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2007 Celebrating 100 years of scouting

2007 marks the centenary of scouting around the world and there are local, countywide, national and international events happening all year. Our greatest celebration is at the beginning of August when we commemorate the first ever scout camp on Brownsea Island led By Baden Powell. The UK is hosting the 21st world jamboree in Essex, the scouting equivalent of the Olympic games in status. Scouts from almost every country in the world will be represented in a major friendship event full of activities.

Places at the world Jamboree are precious and very expensive. We have the opportunity to take part in the event thanks to our county team organising a sussexwide jamboree at Martlets (Laughton) which promises a huge range of activities, a chance to camp with nearly all of the scouts in Sussex as well as visitors from around the world. To me the best of all is that cubs, scouts and explorers will get the opportunity to join the world Jamboree for a day. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity since the last time the Jamboree was held here was back in 1957 and possibly the only reason it is being held here this time is to coincide with the 100 years of scouting started in England. I enclose details of the jamboree. The cost is much higher than one of our normal camps

but this includes transport costs, security and entrance to the world Jamboree. By Paying a deposit for every cub or scout that is to attend the camp of £10 we secure a discount from the full price so that the amount to pay is £180 per person. Still this is a lot of money and so we thought that we would operate a camp bank so that it can be paid in instalments of say £20 per month. We hope to do some fund raising to reduce the overall cost of the camp further in the new year.

After the success of the fabulous Autumn camp we have decided to pass the opportunity to go to the winter camp at Gilwell Park in January. Instead we propose to travel to Symonds Yat in the Forest Of Dean, Welsh borders for an activity camp around Easter. This camp will be open to all of our scouts and future explorers. Costs and dates to be announced. At this stage we are asking for adult volunteers to come forward who might be interested in coming on this and or the Martlets Jamboree. Details of a possible autumn camp are yet to be discussed to complete our outdoor adventures for 2007

Tony Thompson
 Group Leader

I/we are interested in attending/ helping at the following events

Name(s) _____

Tel: _____

- Martlets Jamboree Laughton East Sussex. 28th July to 4th August 2007
- Symonds Yat activity camp Easter 2007
- Autumn Camp 2007

No special skills are required to help out at the Jamboree but any outdoor experience such as camping, cooking, walking, cycling, climbing, kayaking, caving, gliding would be useful to know

I/we have some experience in _____
