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22ND WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE

United Kingdom Countingent Bulletin

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Welcome to the first edition of *Hallå Sverige* ('hello Sweden', for those who haven't guessed!), the UK Contingent Bulletin for the 22nd World Scout Jamboree. It is the definitive, regular newsletter for the Contingent and wider Movement.

This first edition will be most relevant to those in managerial positions, such as County Commissioners, who have a direct involvement in the early planning stages. However, we hope that everyone will find it of interest.

Further information about the Contingent and how to get involved is available online at www.scouts.org.uk/ws2011

What?

The World Scout Jamboree takes place every four years and is international Scouting at its best. The last Jamboree took place in the UK in 2007 and was attended by over 40,000 participants, leaders and International Service Team (IST) members. There were also 50,000 day visitors, including Nobel Peace Prize winner Lech Wałęsa, HRH Prince William of Wales and HM Karl XVI Gustaf, King of Sweden.

The 22nd World Scout Jamboree will take place in Sweden in the summer of 2011. As in 2007 tens of thousands are expected. The theme is 'Simply Scouting'.

When?

The Jamboree will take place from 27 July 2011 to 7 August 2011. Participants are likely to depart a few days before the start for a Pre-Jamboree Experience and return home a few days after the closing ceremony, having participated in Home Hospitality.

Where?

The Jamboree will be held on the fields of Rinkaby near the town of Kristianstad, in the province of Skåne, southern Sweden. The campsite is compact and is divided into sections by groves of trees. It also contains a large natural amphitheatre, allowing thousands of Scouts to enjoy the arena events. It is surrounded by unspoilt pine forests and is just a few minutes' drive from Sweden's southern coast.

Search for *Rinkaby 29194* on Google Maps

Who?

Participants must have been born between 25 July 1993 and 27 July 1997. These are the requirements as specified by the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM), they are not determined by the UK. As such they are not open to negotiation.

There will also be opportunities for adults to attend as members of the IST. They will be part of the UK Contingent and must be an active member of The Scout Association or Girlguiding UK. They must have been born on or before the 24 July 1993.

Jamboree Unit: 36 young people and 4 leaders who attend the Jamboree as a group.

Participant: Young person aged 14-17.

Unit leaders and assistants: Adults who attend the Jamboree to lead a Unit of young people.

IST members: Adults who attend the Jamboree to run activities and services on behalf of the organisers.

Pre-Jamboree Experience

We aim to provide a pre-Jamboree event for all participants which will bring all Units together as a whole prior to attending the Jamboree. Details of this are in the early stages of planning, but rest assured, we will get things started with a bang!

Home Hospitality (HoHo)

On previous occasions, many young people have said that the opportunity to stay with families and Scout groups in host countries was one of the highlights of their experience. We hope to provide the same for all Units following the Swedish Jamboree. This is obviously dependent upon national organisations being able to host us, but discussions are beginning and we are confident of the outcome.

Introducing the Contingent

We have secured permission for the UK to take a Contingent of 4,000 to Sweden. This includes participants, leaders, and IST members. It is the largest permissible number under WOSM rules and the largest Contingent ever taken to a World Scout Jamboree outside the United Kingdom.

The UK Contingent will comprise approximately 85 Jamboree Units, each with 36 young people an adult Unit Leader and three Assistant Leaders. It will also include several hundred IST members and 40 Contingent Support and Contingent Management Team members. In addition to members of The UK Scout Association there will be participants, leaders and IST members from Girlguiding UK.

In Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, the selection of Unit Leaders and their assistants is coordinated at a national level. In England it is the responsibility of individual Counties. For those involved in managing this process, we cannot underestimate the importance of getting the right people in place, to support and deliver the Jamboree experience for the young people. Advice has already been issued and we would stress the benefit of following it.

All Counties, Areas and Regions of the UK have now submitted a bid for Units and will be contacted shortly about this. Unit allocations will be completed by Easter 2009. We know that some of you are already putting mechanisms in place for the appointment of your leadership team, but you are reminded to wait until you have confirmation from the Contingent Leader that your Unit allocation has been accepted.



Costs

We know that the question of cost is already being asked. In fact it is likely to be the first question you are asked locally. This is a large and complex project involving key negotiations with travel organisations, equipment suppliers and the Swedish Scout Association. At this early stage we do not have a figure, but hope to be in a position to do so before the summer break this year. We would like to thank you for your patience.

CST selection deadline 13 March

The deadline for Contingent Support Team application is Friday 13 March. Anyone who is interested in applying should visit

www.scouts.org.uk/cst2011. If you have any questions about this process, call Jon Bell on 0208 433 7162.

Spotlight on... The UK Contingent Leader

Mike Parkes was appointed UK Contingent Leader in early November 2008. Since then he has been developing the concept of the Jamboree experience for the Contingent. He has also been building his immediate management team to deliver the project for the United Kingdom. Mike has been involved in Scouting since he was eight and has held a number of adult leadership roles. He is currently County Commissioner for Dorset.

As a leader Mike has a wealth of experience in International Scouting, having organised numerous trips abroad and has hosted Scouts visiting the UK from abroad. He was an Assistant Unit Leader to the 19th World Scout Jamboree in Chile and a Unit Leader for the 20th World Scout Jamboree in Thailand. He is passionate about the benefits of Jamborees for both for those young people who are lucky enough to attend and for the wider Scouting Movement in the United Kingdom.

Outside of Scouting Mike works as a Health and Safety Advisor for the Ministry of Defence at a workshop that repairs and overhauls tanks. He is also a retained fire fighter and can be seen

disappearing rapidly when his pager goes off! Mike's enjoys kayaking, walking, skiing, foreign travel and eating out. His team are as follows:

The Contingent Management Team (CMT)

Deputy Leader – Clive Leader (Leicestershire)
Events – Colin Simpson (Edinburgh)
Contingent Support – Christine Haddock (GUK)
IST Support – Graeme Popay (Durham)
Logistics – Byron Chatburn (Leicestershire)
Communications – Vacant
UK Contingents Manager – Jon Bell (HQ)
Executive Staff Support – Greg Stewart (HQ)

We will tell you more about this team in future editions of *Hallå Sverige!*

Dates for your diary

To help with your planning, here is an outline of some of the key moments in the Contingent's preparations. This may be subject to change.

2009

13 March: CST application deadline
12 April: Unit allocations confirmed
15-17 May: CST selection weekend
Summer: Unit Leader appointment
Autumn: IST selection begins
3-4 Oct: 1st Unit Leader meeting

2010

Q1: Participant selection
Q1: IST selection complete

2011

27 July: WSJ starts
7 August: WSJ ends

NB. The selection of Unit leadership teams and participants is organised at County level in England with similar provisions in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland. IST members will be selected by the Contingent team.