**1st Grimsargh Cubs**

**Adventure Day**

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This is the 1st Grimsargh Cubs Adventure Day report about the fantastic time we had at Waddacar on 24th September 2016.

LIST OF ACTIVITIES

* obstacle course
* bouldering
* caving (in the caving bus)
* canoeing
* cooking
* crazy golf
* archery
* axe throwing
* football table.

Obstacle course

After our cub leader did the register we went to the pirate obstacle course which everybody enjoyed. It involves climbing nets, tyres to duck under and a bridge made out of ropes.

How you cross the bridge is you hold on to the rope railings and cross slowly.

Bouldering

Next we went to the bouldering building but we had to wait our turn because 6th Preston were there before us. When we went in we had to put on special pumps to make it easier to climb. The bouldering wall is like one of those climbing walls with different shapes to let you climb up and in Waddacar these went around the entire room. Everyone always enjoys it.



Caving

Caving was not what we expected it be. It turned out that caving was in a bus. How it worked was the person at the entrance trapdoor gave us a white helmet and a blue/red/silver/gold coloured torch as it was dark. When I went in I had to turn on my torch because of the dark. I could see light ahead so I thought it was short. When I came out from the end I found that I had come out of one of the many wooden, black painted, tunnels! I then spotted a tunnel on top so I couldn’t resist climbing in and crawling along. By the time I’d finished I was happy I had come on this adventure day.



Canoeing and cooking

Canoeing was next and when we went down to “lost wellie creek” (the pond we use to canoe on) the sun had come out and I knew canoeing was better in the sun because I’d had experience of it raining when canoeing when I was in Beavers. I was with two other boys in my canoe. The order we were in was one boy at the front, me in the middle and the oldest (in our canoe group) at the back. When we were on the lake we used a paddling trick where the person in the front would paddle to the left and the person in the back would paddle to the right. How you would steer using this trick is the person in the middle would paddle on the side you would want to steer on. By the time we going around the pond for the 2nd time we met another three cubs in a canoe who were trying to splash us so I joined in with the paddling and nobody cared which side they were paddling on as long as we got away from that boat.

Next it was time for cooking dampers. After we had got out of our canoe we went to a line which stopped people coming unless they used the gap that worked as a door. When it was my turn to cook my damper one of the two men running the damper cooking area came over to me and gave me a damper to cook and eat. I went over to one of the fires to cook my damper on and although I enjoy cooking on a fire the smoke always blows in my face and I have to shelter my eyes and mouth with my sleeves. When i had managed to finally cook my damper I went to the other man and he took my damper of its stick, put it in a piece of tissue paper so I could hold it and put some chocolate sauce on it and gave it to me. I said “thank you” to him and by the time I had finished my damper it was time for lunch.

Crazy Golf

After lunch we went to the crazy golf course near the car park. When we got there, 5th Preston were playing so we went to roll down a hill. After 5th Preston had finished, we went to a man by a Land Rover with a trailer who gave us a golf club and a ball each. We went to the start of the crazy golf which was the most common hole in a golf course - the ones where there are no obstacles. We all waited in a line for our turn and when it got to me, I put the ball down on the grass they used and began to aim. When I swung the golf club and hit the ball I got a hole in one! I went on to the next hole and this one had a line that didn’t go all the way across it so you had to hit your ball to the end and hit it down the other side. On that one I got a hole in 2. When I had finished crazy golf, I won because it was the person who takes the least shots that wins and I had only taken 18 shots.

Axe Throwing

After completing the crazy golf course, we went on to the field with several activities going on and we went to the axe throwing. When we got there, there were only 4 targets and I was one of the first 4 to do it. Next, the lady running it told us how to throw our axes correctly and she told us how to throw our axes and she would tell us if it us if it was safe to throw. When she told us it was safe, I threw my 3 axes. One hit the pole of the target that held it up, one missed completely and the last one hit the centre of the target. She told us to go collect our axes and that we were going to throw again. I collected all my axes and I decided to experiment how strong the axes were by picking up one of them and giving it as gentle tap on the target and it made a small crack on it. That was when I realised how cracked the targets were. On my next throw, 2 missed completely and the other hit the target. Once I had finished, I went to the next activity which was human football table.in one. one! Fannyen it got to me, I put the d a ball each.

Human football table

The last activity was the human football table. The human football table worked like one of those football tables but with real humans! We had to wait our turn because 5th Preston were having a go. Then it was our turn. I was in the first group in first Grimsargh cubs heading into the human football table and I was a goalkeeper. Next, the ball was started and was thrown to another person in team 1 (I was in team 2) and the ball shot right up the pitch past the people in the middle and past the defenders on our side and the ball came straight to me. I kicked the ball as hard as I could and it went past the defenders, past the people in the middle and the other team’s defender and soared straight into the goal.

The leader running it threw the ball back in and the other team got it. They shot at my goal but the defenders managed to get it. One of the defenders passed it to one of our midfielders. The midfielder then scored which meant we won the match 2-0.

That was the last activity. Everyone had a fantastic day and we all enjoyed ourselves.