

Area Directory

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CAMPSITE BOOKINGS		
Gladstone	Eric Gardner	Gladstone Centre, Chester Road, Hawarden, Flint
<i>Large Camping field and woodland area. Kitchen, showers & toilets</i>		
Coxwood	Brian Doyle	Coxwood Campsite, Cox's Lane, Rossett, Wrexham
<i>Woodland campsite. Kitchen, showers & toilets. Kids' play area</i>		
Cae Llwyd	Gerry Kellet	Cae Llwyd Campsite, Bronwylfa, Rhosllanerchrugog, Wrexham
<i>Back to basics site next to reservoir and Terrain Zero mountainous area</i>		
Rowallan	Tracey Johnston	Rowallan Scout HQ, Rhyddyn Hill, Caergwrle, Wrexham
<i>Small camping field, building, kitchen & toilets. Easy access by train</i>		
Chirk Bunkhouse	Denise	Chirk Scout & Guide HQ, Shephard's Lane, Chirk, Wrexham
<i>Bunkhouse sleeping 22 people with kitchen, lounge, main hall and showers</i>		
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Scout Information Centre	0845 3001818	info.centre@scout.org.uk
Wrexham Scout Shop and Resource Centre Stocks uniform, clothing, equipment, publications, badges and programme material Open Wednesdays 6.30-8.30pm. Wrexham Scout HQ, Station Approach, Wrexham		
Please contact the person concerned, or the AAC Communications for postal addresses		

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Every Scout and Explorer in Clwyd should know...

...that, if they're currently aged between about 11 & 15, they'll be able to attend the next World Scout Jamboree taking place in Sweden in 2011.

That may seem a long way off, but Scouts need to be told about the opportunity now as **application forms need to be in for September 2009**, and there will be a selection weekend at the end of next year. So it's not far off!

Scouts and Explorer Scouts born between the 25 July 1993 and 27 July 1997 will be eligible to attend as participants. Those older - and that includes Leaders - can attend as Unit Leaders or as International Service Team. Those younger will have to wait

for future Jamborees. The timetable for the selection process is shown on the next page.

The estimated cost of the Jamboree is between £1,000 and £1,200. This seems like a lot but it is possible to fundraise a considerable amount of this. Fundraising is not left to the individuals attending but is done as a Jamboree Unit.

Please pass the information on to the parents of your Scouts. Far too often Scouts tell us that they would have attended the Jamboree if they'd heard about it, but that they never did. They only get one chance to attend the Jamboree as a participant.

We all know young people usually need telling things more than once, so please don't just mention it at flagbreak - really hammer the message home and let the parents know all about it. If you want us to come along and do a talk to your Scouts and Explorers about what it involves, let Moz know.

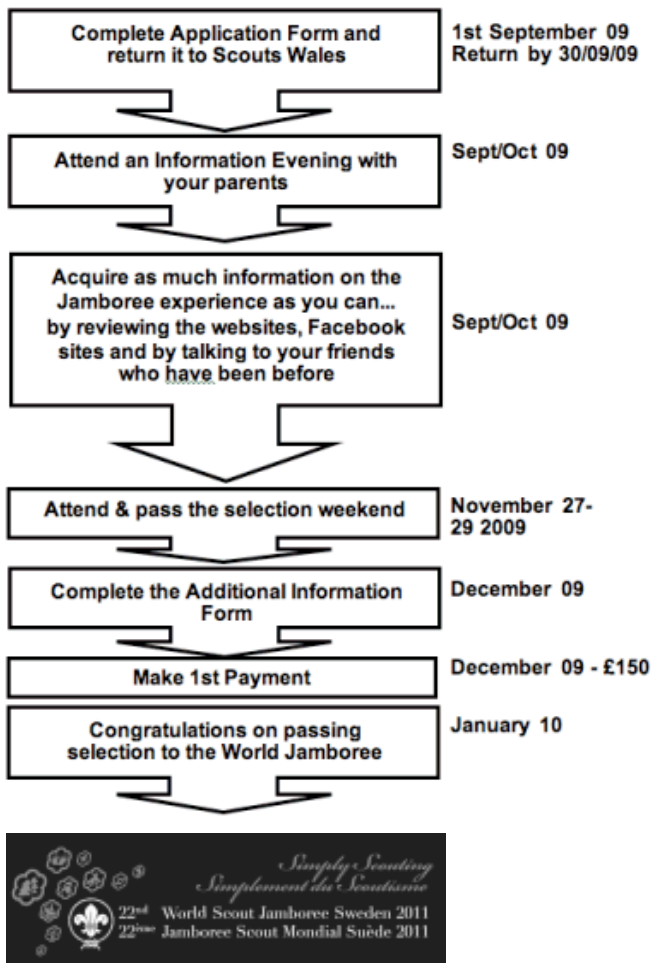
For those who are interested in attending the Jamboree as members of the International Service Team (IST), Scouts Wales will be coordinating a Wales IST Unit. Membership of this Unit is optional but additional support that comes from being part of a larger group will be available.

If anyone is interested in attending the Jamboree at all, please send their name, Group or Unit, date of birth, address, phone and email to Moz, and he'll keep them up to date.

We'll be at lots of District and Area events from now until the summer giving out information to Scouts, Explorers and their Leaders and parents.

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Jamboree Path to Selection



Please do your bit to make sure no Scouts miss out on their only chance to attend a World Scout Jamboree

Dates for your Diary

Why not get your highlighters out and mark all the dates that apply to you!



JANUARY 2009

02	World Jamboree Unit Leader, Asst Unit Leader and IST application forms available	
02-04	Frostbite whitewater canoe tour	
08	Wrexham Young Leader Module H	E
28	Wrexham Cub Leaders' and Scout Leaders' meetings	W
30	Deadline for World Jamboree Unit Leader applications	
31-01 Feb	Wrexham Scouts Frost Camp	W
31	Wrexham Beavers Circus Party	W

FEBRUARY 2009

01	National Group Scout Leader Workshops - Llandrindod Wells - GSLs PLEASE NOTE	
01	Wrexham Cubs Football (every Sunday til 29 March)	W
06-08	Wales ESL Activity Training (provisional)	E
10	Wrexham Young Leader Module A	E
11	New Appointment system launch in Wrexham	W
15	DofE training module, 1st Llangollen Scout HQ	T
23	Wrexham Beavers Sleepover meeting	W
25	New Appointment system launch in Llangollen	L
28	Selection of World Jamboree Unit Leaders	

MARCH 2009

01	Wrexham Scouts Indoor Cooking Competition	W
03	New Appointment system launch in Flintshire	F
06-08	Hafod mountain training	T
10	New Appointment system launch in Vale of Clwyd (Denbighshire)	V
14	Wrexham Beaver Scouts Sleepover	W
21	District Commissioners' Conference	
27-29	Hafod mountain training	T
27-29	Team X, West Wales (provisional)	E
28	Wales Team meetings	
30	Wrexham Cubs Trading Post	W

APRIL 2009

03-05	Wrexham Explorers Activity weekend in Snowdonia	W
04	Selection of Assistant World Jamboree Leaders	
10-13	National Network Gathering	N
17-19	Hafod mountain training	T
21	Wrexham Young Leader Module	E
25	Cub Scout Leaders Conference	C
25	Wrexham Beavers Spring Trail	W
26	St George's Day events	
27	Wrexham Cub Scout Leaders' meeting	W

MAY 2009

01-04	River Wye Canoe Cruise	
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B=Beavers C=Cubs S=Scouts E=Explorer N=Network T=Training W=Wxm F=Flints L=Llan V=Vale of Clwyd
If you have events/meetings to be listed in the next edition please contact Moz - see overleaf for contact details

How Training Works

Here's a quick guide to how the Adult Training Scheme works...

- 1. Recruitment** A new adult is recruited into Scouting and agrees a Job Description. The job description will underline that there is a commitment to training. They will initially be given a provisional appointment.
- 2. Training Advisor** The new adult will be allocated a Training Advisor (TA). This person will guide the new adult through the process of training.
- 3. Stages of Training** Within 5 months of provisional appointment, the new adult should complete 'Getting Started' which consists of Modules 1, 2 and 3, and attend an Appointments Committee interview. They will then receive their full appointment. Within 3 years they should have completed the next stage of their training and be awarded the Wood Badge. There then follows a commitment to Ongoing Training of five hours a year.
- 4. Modules and Validation** Module 2 is the Personal Learning Plan. The new adult will sit down with their TA and put together a plan of what training they need to do. There may be some Modules where the new adult can move straight to validation without attending a course. Validation checks that the adult has the knowledge covered by the Module. The TA will complete the validation with the new adult and the Module will be signed off.
- 5. Courses** There will be several Modules which the new adult will need to attend a course for. Dates of courses already planned are on the facing page, and also on the Clwyd website. TAs will inform the Area Training Manager of which courses are needed so they can be put on. Once the adult has attended the course, they can be validated by their TA.
- 6. Booking** If the new adult needs to come on one of the courses, they should contact Pat Royle, the Area Training Manager, in plenty of time. Email training@clwydscouts.org.uk or phone 01244 543920.
- 7. Payment** All Adult Training courses are now free of charge due to funding obtained by the Welsh Scout Council.
- 8. Regular** Modules will be repeated throughout the year on different days and times
- 9. What to Bring** Bring pen and paper to take notes. Uniform is not necessary, but activity wear is usual, and something warm is needed in cold weather. Ladies, please don't wear heeled shoes. Bring a packed lunch if the course is all day. Refreshments are provided.
- 10. Questions** Contact Pat if you have any questions.

Remember, all Leaders are now required to undertake a minimum of 5 hours training a year, and hold a First Aid certificate (the minimum being First Response). First Aid training can count towards the 5 hours. All Leaders can do the training courses, even if they have a Wood Badge.

How many times have you wanted to run an activity with lots of different bases, but didn't have enough Leaders to be able to man every base?

If a few extra adults could have just come to that meeting for the duration of the bases, then it would have been easy.

Clwyd Area is looking at how we can provide an 'extra pair of hands', or Active Support Team, to help Leaders run activities on an occasional basis.

At the moment we're assessing how much demand there would be for such help, which may be provided by existing

adults and Young Leaders, but hopefully also by recruiting more adults to provide occasional help.

We're asking Leaders to look at your current programme and think about nights or weekend events that you would be able to run if you had an extra pair of hands. You may need help every week, but we'd ask you to just choose one or two activities per term that you couldn't run without help. This is not an adult recruitment service, just something to give occasional help



Fill in the form on the Clwyd website at www.clwydscouts.org.uk/ast with details of the help you require, and though we can't guarantee help at this stage, we will pass on your request to existing support structures.

Unless we know what the demand is we can't take this further and build it into a valuable resource for Leaders, so please tell us what extra help you need.



DofE training

Scouts Wales are delivering a training module on the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards for Leaders in Clwyd.

The module provides Section Leaders, District Explorer Scout Commissioners, Area Scout Network Commissioners, District & Area Duke of Edinburgh's Award Advisors and others supporting the Explorer Scout & Scout Network Sections with the information and methods they need to run the DofE within Scouting in Wales. It also describes how the DofE fits in with the Scout Award Scheme for the two Sections and how the Awards are assessed and awarded.

The training session will be delivered by Mike Breakwell, Wales DofE Advisor.

Uniform is not required, training is free, coffee from 9:00, please provide your own lunch or join us in a local hotel for Sunday lunch, open to anyone in Scouting in Wales.

Course is for both those Leaders new to the DofE and also those who want to learn about the recent important changes to the programme.

For further information and to indicate if you will be attending please contact Roger Cragg on 01978 861593 or 07765 968287.

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Sunday 15th February 2009 1st Llangollen Scout HQ, West Street, Llangollen

Session 1 0930 to 1230

1. Philosophy, aims and process
2. Alignment with the Scout Programme
3. Programme planning & Award books
4. The Award in Wales

Session 2 1330 to 1500

5. Authorising & Awarding



I'm Mark Jones and I'm the new Area Scout Network Commissioner for Clwyd. For those of you who don't know me, I am Assistant Scout Leader of 1st Marchwiell and I am training to be a teacher.

The new plan for Clwyd Network is to run it as 3 or 4 smaller local Networks, with one based in Wrexham, one in Hawarden, one in the Vale of Clwyd area and maybe one in Llangollen. This year it

NETWORK

is free to become a member of Clwyd Network, so if you're between 18 and 25, now is the time to join.

Saturday 1st November 2008 saw the relaunch of Clwyd Network in the form of Network fireworks. It was attended by over 20 Clwyd Network members, both old and new. During the event we held an indoor BBQ, had a bonfire, let off some fireworks and played some silly games.

Later in the month Network members went to do some work with Operation Christmas Child at their warehouse in Wrexham. Next month Network are off ten pin

bowling and will hopefully see the beginnings of local Networks.

Events coming up in 2009 include Sailing taster sessions at Bala, walking weekend in Snowdonia and a summer camp in Cornwall. All Network events will be listed on the Network pages of the Clwyd website clwydscouts.org.uk/network

If you interested in joining Clwyd Network please get in touch with me on 07900302225.

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An opportunity for Explorer Scouts and Scout Network members in Clwyd to attend Roverway 2009 in Iceland has arisen. Roverway is a European Scouting and Guiding event for Scouts and Guides aged between 16 and 22. It will be the largest overseas event of the year and promises an extraordinary blend of the outlandish and modern.

Clwyd would like to send a group of Explorers to the event and is looking for some leaders to head up the group. The dates of the event are 18-28 July 2009 and the cost will be £480 plus flights. For more information on the event visit <http://www.scouts.org.uk/roverway>.

If you interested in being a leader for this event, then please contact Gordon Richardson on 07970140004.

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Scouts in Clwyd are being given the chance to earn a badge by taking part in Health Challenge Wales.

The badges are free and the requirements are really easy, in most cases your Sections will already be doing them.

Leaflets are available from your District Commissioners, or from new.wales.gov.uk/hcwsuite/healthchallenge/resources

Shown on the right, as an example are the requirements for the Beaver Scout Section.



In order to qualify for the award, Beavers need to complete one badge from each section, or complete all of section 3.

Section 1 Activity Badges	Section 2 Staged Activity Badges	Section 3 Challenge Badges
Adventure	Emergency Aid	Fitness
Explore	Nights Away	Outdoor
Safety	Swimmer	Friendship
Health and Fitness	Hikes Away	
Healthy Eating		

Notes
 In section 2, Beavers need to achieve a minimum requirement of stage 1 in the activity badge.
 Only sections completed from 1st January 2008 onwards can be counted towards the award.



Activities on our doorstep

Have you ever considered taking your Scouts to commercial activity providers in the Area? There are quite a few companies offering adventurous activities nearby and Clwyd Scouts have created a directory which is featured on the Clwyd website at www.clwydscouts.org.uk/activities

If you know of any other places where you take your Section, either for adventurous activities or anything else really, let us know. We'll add your suggestions on the website and possibly in future editions of Hotliner.



Plas Power Adventure is located in Southsea, near Coedpoeth in Wrexham. They offer indoor climbing, high ropes course, archery, orienteering and kmx karts, plus a cafe. 01978 754747. www.plaspoweradventure.co.uk



For your bushcraft, climbing and adventure equipment needs come to **ProAdventure**, 36 Castle Street, Llangollen. LL20 8RT, 01978 860605, www.proadventure.co.uk. An AALA licensed activity provider and retailer. BCU tests and coaching awards, first aid and instructor training. Scout discounts available in store - 9% cash 8% card (1% goes to environmental charities).





Scouts afloat!

The Welsh Scout Council now own a first class sailing gig, based at the Bala Sailing Club, which is capable of carrying up to 10 young people (depending on size) plus one Skipper and Mate.

The purpose of the vessel is to bring taster sailing and pulling (rowing) sessions to your cubs, scouts and explorers. Book the boat for a day, or split it with another group for a half-day trip, and sail up the lake for a BBQ and then row back. Everyone gets a go at sailing the boat.

We have 6 Skippers available but we want to increase the numbers. Do you have any Leaders, parents or friends who are competent sailors? No official

qualifications required, just need a day at Bala Sailing Club with our sailing assessor to demonstrate sailing skills and to learn about the gig.

We have the full use of Bala Sailing Club's facilities and rescue cover so any group with their own skipper would be able to offer some excellent days afloat.

For more information please contact Roger Cragg, 01978 861593 or Carol Smith, 01978 311595.

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DEVELOPMENT

What about us Explorers!?

It is true that the Scouts Wales Development project has to date concerned itself primarily with the recruitment of adults into the Beaver, Cub and Scout sections. Very well and good, with some excellent results, but it has also had the locomotive of Explorer Scouting catching it from behind!

Yes, now IS the time for the six development officers, including myself here in Clwyd, to ask the question – how do we go about recruiting Explorer Scouts and more importantly their Leaders? You lot are something of an anomaly!

I have contacted the UK forum of Local Development Officers who suggested chains, padlocks, ropes and handcuffs, anything short of actually taking someone hostage and dragging them down to the nearest Explorer Scout Unit – at least I think that's what they were on about!

I have had comments about how the only successful Units seem to be those that have been born out of an overflowing Scout Troop, but ask, "do we have these?" I am also aware and actually greatly impressed, by a District Unit in Scotland that converses by means of a "Google" group (probably can't risk going out in the severe frost whilst wearing their kilts), meeting online each week and discusses what it

will be doing next, where and when it will do it, and gets together outdoors when there is a break in the weather – this would be easier on Leaders but would it provide the volume of activity Explorer Scouts require?

Do you think we should analyse our existing Leaders? There are things I have noticed that might reveal a budding Explorer Scout Leader:

- Someone that serves foil meals at a dinner party
- Someone who does not mind losing power to their house for three days
- Someone whose plans for the new bathroom include "digging the hole deeper"
- Someone who disconnects their washing machine in favour of the three pot method

But seriously folks – I do need some suggestions as to how you think this can be achieved.

Please send your ideas to me.

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