

Listed below is **ALL** the comments and feedback received from the Cub Skills Day on 19th February 2006. **Our replies are included where appropriate to answer the queries raised.**

Areas which I have found useful

- Programmes for meetings and camps
- Refresher on rules etc
- Programme for cub camps and meetings
- Camping Guidelines
- Lamps & stoves
- All of it
- Handouts good
- 3 Year Programme and website
- Camping Guidelines was very useful
- Programme Ideas
- Nights Away Information
- All of them
- Tent Pitching
- Camp info
- Firelighting
- All – especially camp programme ideas

Areas which I would like to have learnt more

- Would have liked the opportunity to do all 4 bases after lunch

Response : We always try to find the balance between giving everyone the opportunity to cover as much as possible, information overload on those that attend, making the day too long, and also consider trying to make the best of the time that those who run the bases can give us on the day. Unfortunately on this day, we did have to change the staffing of 2 of our bases in the last week on personal grounds, and we were very grateful to those who stepped in at the last minute. We do repeat bases at other Skills Days, so you will get the opportunity to do those bases on another day.

- Fire Lighting

Response : This is a difficult topic to cover on Skills Days as to discuss the different types of fires, different types of wood and their burning properties, to go and collect wood, to prepare wood, and then to light a fire is going to take a long while. We have tried to light fires at previous skills days, and had the opposite comments. This time we tried to cover some of the information to help you get the materials together to build your fire. This was how the base was described on the material put out – “A chance to discuss....”

- Be able to put tents up outside

Response : Unfortunately this was a base that was effected by a last minute staff change – which also meant equipment having to found from an alternative source the day before. We were asked not to put the tents up outside by the Group that lent them to us. It is hoped to provide this base again in the near future, where we will endeavour to ask for information on booking your places as to the types of tents you'd like to practice with, and try to provide them.

- More Practical Skills

Response : We would be interested to know what Practical Skills you have in mind. As all our feedback is anonymous unfortunately we can't contact you to find out.

Any ideas for future Skills Day

- I get really stuck when it comes to Games

Response : As part of the 3 year programme session, you were provided with details of approx 15 games. You were also advised details of where to find the Stevenage Scouting website which has a Games Resources area. We do usually provide a Games session at Skills Days, but on this occasion decided to spend more time on camping bases.

- A practical demo of some games would be really useful

Response : Playing games with the adults at a Skills Day is always a difficult decision to make – as not all adults are always willing to participate. Our Skills Day are designed such that Adults don't feel they are under pressure to do things, and that is a positive point of the days that we don't think should be changed.

Maybe an option is for us to look at arranging for 15-20 Cubs to be at the Skills Day for an hour for a Games Session. This is something we will discuss the pros and cons of doing for a future Skills Day.

- Same Again – so we can try another base

Response : We always try to repeat bases at future Skills Days so everyone has the opportunity to cover bases they didn't attend previously, or so they can attend again to pick up extra ideas.

Other Comments

- Always good
- You meet like minded people to chat
- Well presented and organised.
- Had fun – thank you
- Would like to have gone outside

Response – Unfortunately I think you were alone on that one!

- Another useful day to meet others, share ideas and update on areas needed.
- Very interesting – well put together
- Very good and interesting information
- Excellent
- Tea and biscuits was wonderful!
- Good Session
- Lots of Information
- Great Day – good refresher as been a leader for 20 years.
- Thank you for the time and effort you put into gathering all this information