



3rd Waltham Abbey
Simba Cub pack
Parents Newsletter
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Welcome to 2012! The adventure continues! We have lots of successes to remember and plenty to look forward to in the new year.

Essex Cubs Camp challenge 2011

We successfully completed the challenge, with 5 cubs gaining all 3 badges and 7 more gaining 2 or 1 badge. Let's hope that this year, even more cubs will get involved in all our camping exploits.

Camps 2012

We already know that there will be an older cubs district camp Fri 11th-Sun 13th May and Simba summer camp will be 7-9th July. Other camps will be arranged and you will know as soon as I do.

Support the District events

Friday 10th February District night hike (creative challenge) cost paid by Akela
Saturday 24th March District Activity day (£5.00)

Visits this term-

Saturday 3rd March visit to the National Gallery and artist badge (tube fare only)
Monday 26th March Gilwell indoor climbing wall by popular demand from cubs.

Our cubs wanted to tell Scout HQ –

“Cubs is really interesting because it is a mixture of skills and fun”

Gilwell Park National Cubs activity day Sat 23rd June £15.00

Gilwell is the international home of scouting and we are lucky enough to have it on our doorstep. In June it hosts a national activity day. Tickets for this sell quickly, as you can imagine, as cubs come from all over England. Therefore I need a commitment now with the money, so that I can book accurately. This is not something I can book and then have cubs drop out- the money will be lost. So check your calendars carefully and bring your money clearly labelled in an envelope- Gilwell activity day and name of cub.

The Essex Challenge

7 cubs have completed every challenge September- December. Challenges this term are diverse and denoted by * on the plan (*March is a visit to the National Gallery on Saturday 3rd*)

Do support your cub in gaining as many Essex challenges as possible

Help needed and welcomed.

Some pack nights and visits need more adults- see the plan. If you would like to volunteer for anything to support cubs (e.g. time, typing, record keeping) I am always keen to hear from you. CRB checks will be needed for some roles. All help, a little and a lot, is welcomed. Thank you to all parents who helped last term in any way. We are the stronger as a pack as a result.



The visit to Colchester zoo was a great success

Subscriptions

Subs are still held at £2.50 per meeting, making subs for this term £27.50p.

Please pay Brian as soon as possible. If you are not already in the gift aid scheme and are a UK taxpayer, please ask Brian for a form. This means we can claim back money for cubs from the taxman. It is better off with us!

**Don't forget the website –
www.walthamabbeyscouts.org.uk
All plans for Simba are on there.**