

Listed below is **ALL** the comments and feedback received from the Cub Skills Day on 30th October 2005. **Our replies are included where appropriate to answer the queries raised.**

Areas which I have found useful

- Behaviour Control
- World Religions
- Resources and enthusiasm
- All of it
- Good to have things I can use to validate my leader training
- Planning, behaviour and resources
- Knotting and the resource material
- Program on a plate
- Everything
- Program Planning and Knot work
- All areas of it – excellent refresher
- Good links to further resources
- Fantastic resources and enthusiasm – if I can adapt the programme for my pack I can put some energy into getting a new leader!

Areas which I would like to have learnt more

- Camp Planning
Response : This is a resource in development, and planned for release in 2006.
- Names and contact details of those who attended
Response : You are more than welcome to exchange contact details with those present, our main contact email address of cubs@herts-scouts.net was mentioned several times, so you can get in touch with those that ran the courses via the County Cub Team.
- Behaviour
Response : It is very difficult to provide more information on how to control behaviour as each behaviour “issue” is often for unique reasons. We cover some of the general methods of dealing with behaviour – but appreciate that these will not deal with every situation – but should give some basic guidelines of how issues should be dealt with.
- A bit more practical stuff (eg playing some of the games)
Response : We do tend to vary the Skills Day – this one due to the time of year was planned to be an indoor less practical day. Some of the summertime Skills Days have involved a lot more outdoor practical sessions. 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, we certainly think at this Skills Day with the Games session last after a long day it would not have been appropriate to attempt this.

Any ideas for future Skills Day

- Simple (cold) cooking
- Simple Cooking

Response : We will look into providing a Simple Cooking ideas resource sometime in the future...

- Craft ideas for boys

Response : This is part of the 3 year programme – most term programmes include various creative ideas as part of the balanced programme for boys and girls. There are also craft ideas available within the badge resources available online.

- Camp
- Camp Ideas
- Camping generally
- Skills necessary for outdoor camping

Response : This is a resource in development, and planned for release in 2006. However it should be noted that Module 16 is designed to provide training on camp planning, administration and some camping skills, and the Skills Day are not designed to replace this essential Module of Adult Training. Also, ideas and more information can be found in the Nights Away folder available from your Scout Shop or the Info Centre.

- Games with a parachute

Response : This is a very specialised topic as not many packs have access to a parachute.

We suggest a web-search on “parachute games” will provide you with many resources and ideas

- Follow-Up on Knotting

Response : We do provide Knotting at about 50% of our Skills Day, the booklet is also available online, and dont forget your Scout Troop, or Scout Fellowship are useful resources to assist with Knotting.

- Backwoods Cooking

Response : We have covered Firelighting at Skills Day, and Firelighting will be available at future Skills Day. However, we feel that Backwoods Cooking is an advanced Skill that could not be covered properly at a Skills Day – and probably not something you would attempt with your Cub Pack either. We are sure a local Scout Leader would be more than willing to invite you along to a Backwoods Cooking activity and give you the opportunity to be involved and learn.

- Wide Games

Other Comments

- A very good day – thankyou
- Really Useful
- Thank you for a most informative morning
- Thanks – you can never have 2 much information
- Fantastic gift to a starter like me
- Thanks
- Excellent day all round. Materials and ideas gratefully received. Many thanks

- Could we have an email address where we could ask the odd questions that might come up, or a discussion forum??

Response : Our contact email addresses (or at least where to find them) were mentioned several times throughout the day – you can email cubs@herts-scouts.net, or click on the links from the resources section of the www.stevenagescouting.org.uk website. There is a discussion forum on the Stevenage Scouting website, which if you wish to register on – you are more than welcome to post questions and ideas.

- Would have like a general introduction by other participants and a chance to share ideas and problems.

Response : We don't feel a general introduction of people attending is beneficial to the day. Although this day was quite busy, there was the opportunity for leaders to talk to each other at lunchtime, and at the end of the day. At some other Skills Day we have provided a more social element, but have tended to find people leave at the first opportunity when there has been no structured content.