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Glossage Roller Gazette

Hallå and welcome to the first edition of the Glossage Roller Gazette, the regular newsletter for the Gloucestershire County Contingent to the 22nd World Scout Jamboree in Sweden 2011. In this, we aim to keep you up to date with all the fundraising activities the unit is undertaking and all the build up to the big event, so this is your chance to get involved and join in the Jamboree adventure.

What is a Jamboree?

A World Scout Jamboree is a four-yearly event where young people from all over the world come together to learn about each other through sharing other cultures, other traditions, learning how to work together and how to have fun together.

July 2011 will see a grassy field near Rinkaby, Sweden taken over by the 22nd World Scout Jamboree and turned into a campsite for more than 30,000 people!



The theme for the Jamboree is 'Simply Scouting' and will see participants get close to nature, not only because the campsite is located in the middle of woodland, but will use the natural environment as a learning tool to demonstrate what everyone can do to better protect the world we live in.

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What's in a name?

We can't just be the Gloucestershire Unit to the WSJ, that would be boring and not represent who we are, where we are from, nor the fun we are going to have before, during and after Sweden. So after deliberating names to do with Roman ancestry, the Severn and the Bore, the unit has agreed on the name 'The Glossage Rollers'.

This name has many aspects to it. The County name obviously comes into the Glos; 'Glossage' sounds like sausage, which is made from pork and hence the famous Gloucester Old Spot pig – the oldest pedigree breed in the world. The Rollers part takes its inspiration from the crazy Cooper's Hill Cheese Rolling event, which uses Double Gloucester cheese. Of course, putting the two parts together leaves the Glossage Rollers – a catchy and comical play on words, which suits us down to the ground.

Having all this in a name means we have designed a great looking logo as seen in the top right-hand corner and this will appear on various other pieces of merchandise, so watch this space or look for a local Scout selling some branded items in the very near future and at Scouting events.

Keep that diary free!

Saturday 27th March 2010
7.30pm start at St Peter's School, Gloucester

The Glossage Rollers present a fundraising Quiz Night at St Peter's School, Gloucester. Taking place in the main hall, this will be a fun, pub-quiz type event with Swedish-style food and a bar. Prizes, a raffle and a wooden spoon for the losers!

Cost: £10 per person or £50 for a team of six.

Mail team@glosjam.org.uk or visit the unit website at www.glosjam.org.uk/quiz for more details, to reserve your teams table and for payment. Capacity is limited!

Check us out online

The Glossage Rollers are now online! The website is continually improving and new information for unit members, parents and followers is going on regularly. Check us out at:

www.glosjam.org.uk

Facebook: search for Glossage Rollers

E-mail: team@glosjam.org.uk

Selection Weekend

To start the whole experience off, 81 young people from across the county attended a Selection Weekend at Cranham. To ensure no bias, each Scout was given a number for the weekend and whilst taking part in activities was scored by Scouters from around the County on teamwork, involvement, attitude, leadership, initiative and personality.

The weather was not ideal, but everyone got on with the job in hand. Some of the activities involved inventing a dance to Abba music, orienteering, lighting a fire, the spider web challenge and culminated in a large campfire with everyone on the Saturday evening.

These scores were collated at the end of the weekend and the leadership team were delighted to see that those with the highest scores represented a range of ages, abilities and every District in the County. This gives us a diverse and exciting unit to take to Sweden. The leadership team would like to thank everyone who came along to help in some way.

A selection evening was also held for some applicants who could not make the weekend.

Jamboree Timeline

Here's a quick glance at what unit events are coming up over the next few months in the build up to the Jamboree. For more information on anything please visit the unit website or e-mail team@glosjam.org.uk:

27th Mar Quiz night
1st May Major Fundraiser
25th Jun Malvern Challenge
2nd Jul Sun Run
30th Oct Hallowe'en Camp
13th Nov Major fundraiser
4th Dec Winter Camp

First Unit Camp – Beaver Lodge, Forest of Dean, Jan 29-31

Thankfully we slept inside! The leaders slept outside in sub-zero temperatures! This was the first overnight event as a unit, so very exciting and a great chance to meet new friends. The weekend included canoeing down the Wye, mountain biking and abseiling.

These proved a challenge to the unit in different ways as Emily Patrick explains, "I've been petrified of heights since the age of 11, so abseiling really didn't seem like an attractive idea.

But off I went to watch and as others went down the slope, I decided I was definitely not brave enough, but that was not good enough for me - I had to do it."



"Matt Peacey offered to come down next to me on another set of ropes and Keelan Tootell belayed him, whilst I gripped the rope for dear life and stepped backwards knowing I now had to go through with it whether I liked it not. Matt talked me all the way down and was so reassuring. Nothing will ever beat the feeling that rushed through me when my feet touched the ground and I spent five minutes looking back up to see the immense cliff that I had come down and heard everyone cheering from the top. I can't wait to do it again!"

Josh Searle was impressed by the weekend too, "We all got to meet the friends from Selection Weekend and met new ones as everyone got to know each other. The activities were different and exciting. My highlight was steering the canoe down the river, It was a race, and we ended up going backwards into a tree!"

Join-In-Jamboree

Not everyone can go to the Jamboree, so in Gloucestershire we are offering the chance to follow the unit's preparations and experiences as closely as possible. Also as stated earlier, this is the first edition of this regular newsletter and in the future it will be sent to supporters of the unit only, so if you want to keep up to date with Glossage goings-on you can become a member of Join-In-Jamboree. This includes:

- This regular newsletter of Jamboree Unit activities.
- An invite to public unit events.
- An invite to a presentation by participants on return to the UK to demonstrate their Jamboree experience.
- A Unit supporter badge.
- A souvenir from the 22nd World Scout Jamboree.

All this for the modest donation of £15. To take advantage of this fantastic offer, mail team@glosjam.org.uk or visit www.glosjam.org.uk and click the Join-In-Jamboree link on the lefthand side.

Fundraising

The total cost for the Jamboree is £1900. As you can understand this is a sizeable amount of money, so we will be going supersize on fundraising. Here's a few facts and figures for the first few months of money making – well done to all those involved:

Out of the 36 unit members 20 were involved in fundraising activities with five members raising in excess of £250.

Activities undertaken include:

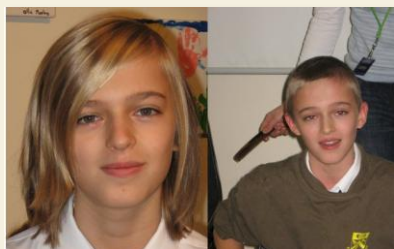
- Bag packing
- Sales on ebay
- Sponsored hike
- Corporate sponsorship
- Raffles
- Presentation to local societies & clubs

Haircut 600

One unit member, Ollie Mosely, went to extreme lengths – well, from extreme lengths – to start his Jamboree fundraising.

Having grown his hair for over three years, on Friday 11th December 2009 at Cheltenham Bournside School, his mum came in to cut it with scissors and a shaver. As Ollie says “I had organised it to be in the Lecture Theatre and people came in to watch but I charged them 50p entry fee or if they had sponsored me they came in for free. Two of my best friends had a cut at it with the scissors.”

Having lost such a warm barnet, it was so cold afterwards that Ollie quickly put on his beanie hat and kept it on all lunch and 5th lesson! But braving this cold was worth it – Ollie raised a grand total of £672.63! Well done!



Ollie before

Ollie after

In the next issue

In the next edition of the Glossage Roller Gazette, as well as beginning the introduction of the leaders we will review more of the odd and crazy fundraising efforts of the unit, including the Cotswold Marathon. We will cast an eye back over the Quiz Night and be beginning a look at Swedish life and culture, including special Swedish recipes and games

Don't forget that for any specific information on the Glossage Rollers news or merchandise you can e-mail the team on:

team@glosjam.org.uk

The Leaders

This is the team that will be taking the unit to Sweden. Each will be given a short profile in future issues, so that everyone can get to know them a little better.

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Puzzle

Here's a small Jamboree wordsearch to pass a few moments. See how many words you can find.

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Woggle

Fun

Jamboree

Experience

Scouts

Camp

Tent

Meeting

Sweden

Badges

Rinkaby

Swap

Name

Nature