



The Grass Tree Gossip

Bullcreek/Leeming Kestral Cub Pack

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Where has the year gone? I hope everyone had a great break and we are ready to get into some fun activities for Term 4.

NEW ROLES AND NEW FACES

I would like to start off with a huge thank you to all the cubs, parents and leaders who have been so encouraging and supportive of me through my training, investment and adjustment period to my new role as Akela. I feel very privileged to be involved in this part of the kid's journey through their scouting life. So what does this mean? As Akela I will be responsible for leading the pack and running most of the activities. Stephen is not going anywhere though and he will still be very much involved in all aspects of the pack. Silvia (Chil) is absolutely invaluable as a leader and her organisation skills are second to none so she will still be running activities and keeping us on our toes. We are also very excited to welcome Paul on board as our newest leader-in-training and we look forward to him progressing through his training to eventually become a fully qualified leader. We would be completely lost without our fabulous parent helper Catherine who works tirelessly to help the cubs earn all their badges as well as running activities. We also welcome Pegah and Stuart to our parent helper ranks and we look forward to them being an active part of our pack.

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Thursday 18th October at 7:20pm there will be a short parent information night held at the hall for all parents who are interested in attending. Simon will be discussing youth and leader numbers, group finances, the three year cycle and our group committee among other things. More information to follow from Simon.

PARENT HELPER ROSTER – continuing

Our parent help roster is continuing this term, so please check the program to see if you are rostered on. With so many cubs we really need this help at meetings. Thanks.

DUTY SIX – important reminder

Parents please make sure that you check the program to see when your child's six is listed as duty six. It is important on those days that your child arrives 10 minutes early to help set up the activities for the night and remains behind at the end of the night to pack away and clean the hall. ALL members of the duty six are expected to help and they should not leave at the end of the night until all the jobs are complete and they have been dismissed by their sixer. Unfortunately at the moment it is all too often left to the same group of cubs to do the work and this is not acceptable. We must encourage all cubs to do their best and to help others.

BUSHCRAFT CAMP

It is time to dust off your sleeping bags and dilly bags because we are going on a camp! 16-18 November will be our annual pack camp and it will be themed around the Bushcraft level 1 badge. The camp will be held at Manjedal Activity Centre in Byford. We will be staying in tents and learning some bush and trail skills and having lots of fun! We will need plenty of parent helpers on the camp so if you would like to come along please chat to one of the leaders. If you don't have a working with children card please see us urgently so we can provide you with the forms you need to apply for one as you cannot stay overnight at camp without one.

Ask your cub to check their yellow badge book!

Last term we completed the *Self Expression Boomerang* section for all levels, we made gliders from the *Flight badge*, we made kub kars which can be used for the *Handcraft Boomerang* section or the wood sections of the *Handcraft or Handyworker badges*, we did a worksheet at the Aviation museum which can be used towards the *Local History badge*, we made compasses which can be used for *Bronze Boomerang Outdoor Scouting* and a chemical reaction on science night which can be used for the Scientist badge.

All of these things can be signed off in your cub's yellow badge book if they participated on those nights. Just get them to give their book to Catherine at cubs and ask her to sign off the appropriate sections if she hasn't