

DISTRICT PATROL LEADERS' FORUM HELD ON 6TH JUNE 2009

The first district patrol leaders' forum in recent years was held on Saturday 6th June. It was attended by scouts from 4 troops:

53rd Lancaster: Peter Law and Finlay Sargent

3rd Morecambe: Anie-Beth Martin and Mathew Lees

16th Morecambe: Alex Briggs and Ben Moore

1st Overton: Tom Whitehead, Adrian Worsnop and Donovan Hill

The session was assisted by Bridget and Mark Worsnop and Alan Hague.

The forum ran from 09:30 until 12:00, there were some sessions where the patrol leaders were split into 3 groups and had some discussion sessions broken by games and refreshments.

In the first session they noted down their views on the activities that had been run by the district team over the past 12 months. They were happy with the majority of the activities and the way they had been organised. They thought that the quiz was good but some of the questions were a little difficult. They would like to see some more challenging activities for the camping competition. The swimming gala they thought could have been better organised on the night, to mention just a few.

After a refreshment break and game the patrol leaders elected a chairperson for the morning and then a secretary to organise and record their thoughts on how the morning had gone.

They said:

It was fun, interesting, it worked, brought us all together, good socialising.

We would like to do this again because it gave us chance to put our point across and to reflect on previous events.

We would like to do it every 6 months moving around different headquarters. We could improve by having more patrol leaders come along.

I echo their views and feel next time the scout leaders should try to encourage 2 patrol leaders from each troop to attend. It is another way of improving communication within the district. Please can scout leaders support this event next time we hold one, it could be your headquarters that we want to meet at.

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