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BT Giant Sleepover & 90th Birthday Cub Scout Camp

This weekend saw the largest of the BT National Sleepovers taking place in Lancashire at Waddecar Scout Activity Centre. Almost 1000 Cub Scouts (Boys and Girls aged between 8 and 10 and a half) camped for the weekend as a part of the “BT Giant Sleepover” and as part of a 90th Birthday County Cub Camp for Cub Scouts.

The giant sleepover was a world record attempt and during the weekend a new record was set with 34,000 taking part world wide

The “ BT Giant Sleepover” was also raising awareness and funds for Child Line and a cheque for £1000 was passed on to the sleepover team. It was the biggest Cub Camp ever to take place at Waddecar Scout Activity Centre.

Many activities took place over the weekend and these included Blackpool Circus School, Canoeing, Caving, Water slides, bouncy castle, Games, Face painting, handicrafts and many many more! We also had our very own county radio station Waddecar FM which ran for the duration of the camp and was presented by Graham Edwards and Radio Wave’s Andy Mitchell. The children had the opportunity to have a go at being radio presenters and media reporters. We also took part in the activities as part of the Giant sleepover which included linking to other sleepovers all over the country.

On Sunday morning at exactly 8.30am all of the camp took part in a second world record attempt organised by the BT Giant sleepover team the Aqua Fresh Challenge by trying to clean their teeth at the same time. The new record was achieved beating last year’s record by over 4000 people.

In the afternoon we held a Giant birthday party with the biggest Conga, Pass the parcel and other party favourites ever seen on a camp. It closed with candles being blown out on 9 huge cakes

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A photo archive of this event can be found at <http://press.westlancashirescouts.org.uk>

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Editor's Notes:

- Scouting is the largest co-educational youth movement in the UK with a total of 476,992 members (March 2002 figures)
- Worldwide, there are well over 28 million members in over 216 Countries. Two thirds of the membership lives in developing Countries.
- The Aim of the Association is "To promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.
- Scouting in West Lancashire has a membership of just under 10,000 members in the following 8 Districts: Chorley, Blackpool, Preston, Ormskirk, South Ribble, Fylde, Wyre and Lonsdale.
- In 2005, The Big Sleepover entered the Guinness Book of World Records by having over 31,000 kids sleeping over together in the UK and this year, they are hoping to smash that record.
- Since it was launched in 1986, ChildLine has saved children's lives, found refuges for children in danger on the streets, and given hope to thousands of children who believed no one else cared for them. ChildLine has now counselled well over one million children and young people.
- Cub Scouting celebrates its 90th Birthday this year after being founded in 1916
- 2007 sees the Centenary of Scouting having being founded in 1907 by Lord Baden-Powell

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