



21st Romsey (Nursling & Rownhams) Scout Group



Several of the sections have taken advantage of the lighter summer evenings to do water-based activities. One group of Beavers tried paddle-boarding at the Southampton Water Activities Centre – I may be wrong, but the pictures I saw suggested it was more being ferried around on large boards than doing it themselves, but most importantly it was fun. Definitely paddling their own canoes that same evening were some of our Cubs, at the Woodmill activity centre. Here they were invited to try ever more dare-devil things until it was inevitable that some fell in, not that they seemed to mind as they all voluntarily jumped in at the end of the session. Taking things one step further were the Explorers, who built their own raft to participate, and come second, in the District raft race.



In the middle of June the County-led camp for Beavers was held at Ferny Crofts. Although it was only of one night's duration they packed-in an amazing number of activities, including climbing, archery, the assault course, cooking twists and armpit fudge (Google it), and a camp-fire. Both Beavers and their leaders had a fantastic time but, not surprisingly, were exhausted at the end of it. Besides having fun and cementing friendships many of the Beavers overcame personal challenges, whether that was being away from home for the first time or getting higher up the climbing wall than they ever thought possible. Well done to them and thank you to their leaders – all volunteers who do it simply because they believe in the value of Scouting.



As you read this three of our Explorers are coming to the end of a 3-week adventure in the USA; two at the World Scout Jamboree, one at the parallel Project 19 trip. We also have ex-21st Scouts, now adults, there as leaders. I'm sure the experience will help all of them in their future and that they will have many lasting memories.

Behind the scenes leaders and supporters ran stalls at the Rownhams School Fair, raising funds and fostering our profile in the community. Similarly several leaders assisted on the District Scout stand at the Mayor's Picnic in Romsey.

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