

BROMJAM 2007

INFORMATION NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the first issue of BromJam 2007 News – an occasional newsletter that we hope will keep you in touch with what is being planned and developed to help Bromley Scouts celebrate 100 years of Scouting.

In 1907 Robert Baden Powell had the idea to hold an experimental camp on Brownsea Island in Poole Harbour where he brought together boys from a variety of backgrounds in what became the very first Scout Camp. From these small beginnings the greatest youth movement that the world has EVER seen started. Scouting is now available in over 214 Countries all across the globe and has over 60 million members



In 2007 Scouts (and Cubs, Beavers, Explorers, Networkers, Fellowship Members, Parents, Leaders, Friends and anyone else that knows us!) will be celebrating 100 Years of Scouting. In Bromley this is being celebrated with our BromJam 2007 event being held at Downe Campsite over the weekend of 6th-8th July 2007.

EVERYONE is welcome to join us in our celebrations! Read on through this newsletter to discover some of the exciting things that we're planning to make this the most memorable event EVER held within the area!

All parents, members and others should by now have received fliers and application forms for the event – but if you haven't then either check out our web site – www.bromjam2007.org, contact your section leader or contact me personally – dc@bromleyscouts.org or 01322 662033 and I will personally make sure that you get the opportunity to join in!

Just remember, this will be THE event NOT to miss! See you all at Downe in July 2007!

Giles Barnett District Commissioner and Event Director.

THE TEAM ...

We have pulled together a superb team of current and recent Scout Leaders, helpers, parents and friends to put on the BromJam 2007 event. During this series of newsletters we will give you a bit of a profile of many of these leaders – all of whom are committed to making sure that this is the greatest Scout event that you will have ever attended!

So who's helping to put this event on? The core management team includes:

Chris Jones – he of recent EuroDisney 2006 success and of numerous Cub events including swimming badges and galas football and bowling competitions as well as Cub Scout Trophy and other events

James Allen – fresh from the Success of Robot Wars, Scout Galas, Richard Ayling and Moonwalk competitions, the Assault Course and many, many others!

Kevin Burford – who's has recently been involved with all of the Swimming events, Cub Football and is managing the on-site services for BromJam 2007.

Gavin Martin – currently Chairman of the 22nd Bromley and formerly Venture Scout Leader of the 22nd Bromley and Plaistow Venture Scout Units.

Giles Barnett – District Commissioner and all round boss man! Past successes have included taking 45 unruly Venture Scouts to Barcelona, 150 Venture Scouts to Holland for a weekend, helping to organise a party for 20,000 Scouts in Crystal Palace Park and the Albert Hall and coming up with the crazy idea for this huge event and party!

Others who have thrown their names into the frame include David Gregory (23rd), Sandra Goodwin (23rd), Tony Rolfe (23rd), Hannah and Wayne Harvey (ex 14th and 41st), Paul and Nikki Hasling (22nd and ex-19th), Carole and Paul East (ex 19th and ex 25th), Tony and Sue Elwood (25th and District), Jon and Keith McGowan (ex 19th and PVU and both parents at 5th), Sandra Dodds (ex District and County), Andy and Annette Barr (14th and ex 14th), Nick Carruthers (ex 14th), Alex Kane, Tom Abbott, Andy Green, Nikki Brown, Pauline Jones (all District), Steve Holman (14th) and many, many others.

More details on these folk in future issues of this newsletter. There is also a BromJam rep in every Group who will have further information as it becomes available and who will help ensure that everyone gets the opportunity to participate in the weekend.



THE EVENT PROGRAMME ...

So – what is this event going to look like? Without going in to the details of the activities and entertainment that we're putting on in too much detail – that is being dealt with elsewhere in this newsletter, the event will kick off at 7:30pm on the Friday night with a Huge Opening Ceremony to welcome everyone to the event and to get the weekend off with a kick!

This will be followed with events in the main marquee, a campfire and for those adults who are interested, the bar will be open later. For the younger members, the non-alcoholic cocktail bar will also be available. The Disco will also be on for a while.

Saturday will kick off the first of a number of activity and event sessions where everyone will have the chance to take part in a number of superb activities – everything from the Assault Course to gladiators, Human Table Football to the Simulator and ball drop!

Rotating one hour activity sessions will continue throughout the day until - Saturday evening which will terminate the event and activities of the day with a huge party in the main marquee. A Queen Tribute band has been hired along with the Disco. Again, the bar will be open to those interested and over 18 years of age and the non-alcoholic bar will also be open serving alcohol free cocktails for those under 18. We will be issuing passes to all to ensure compliance with the law!

Sunday will continue with the opportunity to take part in the various events as on the previous day until 4pm when we will finish with another big Closing Event when all will have the opportunity to renew their Scout Promise and commitment to Scouting and to enjoy the Worldwide family of Scouting.

THE ACTIVITIES ...

Events and activities that have already been booked and confirmed are:

bouncy castle | sumo wrestling | 50' bouncy castle assault course | gladiator duelling | human table football
football speed radar cage | dolly the sheep rodeo | pulsar lasar quasar | circus skills lessons | rounders
basketball shoot-out | football & volleyball team competitions | bungee running | grass sledges

As well as the usual camp activities - climbing, abseiling, pedal go-karts, archery, rifle shooting, swimming, assault course mammoth slippery slide, craft activities, cinema, parachute games, face painting and a sandcastle building competition,

There will be trophies for the competitions (section/age-related) as above. Also there will be opportunities to work towards some of the Centenary badge requirements - see 'Join-in-Centenary' pack available to all section leaders via GSLs.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ...

Ins and Outs - It will be possible for Groups and Family's to pitch tents during the evening of Thursday 5th July and to take them down over the evening of Monday 9th July if this helps everyone enjoy the event. We will have people available to keep an eye on (and maybe sleep in) any tents erected in advance of the event, although this will not be a full Security detail. Parents dropping off their children for the event will be asked to do this through Charles Darwin School and enter the site through the gate connecting Charles Darwin with Downe Campsite. Only those vehicles staying for the weekend will be allowed to enter the site on the Friday night. Vehicles will not be permitted to leave Downe campsite during the Friday evening. During the event Vehicles will generally not be allowed to enter or to leave the site – and (other than official activity vehicles) will certainly not be allowed to drive around the site while the event is underway. On the Sunday, parents collecting their children will also not be allowed access to the site but will be expected to collect their pick-ups through the campsite gate to Charles Darwin School. These measures will help us ensure the safety of our members whilst they are enjoying the weekend.

The Bar and The License - Having discussed and debated with many people the opportunity to have a bar at this event, we have decided that this will be beneficial to the event. We have discussed the issues with Bromley Council and are in the process of applying for licenses for the bar, the music events and for the cinema. All of these will be properly administered and “policed” by suitably qualified leaders and helpers throughout the event.

First Aid Cover - We will be contracting with ScoutMed for the provision of 24/7 First Aid and first response cover for the weekend. ScoutMed will be providing fully qualified First Aid personnel and support services for the entire period of the event.

Costs - The cost of this event has been set at £45 per person. Costs for those under 6 years old and for Beavers who only attend as day visitors are available on request. This price was discussed at length and we went and found out what comparable prices in the commercial sector were like. The closest comparable, commercial offering for an event such as BromJam 2007 is in the order of £85 plus food and clothing. Our price (which is being subsidised to the tune of £11,000 by Bromley District Scouts!) includes all food, accommodation and every person attending will also receive a commemorative T-Shirt, commemorative uniform badge and other memorabilia. Additional memorabilia will also be available to purchase in advance of the event.