item 4 – County News

- CuBe 2020 – County Cub and Beaver Camp @ The Cheshire Showground – May 1st – 3rd, 2020. Further details out the end of September. We will be camping as a District along with Ellesmere Port and Neston in the Yellow (Asia) zone. At this meeting we requested that we have central District catering (as per Damboree) so the District team will look into this. Once we have any more details we will let you know!

Item 5 – National News

- Skills for Life – New Brand – RAG assessments
This is an updated version of a survey from a couple of years ago and now includes questions about inclusivity this new survey and further information can be found here;
<https://members.scouts.org.uk/supportresources/4798/inclusivity-rag?cat=377.890&moduleID=10>
The previous programme quality checker assessment can be found here;
<https://members.scouts.org.uk/documents/6to25/Beaver%20Quality%20Programme%20Checker%20%202018.pdf>

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- We agreed that despite the County CuBe event Chester District would like another Damboree possibly July 2020.
- We agreed that we would be interested in a joint Beaver / Cub sleepover at Blackpool Tower (to include a visit to the Circus) – looking to plan this November 2020
- We will look to plan a Beaver Christmas party at Whizz Kidz – December 2020

Please can I also use this opportunity to say thank you to Kristy for everything she has done to develop the opportunities and events for the Chester District Beaver Scouts and to wish her every success in her DDC role.