



## Epsom Beavers away in Surrey woods

Beavers and adults from **8th/14th Epsom (Air Scouts)** and **3rd Epsom (St Martins)** joined over 400 Beavers and leaders from other Surrey Scout groups. **Beavers Go Wild** is an overnight camp which is held at Bentley Copse Activity Centre, south of Guildford, which is owned by Surrey Scouts.

During last weekend over 50 activities were on offer including Zip Line, Go Karts, climbing, caving, bouncy castles, making large bubbles, giant games, target slingshot paintballing, assault course and many more. In addition, young Beavers got to learn about Rail Safety by Network Rail who brought their train set, which is part of giving Scouting "skillsforlife".



Denise Iverson, Assistant County Commissioner (Beaver Scouts), said: "Fun and Friends, it was great seeing all the children and leaders meeting new and old friends".

Beaver Scouts are 6-8 years old, the next section on from Squirrels which are 4-6 years old.

**Barnaby** a Beaver Scout aged 6.5 from **Epsom & Ewell**, said: "I liked the campfire because it was nice and toasty." Evelyn a Beaver Scout aged 6 from Farnham, said: "I liked the Zip Line as it feels like you are flying when you are doing it." Matthew a Beaver Scout aged 7 from Pyford, said: "I liked doing all the activities with my friends."

Finley a Beaver Scout aged 6.5 from Haslemere, said: "I liked the cave maze because there was lots of different ways out and campfire because there was lots of singing." Jayden a Beaver Scout aged 7 from Sunbury, said: "I liked the cave maze because I



like the dark.” Rory a Beaver Scout aged 7 from Farnham, said: “I liked the rock climbing as it was fun and challenging.” Vivian a Beaver Scout aged 7 from Farnham, said: “I liked the arts and crafts and I made some rope.”

All genders, races and backgrounds are welcome at Scouts. Every week, it gives almost half a million people aged 4-25 the skills they need for school, college, university, the job interview, the important speech, the tricky challenge and the big dreams: the skills they need for life.

Scouts helps members gain these skills by encouraging them to ask the big questions and listen with wide open minds. It helps them to take a deep breath and speak up, think on their feet, ignore the butterflies and go for it. With Scouts, young people don't give up – they get back up and try again, often with the support of the friends they've made there.

Scout volunteers contribute more than 50 million hours of voluntary work each year to their local communities.