

Beechwood Troop on a Monday have had another active year of scouting where the scouts have taken part in some adventurous activities, learned traditional scout skills along with skills for life and have experienced a variety of camping at Troop, Group and national/international level.



The Scouts have done the following:-

CAMPING:- – **Daviot Survival Skills Camp (April 2018)** – They made a pizza in a campfire oven, slept underneath the stars in a Bivvy. They also took part in team building including pioneering and obstacle course.

Lochter Group Camp (May 2018) – All the scout troops and cub packs camped together at Oldmeldrum and experienced activities like kayaking, climbing wall, zip line, target shooting, archery and water zorbing.

Blair Atholl International Jamborette (July 2018) – A number of scouts along with leaders Stephen and Alaster attended the huge biennial camp in Perthshire as Satellite Campers.

Bike Camp (October 2018) – The troop cycled from Westhill to Templars Park, Maryculter and once there they took part in cycling activities at the campsite.

Templars Park (March 2019) – In a lead up to a national camp called Highland Adventure in May the scouts practised being self sufficient.

HIKES, BIKES & EXPEDITIONS:- Over the year the troop had a cycle skills night at the woods beside the scout hut and also had a cycle evening exploring Templars Park. We also practised navigation by holding a summer night hike at Hill of Fare and in December 2018 an evening hike at Brimmond Hill.

ADVENTURE:- As well as activity camps the scouts tried sailing at the Loch of Skene, went swimming at the local pool, held an Athletics night and also went to Aberdeen Snowsports for a taster session of Snowboarding.

SKILLS:- Over the year the scouts tried some home skills as well as traditional scouting skills like pioneering (building bridges), fire lighting, axe/saw skills, cooking on stoves and fires, and shelter building at Carnie Woods. They also received a talks from Police Scotland on online safety.

CREATIVE:- The scouts showed their creative side by having an International Cooking evening trying dishes from around the world and on Pancake evening competed to make the best pancake.

BADGE REPORT:- Over the year a variety of badges were awarded for Navigator, Sailing, Time on the Water, Snowsports as well as most of the Challenge badges (Outdoor, Teamwork, Team Leader, Skills, Creative, Adventure and World). It's also excellent to see the number of 'Night Away' increasing.

Stephen, Mark, Al, Vicky and Peadar