



PRO-BADGE

ANNUAL REVIEW

2018/2019



PROGRAMME



Arrive

Presentation of the Annual Review Report by the
Camp Leader

Presentation of the Junior Pro-badge Awards

Certificates for completing all Cub courses

Presentation of the Pro-badge Awards

Taz Award - Pioneer Badge

Percy Pig – Expedition Challenge

Presentation of the Pro-badge Collective Award

Certificates for completing all Scout courses

Presentation of the Pro-badge Special Award

Questions and Answers

Cake Cutting



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Camp Leaders Report 2018-2019

This has been my seventh season as camp leader, and I am pleased to say that Pro-badge is going from strength to strength. I have enjoyed myself and the feedback from the Cubs and Scouts is that they have also enjoyed themselves too.

This season we started off slightly differently with our annual review on the Thursday evening before the weekend. It was good to see so many young people, parents and leaders there.

This past season of the Pro-badge Training Scheme started on Friday 19th October 2018.

We ran the Our Adventure Challenge badge for the cubs, and it was good to welcome back some familiar faces and lots of cubs who had not been on Pro-badge before. Activities included archery, water rockets and slacklining plus we brought back our old favourite dough twists. The cubs and scouts sang very loudly at the campfire – their voices could be heard all over the site.

Woozle, Piggy, Ashley, Lurch, Fox and I took the cubs out on a hike on Sunday morning. This was the first time I had done this particular hike and the both the cubs and leaders enjoyed themselves.

The Scouts took part in the Chef badge which saw the patrols cooking lunch and dinner over open fires on Saturday they all coped extremely well and were very lucky with the weather. They also cooked their breakfast on the Sunday morning in the kitchen, as well as learning about menu planning, fire lighting and camp hygiene. This was the first time Larry had run this badge and had some new team members. I would like to thank all of them for their efforts over the weekend.



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The 2nd weekend took place on the weekend of 23rd-25th November 2018.

The Scouts took part in the Pioneer badge. The weekend involved creating both large and small pioneering projects. The projects this year included a large Swing Boat, as well as an indoor project, making ballista's and lots of practice of knots and lashings. A lot of this took place outside in between the heavy rain showers on the Saturday though they did get a little wet from the drizzle.

We also ran the Explorer Pioneer badge in parallel with the Scout Pioneer badge, this course is an extension of what is learnt on the pioneer badge with an emphasis on larger projects as well as things such as models, blocks and tackle, risk assessments and the amount of supervision required whilst taking part in pioneering. This year we had eight explorers which was a good number to assist and instruct the Scouts we had.

We ran the Navigator Stage 2 badge for the Cub Scouts the activities included walks, 4 figure grid references, making their own maps and learning all about map symbols.

The 3rd weekend took place in January. We ran the Pioneer badge for Cub Scouts along with the first weekend of the Scout Expedition Challenge course. We also ran the Forester Badge for Scouts.

It was great to welcome back a Scout to Pro-badge who travelled all the way from their new home in the Netherlands to attend the expedition challenge course over the weekend. Not many Scouts have to catch an aeroplane to attend a Pro-badge course.



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The Scouts on the Expedition Challenge badge course had their training weekend. The group was a doing very well on the Saturday until lunchtime when unfortunately, the weather changed, and it got wet and slowed them down a bit. The leaders with them allowed them to get misplaced, a lesson well learnt. They all arrived back safely at Lyons Copse all be it a bit muddy and tired. The Sunday was spent planning for the second weekend and learning about safety and emergency procedures.

It was a cold and wet weekend however the Scouts on the Forester badge enjoyed themselves learning how to coppice, fell trees, plant new ones and a bit on how to do fencing. They also learnt about wood management and the safety of the activities they took part in. This was very successful, and the scouts got a lot out of the weekend.

The Cubs on the Pioneer Course managed to build several projects including a mini tower, ladder and a ballista using knots and lashings. They also all made a piece of rope and a knot board. We had a new team of leaders running the course this year and they did extremely well and have some good ideas for the future.

On the February weekend, we ran the Navigator Stage 3 badge for both Cub Scouts and Scouts. We also ran the environmental conservation badge for Cub Scouts.

Navigator Stage 3 took place over a nice dry weekend with all the cubs and scouts still getting muddy during the hike on the Saturday afternoon. The course involved lots of map and compass work including a hike on the Saturday afternoon which also qualifies as a Hikes Away. The young people navigated the leaders round the route giving them the opportunity to get the leaders temporarily misplaced (we are never lost). The course also involved making contour models of hills using potatoes, as well as lots of practise of Grid References, symbols and setting a map.



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The environmental conservation course saw the cubs learning about water conservation, and recycling. They also made models of houses with solar panels and LED lights.

The March weekend saw nine Scouts successfully complete the Expedition Challenge badge. This badge is run in countryside which is unfamiliar to the scouts and is therefore run away from Lyons Copse. Special mention has to go to Sian who flew over from her home in the Netherlands to complete this second weekend and the badge. This year we were very lucky with the weather as it was mainly dry with just a small shower on the Saturday. This did mean that we woke up with ice on our tents on the Sunday morning though!

The Scouts also gave their presentations on what they had learned or researched for their projects. The project and work done over the weekends all contributes to the Percy Pig award which is presented at our annual review.

Congratulations must also go to one of the leaders on the weekend Richard Smith who has just returned from climbing Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa for a significant birthday treat to himself.

On the April weekend we ran the Chef and Backwoods Cooking badges for Cub Scouts and the Camper badge for Scouts.

The Camper course had two patrols camping and the Scouts spent Friday evening putting up tents and arranging their sites. On Saturday they learnt about site layouts, how to look after their kit and equipment, followed by making gadgets. They then cooked their dinner over an open fire and breakfast on gas stoves. This was followed by striking camp and returning all the equipment clean and tidy.



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Unfortunately, this year we had to cancel the Survival Skills course due to low Scout numbers with several cancelling in the week before the camp. However, the two scouts left booked on were able to transfer to the Camper badge course.

The Chef and Backwoods Cooking courses for the cubs also had low numbers this year. However, the cubs successfully cooked on a trench fire for lunch and then for the Chef Badge cooking a chicken dinner on Gas. They of course also had instruction on hygiene as well as preparing the food (cutting and peeling) and clearing up afterwards. On the Sunday morning they cooked popcorn over the fire to demonstrate what they had learnt about on the previous day.

New 30th Season – 2019-2020

We are looking for new members to join the leadership team, could you help, please speak to either myself, Snowy or Midge. You do not need to be a leader or have a lot of experience we can always find something for you to do.

We had some confusion on some weekends over the booking process, so I have outlined it below.

- 1, Decide which course(s) you wish to attend
- 2, Contact me either by email or telephone to check on spaces and get your name added to the list. This guarantees you a place on the course.
- 3, I will email or send you the badge details and permission to camp forms.
- 4, Send the forms and monies back to me.



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We are keeping the prices the same. We are also keeping our early payment discount. If you pay at least two weeks before you will get an early payment discount. This is because we have had Cubs and Scouts who have booked on not turn up for weekends or book very late. We have to order things like food a week before and if a Cub or Scout does not turn up we will have already paid for this. Conversely if a Cub or Scout books on late we must ensure that they are catered for, this can be especially difficult if they have special dietary needs.

A lot of people have helped me through my seventh season, and I would like to thank them all, specialists, experts, cub friends, cook house team, senior patrol, first aid and stores team. I would also like to thank the members of the executive committee who have supported me behind the scenes as well over the weekends. A lot of work is done by a few people to ensure that the weekends are a success for the Cubs and Scouts.

The 30th season of Pro-badge is just beginning, and the Scout Chef course was full by the middle of September along with good early bookings on all the courses before Christmas.

Looking forward to the 2019/2020 season and seeing you all on the courses.

Scissors / Clive Clark

Camp Leader

The Awards

The first awards we are presenting are the certificates for completing five Cub Scout Courses. This usually takes two seasons to complete but can be done in one if the Cub Scout is especially keen.

This year the awards go to:

Jack Allen	61st Portsmouth
Oscar Bramble	61st Portsmouth
Edward Mossop	Basingstoke Air Scouts
William Green	61st Portsmouth
Chloe Harding	9th Winchester

The second award is the Taz award for the Cub Pioneer badge. This is the first year we have presented this award and it goes to the person who showed the most improvement over the weekend.

The nominations for the award are:

Jonah Ball	5th Portsmouth
William Green	61st Portsmouth
Toby Redmill	2nd New Forest North (Stanleys Own)

The third award is the Percy Pig award for the Expedition Challenge badge. This badge takes two weekends to complete with the first at Lyons Copse and the second in unfamiliar country.

The nominations for the award are:

Max Messenger	5th Portsmouth
James Scognamiglio	3rd Winchester
Amelia Silsbury	2nd Fareham

The Pro-badge Special Award is awarded to the adult or the team of adults that the executive committee members feel have put an extra effort into their role or roles. This could be for a one off event or over the season or other seasons. The members of the executive are not eligible for this award. This year it is going to a team.

The Pro-badge Collective is the board that is displayed on the wall in Lyons Lodge by the kind permission of the Solent Scout Training Centre. This lists the Scouts who have completed all the Scout Activity badges that Pro-badge offer at that time as the number and subjects of badges change as the badges change over the years. This year we are adding three names to the board.

Mathieu Loran 1st Swanmore
Ryan Harding 9th Winchester
Ashley Taylor 61st Portsmouth

Junior Pro-badge – Cub Report on the 2018/2019 Season

“it’s really fun” Learning how to cook popcorn in coke cans was great!”

“Water tank noisy” “My favourite activity has been the night games with glow sticks”

“I like the forest” “One of the dormitories is too light and the radiator too small”

“uncomfy beds!” “I liked the food we made” “making new friends”

“I like running in the field and going to bed late” “cooking sandwiches in the trench was amazing”

“We really enjoyed making new friends” “I like the big hikes”

“I liked the soup we made” “Put the menu online in advance and have more biscuit breaks”

“The beds aren’t that comfortable, and the mattresses are really hard

“I like seeing my friends here and the campfires. The campfire was nice and toasty.”

“I liked watching the flames form the campfire and the hear. I would have liked it to be a bit longer” “I’m going to come back and do all the camps”

At the end of a busy April Pro-badge after completing their Backwoods Cooking and Chef Activity badges, we asked the cubs for their views on Pro-badge – for some cubs April was their first Pro-badge – for others it was their last cub weekend before progressing to Scouts.

My thoughts on the 2018/2019

- Hot and sunny weather for October weekend
- Cubs learning to work together on Navigator badge and whilst having fun
- The determination shown by cubs on Pioneer weekend was amazing – learning knots is not easy and what the cubs achieved was fantastic
- As part of their Environmental Conservation our group of 6 groups had a great time clearing a ditch at Lyons Copse – my thanks to Ashley Franklin one of the scout team who organised this activity.
- Cubs helping each other
- Barn Owl stepping down as specialist on Chef Badge – she has created and run a very successful badge for several years and we are extremely grateful.

When we have our welcome chat with just the cubs – I say to them that the most important thing is for them to have fun – this can’t be achieved without the hard work, patience, enthusiasm and support of everyone at Pro-badge to whom I’d like to say a massive

THANK YOU. I would also like to thank the parents who have helped us out by turning up early in a Sunday afternoon to help clean the building – this does make a big difference to us and is much appreciated.

In 1999 we ran an experimental weekend at Lyons Copse in The Lodge to see if the idea of Junior Pro-Badge could work – 20 years later we are still going strong and looking forward to the new season. We are always looking for new leaders to help for all/part of a weekend.....if you think you can help please get in touch.

THANK YOU.....THANK YOU.....THANK YOU THANK YOU.....THANK YOU.....THANK YOU
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Midge Clark

My Life in Pro-badge

by Snowy

I joined Pro-badge at the start in 1990 as a Venture Scout and continued working as part of the team, although my role has progressed. I have worked as part of the service crew, cook house team, assisted with badges and am now part of the executive committee as an assistant camp leader.

At Pro-badge we all work 24/7, we deal with a variety of good and not so good!! situations, but whilst working hard we all laugh. The laughs and humour are an important part of the Pro-badge family. The hard work and great laughs among everyone are excellent reasons to turn up at Pro-badge knowing before you go that you will have an enjoyable weekend.

Although I have supported Pro-badge, Pro-badge has supported me. Pro-badge has allowed me to learn and progress in life building my confidence allowing me to meet my achievements. Pro-badge has given me evidence for my CV and supported me through key events in my life - marriage and two children.

I have found lifelong friends within Pro-badge, it is like an extended family. I can call on anyone of the team for help and support. My children since they were born have been nurtured and supported as part of the family.

Over my 30 years with Pro-badge I have seen lots of the team get married, have children and progress from Cubs to now part of the team (making me feel old!).

GREAT MEMORIES AND FRIENDSHIPS xx