

## **Southern Norwich Explorer Scouts:**

### **July 2019 - June 2020**

We have 5 Explorer Units in the District, attached to Groups:

Raiders – Saxlingham Nethergate

Emu – Mulbarton

Pythons – Earlham

Skavenger – Cringleford

Vermin – 1<sup>st</sup> Norwich

We have attended several events together as a District

### **Gilwell24 July 2019**

We took 28 Explorers from the District for 24 hours of non-stop activities.

### **Beach BBQ 2019**

33 Explorers caught the train from Norwich to Cromer, had a game of rounders on the beach & cooked burgers & hotdogs

### **County Explorer Camp 2019**

24 Explorers & YLs attended the overnight Camp at EVAC

### **PrimEVIL 2019**

38 Explorers headed off for a night of blood-curdling fun at Lenwade, I think the Leaders enjoyed it most though!

### **Frosty Camp Jan 2020**

22 Explorers camped overnight at Cooper Lane Campsite, Norwich where they helped clear the site, chopping dead wood & cutting undergrowth.

### **BPA 2020**

36 Explorers made up several District Explorer Teams for this year's night hike in Southern Norfolk, with excellent results all round.

### **Unit Programmes:**

#### **Emu:**

Scuba diving, wide games & escape room for a Christmas treat. Yoga, dump hikes, shooting & a visit to Hethel Airbase 389th Bomb Group Memorial Exhibition.

A Unit camp took them to Chesterfield for a weekend at the beginning of March where they cycled the length of the Monasl Trail. The Unit planned their own camp, with minimum supervision from the Leaders.

## **Pythons:**

Map reading, climbing, coke can stoves, cooking & Archery. Pythons organised a summer sleepover at the Den in 2019 & they headed off to Gt Yarmouth Pleasure Beach for the day. They joined Earham Scout Group for a Christmas meal at Castle Carvery to finish off the year.

## **Raiders:**

Taskmaster/Dragons Den evening, archery, shooting and some work towards the Faith badge. Map & compass work, a dump hike, Ready, Steady, cook, axe throwing & pioneering. A canoe session with Waveney Valley Canoe Club, Summer Camp in August 2019 with 43<sup>rd</sup> Saxlingham Nethergate Scouts to Gradbach in the Peak District for some rock climbing, abseiling & caving, finished off with a trip to Alton Towers.

## **Skavenger:**

Shooting, a lot of time on the water including kayaking, sailing & sailing. They travelled to the Lake District in August 2019 for a weekend of water activities & a walking expedition. At the end of the year they were map making, climbing, snowboarding and making Christmas crafts. They also made a video to show at their Christmas meal where they made pizzas and watched a Christmas film. The New Year brought campfire cooking, first aid scenarios, navigation skills and much more, including coke can stoves to cook pancakes with.

## **Vermin:**

Assault course, cake decorating, a mystery night, hikes, a chocolate night! A quiz & Explorers Got Talent night & an International Evening. A Hill walking weekend, staying in Hathersage, Derbyshire, hiking in the Peak District.

**GTS Challenge** – The challenges to win the Golden Toilet Seat are held every couple of months, hosted by different Explorer Units on a rotation basis. The hosts come up with a theme for the challenge, from water activities to World Record Breaking challenges.

## **Young Leader Module A Training Course**

17 Explorers & Young Leaders attended a Module A Training Course at Cringleford HQ. Plans were also made to hold training events & residential weekends in the future, offering training for the other YL Modules.

## **Leaders Training**

A few of the Leaders have now successfully completed their Nights Away Adviser training.

We continue to use OSM successfully.

As always, a massive thanks to the all Explorer leaders in the District for their hard work over the past year, keeping it together whilst relying on Zoom for the past few months too.

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