



MERLINS ANNUAL REPORT 2019

Programme Highlights

Merlins Scout Troop currently has 27 scouts (24 boys, 3 girls) who enjoy a wide range of activities. During our meetings we have tried rifle shooting, cooking, wide games, sailing, hiking, Pinewood Derby model car making and race, firelighting, first aid, map-reading, orienteering, mountain biking and climbing. The scouts have achieved outdoor, adventure and creative challenge badges plus sailing, pioneering and dragon boat badges. We got involved in the community by visiting the fire station and completing the fire safety badge.

We have just competed in the annual Berkshire Dragonboat Regatta. We had a great summer camp in the New Forest, which included sea-kayaking, archery and a visit to Brownsea Island where we had a tree climbing competition! In June we had a camp at Earleywood in Ascot where we had a good day of hiking and a night sleeping in hammocks for some.

This summer we are looking forward to camping at Great Tower Scout Site in the Lake District where we plan to spend time hiking in the hills and kayaking on Lake Windermere. In September we camped at Paccar site and tried out the high ropes course and tomahawk throwing!

We are now starting to look forward WINGS 2020, an exciting international jamboree-style camp. Get ready to sign up!

Thanks

My thanks go to all the Merlins leaders, Craig, Alex, Jason and Alastair for their valuable and inventive contributions to the troop. A special thanks to Alastair for all his support as he now leaves us to live in London. Thanks also to our young leaders Josh, James and Dillon and to our supportive parents.

Fiona Fairhead (Scout Leader)