

# 5th West Bromwich Boys Brigade

## Camp Newsletter 2012 - Goblin Combe



### Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> July

After an easy journey down we arrived safely and settled into our home for the week. Stowing our kit in our rooms and storing away our food after tesco's delivery, we had our lunches and went to explore the site and the woods. We all then played a variety of games on the field as the weather was so good. Later we had tea, followed by a casino evening and then bed in readiness for our first full day on Sunday.

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July



We woke up to a beautiful day. After breakfast we had morning prayers, camp bank, canteen and inspection. Then we all piled on the mini buses and set off for a day at Weston-super-mare. We spent the day playing on the beach; rounders, cricket, digging holes and sandcastles. We had our packed lunch and continued playing bowls and rounders. We ended our day with ice creams and then returned to the centre. After showers to wash away the sand, we had a much needed tea as all were hungry after a busy day enjoying the sunshine. The evening was filled with games outside then supper, epilogue and bed.

### Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

Another Cloudless sky greeted us as we woke. With the temperatures high we stayed in the centre. After breakfast we had morning prayers, bank, canteen etc. We all settled down to make rockets out of pop bottles. We filled them with water, pumped them up and launched them into the air. We ate lunch in the shaded woods as the field was just too hot. As a way to cool down, we decided on a water fight. It started out with water bombs and pistols, with Staff V Kids. However, this quickly progressed into bottles, bowls, buckets and pans to soak each other and keep cool. After tea, we split into two teams for a game of 'Play your cards right', followed by supper, epilogue and bed.



### Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July

Today was another beautiful day with us stopping at the centre again. After breakfast we had an Olympic quiz and activity booklet to complete. We then went onto the field for our own mini Olympics. The events included Archery, Running, Target Golf and skill games. The Olympic theme continued after lunch with three teams setting off around the site on a code breaking challenge with sports representing the alphabet. After some free time to play we had tea. Then we went on to split into three teams again for evening entertainment of The Cube. Great fun was had by all, with the lads challenging the staff at the end.

### Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July

After our usual start to the day the Juniors split up with Company Section as they went off for a trip to the Mendip Adventure Centre for a morning on the assault course. A great time was had with the lads being challenged to scale walls, squeeze through tubes, plunge into muddy water, then returning to the Camp to put up tents as they were going to spend the night under canvas.



Meanwhile, the Juniors set off for Puxton park farm. At the park they started with the adventure playground, then karting, assault course followed by sheep racing with them all choosing a sheep. Miles managed to choose the winner and collected a prize. After lunch they went to the main arena to watch a falconry display, then going on to have a hands on experience flying the owls. They flew a barn owl, brown owl, ugly owl and little owl. After this, they went on to look at all the animals and finish the day in the play barn with drop slides, tunnels and rope ladders. After tea and a very tiring day, everyone settled down to watch Puss in Boots, then bed after another great day.

### Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July

We woke to another great day. After our usual start to the day we all set off for a day at Cheddar Gorge. When we arrived we set off to explore the caves. We were all given an audio guide to help us explore the caves. After this, we then went on to the museum of pre-historic history where we dug for artifacts and dressed up in skins and furs. Then we visited another cave for the Crystal Quest which was exciting but scary. We also climbed 274 steps up the cliffside and then another 42 to the top of a look-out tower for beautiful views over the valleys. We then descended for a well deserved ice cream before making our way back to the centre for tea, after which we had a night of bingo followed by supper, epilogue and bed.



### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July

We woke to a slightly cooler day. After our usual start to the day we loaded the mini buses and headed off to the local swimming baths where we had 2 & 1/2 hours in the water with the pool practically to ourselves. We returned to the centre for lunch. We then went on to play games on the field and later putting on our wellies and set off to explore the Combe which was rather muddy even after a week of sunshine. When arriving back at the centre we went on to play rounders followed by a campfire and BBQ with the presentations and thank you's before the final epilogue. Where did the week go?



### Camp Photograph 2012

#### Thank You

I would like to thank everyone involved in making it a memorable camp. A big thank you to the ladies of the church for all of the cakes and John Chambers, Keith Llewellyn and Iris Reynolds for ice cream money.

Thank you Julie Dixon - Officer In Charge

