



Bucks Jamboree Unit Update December 2010

"God Jul" (Happy Christmas) from Bucks Jamboree Unit, Welcome to the fifth update from the Bucks 2011 Jamboree unit. Please feel free to pass it on to District teams/leaders/GSL's and anyone else who you feel may be interested in keeping up to date with what we are up to.

Unit Training

Since the last update in September the unit has had another Training weekend and 2 Training days, as well as taking part in the County Challenge day/Bear Grylls Visit day each one helping the team grow and develop.

The September weekend was based at Braid wood. Friday night the unit set up camp and started work on building an assault course for the Beaver/Cub Fun day. On the Saturday the unit provided support to ensure the Fun day was a great success, as well as running the very popular assault course the unit also ran a string trail, water rockets base and a stocks (Cubs and water, you can never go wrong with this) if running 4 bases was not enough unit members also helped with archery, abseiling, crafts, face painting, bouncy castle to name but a few. When everyone had gone home after a had days work the unit had a chance to let of a bit of steam with an hour on the bouncy castle! Sunday was back to normal training, with learning to hand wash clothes as one of the challenges.



A couple of weeks later the unit supported the County Challenge day in a number of ways, by again building and running the assault course base, as well as providing assistance with shooting, cane pioneering, orienteering, transport. We also had 2 of the unit member's act as the escorts for Bear Grylls on his tour. The unit was thrilled that Bear visited the assault course and decided to have a go on the rope bridge and spare time to have his photo take with Captain Awesome the unit mascot.

October Training day based in Aylesbury proved a busy one as the unit and leaders under took a first aid course. They learnt everything from CPR, through bandages and breaks to heart attacks and burns. At the end we ended up with every one (including the dinosaur!) Completing there Scout level 5 first aid awards. Obviously this is not something any of them want to have to use, but at least they are now a little more prepared should they have to.



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November Training day was held in Aylesbury with Patrols being given the challenge to find out about the culture and Scouting in a couple of Countries and to do a presentation of there findings to the rest of the unit. This not only gave them a bit of an international dimension to there training, but also a chance to learn some presentation skills.

The unit is currently looking forward to its 5th training weekend which will be at Braid wood on 11-12th December, Where we are planning some Christmas themed activities including a Swedish Christmas dinner (not it is not reindeer!). The unit has invited the Composite patrol to join them for dinner and the training on the Sunday.

Badges and Hoodies

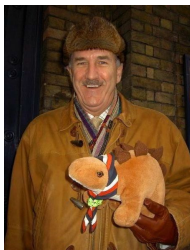
I am sure by now you will have seen the units Badge which was designed by the unit members. Thanks to all those that have purchased them to support the Units fund raising. If you have not got yours yet, they are available at £2 each from unit members. They are also available from Vale of Aylesbury Scout Shop and the Quarries Scout shops.



You may also have seen around the unit members showing off there very cool purple unit hoodies, very distinctive and easy to spot at a distance.

Captain Awesome

The unit mascot Captain Awesome has been travelling around the county with the unit members, and is starting to get recognised by many Cubs and Beavers along the way. He turns up at all sorts of County and unit events, and continues to meet famous and important people. His latest friend is Russ Abbott



Young Spokes Person

You will remember from the last bulletin that 12 of the unit had undertaken the HQ Young spokes person training, and had been getting them selves in the press. 3 more members of the unit Joined with others from other Jamboree unit in the south east for a Jamboree focused YSP training weekend at Gilwell.

If you have seen December Scouting Magazine you will also have seen one of the Unit members Mickey on the front cover as she was part of the Young editors team. You will also find another one Lucy mentioned inside, as she is one of the 'stars' of the latest couple of HQ videos



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gjgUxxoixZs>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h1N3mq7uAYI&feature=channel>

Mickey has also been involved in a recent interview on behalf of Scouting with Helen Skelton



(Blue Peter Presenter) which you can read at

http://www.facebook.com/note.php?note_id=158099020901819

Unit Website

The unit website www.bucksjamboree has its news and photo pages updated regularly (usually after each training event) so if you want to know what the unit has been up to please visit the site and have a browse, you never know what you might find in the photo section.