BUZZARDS ANNUAL REPORT 2014

Buzzards Scout Troop has 27 scouts (23 boys, 4 girls).
During our meetings we have tried pioneering, swimming, fire-lighting, cooking, wide games, bell boating, camping skills, and orienteering.

We enjoyed a great summer camp with the Merlins in the Peak District which included a trip to Alton Towers! Some of our other activities were bridge building, canoeing, climbing, hiking and visiting Jodrell Bank.

We started the autumn term with an adventurous camp at Chalfont heights. The camp included sleeping hammocks tied to trees, pioneering, high rope course, crate stacking and rifle shooting. In the winter term we had a sub-zero camp that did hit sub-zero temperatures at night and the morning.

We also competed in the Berkshire Dragonboat Regatta, and in the District Flag Competition (a camping competition).
This summer we will be joining with Merlins again to camp at the international WINGS Camp.

The scouts had real fun entertaining an audience at the Group Gang Show! The scouts have achieved and learnt a lot of electronics/electrics this included wiring and building lap tops from just their components. We also linked with Spanish Scout group where we shared pictures and stories. We also ran a traditional Spanish Scout evening with their customs and gangs. The Scouts also had success cooking some Spanish dishes.

We had 2 Scouts that achieved their Gold award earlier in the year and we have a few more Scouts that are due to be awarded their award shortly.   There have been number of badges achieved, outdoor, adventure, Global and community challenge badges plus first aid badges.

Thanks
Many thanks go to Andy Newman for all the mentoring over past 18 months, and the other assistant leaders Mike Newman, Noe Garcia, Mark Binyon and to our occasional helper Andrew Price. Thanks also to all our Young Leaders, Hannah Fairhead, Conal Watterson, Aonghas Mckay and Lewis Parker. They have all had to listen to me 'Wing it' over the past year ??!!!??

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