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Bring on the Snow & Ice

100 Scouts in Lancashire are busy packing their crampons & ice axes ready for the adventure of a lifetime next week as they set off to the Cairngorms for their annual “Snow & Ice” adventure programme.

The scheme which has been running for 10 years has now allowed over 1000 young people to experience hill walking in winter conditions, ice climbing, skiing and even sleeping out overnight in a hole freshly dug out of the snow!

Ever conscious of safety, Dick Griffiths, the event organiser has built up the instructor team’s level of skills and experience to such a high level that operating this event becomes easier each year. Many of the instructors and even a group of young people are off again to Greenland in Summer to climb peaks never previously climbed by humans.

Matt, an Explorer Scout from Preston said: “Snow & Ice is excellent, I’ve been hill climbing before but never thought I’d be able to do the things that were on offer to me that week. The instructors helped build my confidence to realise that I could actually do some of the more advanced activities on offer.

If you’re interested in accessing these sorts of activities and are aged between 6 and 25 (Boys or girls) or know someone who is, see www.westlancashirescouts.org.uk or call 01995 61336 for more information.

END *To follow-up this press release, ring Pete Sturgess on 01995 61336*

Editor's Notes:

Photos relevant to this article are available for download from our press release web site at <http://press.westlancashirescouts.org.uk>

- 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.
- 2007 is the centenary year for Scouting worldwide having been started by Baden Powell back in 1907.

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