

# Scouts

Ilkeston



## District Camp 2018



### Welcome!

I'm delighted to welcome you to the newsletter which has been put together by our #youthshaped media team. In here, you'll find interesting reports about what we have done, some updates from me, and the latest District Diary about what is coming up. I hope you like it!

Paul



### Oliver and Ash's write up

Organising the 2018 Ilkeston District Camp was an extremely exciting opportunity for both of us.

It was a yearlong project to plan it and as District Youth Commissioners we wanted to ensure that it was Youth Shaped. This involved a number of Youth Council meetings to discuss what activities the young people wanted to do and where they wanted to camp.

We also visited a number of groups across the District to discuss the camp and finalise the programme and activities on offer which even led to an inflatable obstacle course and laser quest being included.

We really wanted to bring everyone in the District together through the mixed activity groups and by having each group run their own activities.

Some of our favourite moments of the camp include seeing all the young people enjoying the activities, the neon disco and, of course, the spectacular fireworks on the Saturday night.

We really hope that everyone enjoyed the weekend and we are both extremely proud to have organised a camp on this scale and to have had such fantastic support from all of the groups attending to make it such a special moment for ourselves and for the Ilkeston District.

Yours in Scouting,

Oliver and Ash  
District Youth Commissioners



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# Explorers go international!

## Kandersteg

I am proud to say that I led 25 Explorer Scouts and 11 Leaders on a trip to Kandersteg, Switzerland. Everyone behaved impeccably for the entire trip, including the 23-hour bus journey there.

The weather forecast told us we were in for a week of rain. But soon after we arrived the sun came out and gave us 30 degrees and a sunny week.

We had a relaxing time with some adventures along the way. We took a train to "The top of Europe" Jungfrauoch. A snow topped mountain even in the summer sun.

We explored the capital city Bern, swam in a glacial lake and celebrated the 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Kandersteg International Scout Centre and Swiss Day on 1<sup>st</sup> August.

We rounded the trip off with a morning rafting into Bern. I say rafting, I think everyone spent most of the time floating down the river next to the raft, chilling as the river went along.

I believe the Swiss Army knife shop in the town had a bump in sales, and that was just from the Leaders!

Aaron  
DESC



Kandersteg



Explorer belt

## Germany Explorer Belt

The Explorer Belt was an experience that has taught me many things. It showed me that kindness, and willingness to help are qualities that can pass through language barriers. It reminded me that it's not always possible to get along with everyone, just necessary to work with them.

Most importantly of all though, it highlighted to me that a good pair of walking boots are

friends that can never be valued.

The Black Forest is a fantastic place, however that is not just because of the beautiful scenery, it is also due to the honest and interesting people there. The Explorer Belt is an experience which pales in comparison to the magnitude of the Jamboree, however it has an impact more personal, and without limits.

Sam  
Explorer Scout

# 24<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree

## What is 24<sup>th</sup> WSJ?

The Jamboree is a once in a lifetime opportunity where Scouts from across the globe come together for 12 days of adventure and discovery.

## Where will it be held?

The Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia. But for the first time the Jamboree will be hosted by three nations: Canada, Mexico and the United States of America.

## Who's going?

Over 35,000 young people from across the world, with 5,000 coming from UK Scouting. There will be 4 Explorers representing Ilkeston at the Jamboree. Mark, Ellie, Chloe and Sam have already been hard at work fundraising for the trip.

## How can you show support?

The first thing that you can do is like the Ilkeston Jamboree Facebook Page: @wsjilkestonfundraising. This will keep you updated with current and future fundraising plans as well as showing you what we're doing in preparation for the Jamboree.



# District diary

January	February	March	April/May	Future
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> 6-8pm District Young Leaders Meeting 10 <sup>th</sup> HQ Stanley Common	Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> 9am-12pm District Cub Cooking Competition 10 <sup>th</sup> HQ Stanley Common	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> 8pm District Exec Meeting Kirk Hallam Community Centre Carole Riley	Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2pm St Georges Day Celebration Rutland Park	Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> June Ilkeston Carnival Dean Bolton
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> Module 10 First Aid Training Derwent Training 16 Keynes House Chester Park Alfreton Road Derby Suzanne Wood	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> 8pm District GSLs Meeting 10 <sup>th</sup> HQ Stanley Common Paul Gant	Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> 2 - 5pm County CSA Gold Presentation Winding Wheel Chesterfield <a href="mailto:accscouts@derbyshirescouts.org">accscouts@derbyshirescouts.org</a>	Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 6-8pm District Young Leaders Meeting 10 <sup>th</sup> HQ Stanley Common	Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> June District Cub Trip to the Seaside Skegness & Sea Life
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> 6:30-8pm District Cub Night Hike ShIPLEY Park	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> 1 - 4pm County Scout Cooking Competition 15 <sup>th</sup> Matlock <a href="mailto:accscouts@derbyshirescouts.org">accscouts@derbyshirescouts.org</a>	Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> 6-8pm District Young Leaders Meeting 10 <sup>th</sup> HQ Stanley Common Jamie Thomas	Saturday/Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> /12 <sup>th</sup> May The Big Shoot Drum Hill	Saturday/Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> July Activation near Carsington Water
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> The Wilmot Wander 27 <sup>th</sup> Scouts HQ Meadow Lane bob.rogerson@btinternet.com	Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> 6-8pm District Young Leaders Meeting 10 <sup>th</sup> HQ Stanley Common Jamie Thomas	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> 6:30-8pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ilkeston District Cubs Board Games Rachel Davis	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 8pm District GSL's Meeting	Friday-Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> September District Cub Camp Diane Harris
		Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> 8pm District AGM Location TBA Carole Riley	Friday-Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup> May Spring Bank Jungle Camp Drum Hill	Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> October District Cub Sixer and Seconder Day Drum Hill

## Thank you!

We hope you enjoyed the newsletter and thank you for reading!

If any budding journalists (from all sections) would like to write an article for our next newsletter, please send it over to us at:

[ilkestonmediascouts@gmail.com](mailto:ilkestonmediascouts@gmail.com)

We are also looking for Explorers interested in photography and media to join our #youthshaped team.

Until next time!  
Ilkeston Media Team

Just wanted to use this space for introductions.

My name is Alistar, and I have recently been appointed 'District Media Development Manager'. Basically, it is my and my team's job to make sure that Scouting, and all the adventures Ilkeston has through it, is shared.

I am taking no credit for this newsletter. Ellie and Mark have done a fantastic job trying to get things done with a relatively small amount of guidance, all I have had to do is proofread and get it sent out!

If you have any Scouting news, photos and/or stories to share, please send them our way!  
You can use us for your Cubs' Communicator badge and Scouts' Media Relations and Marketing badge too!  
We're looking for anything to go on the social media pages, website and future newsletters.

We are currently working on getting our social media pages up and running, but if you want to give the District's Twitter a follow then look for @ScoutsIlkeston

Any questions, find me at [ilkestonscoutmedia@outlook.com](mailto:ilkestonscoutmedia@outlook.com)