

County Cub Skills Competition - 11th June 2011



On Saturday, 11th June Grant, Emily D and me went to Tawd Vale for a Cub Competition. During the competition we completed 9 bases, which were: fire building, bird feeding (makers), Global and Environment, Map Reading, First Aid, Skills Task, Building a Bridge, Shelter making and Fun Base. We were a mixed team, us and 3 Cubs from the 12th Walton on the Hill, who were Emily, Emily and Rainbow. We had to work together as part of a team and communicate with each other to get the most points we could. We also had a lot of fun on each base.

The day started off by meeting up outside the Church at 8.45am, we got to Tawd Vale Scout Camp for 9.30am and had a look round at the bases as they were getting put together. Our first base was the Fun Base we had to get across a grid and not get wet, we had to answer questions and do actions, but we all ended up wet and laughing. Our next base was Global and Environment where we had to put Countries to Capital Cities and also Countries to Flags which was quite hard; on the Environment side we had to discuss what was recyclable and not.

Next was the skills task, where we had to work as a team to fill 3 tubes up which were "nuclear reactors" that were damaged and we could not go beyond the perimeter. We had a hose, bucket of water and 5 pieces of string. So how did we do it? We used 2 pieces of string and tied both ends to the hose, then we had 2 people to a string and pulled it each side over the perimeter fence and put it in the tube. Then 2 people kept pumping the hosepipe until we could see the nuclear reactor (yellow pin pong ball). We did this the quickest and we knew what to do straight away. So we got to play blowing the balls out of the tube.

Then it was First Aid, which was very easy - but we all need to learn again. As we finished early, we had a singsong on a tree log trying to do the Hokey Cokey. We then went to map reading where 3 of us were finding places on the map and 3 were drawing a map from instructions. Then it was dinner time.

After dinner, we went to our next base which was Bird Feeding. First we warmed the fat up and mixed it together with bird seed, put it in foam cups with string and a trig in to hang it up with. Next was building a bridge that could stand up by itself between 2 points, but ours fell down! Then Shelter Making, we had a piece of plastic and some poles and we were talking about how to do it and split up in to smaller teams to go about building the shelter. But Grant came up with the best idea - use 1 pole bang it in the ground and put the sheet over the top and all of us hold it down while we were underneath. We got the full 10 points for this - thanks Grant! Finally, it was fire building, we built a small fire and kept it going for 20 minutes, which was easy.



After all the bases, we had a ceremony where all 13 teams were given medals and certificates for taking part, then the winners and the 2 runners up were announced. AND WE CAME SECOND! And we got a trophy. We then went to the shop and had a go in the play area, before we came home. We all had a good day and loads of fun.

by Emily McDonough - 1st WOTH (10 years)

Pictured: Cubs from 1st and 12th WOTH with Steve Ford (Assistant County Commissioner Cubs) and Isabella Meek (County Cub Leader) and their trophy. Congratulations!