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Giant Sleepover in Lancashire – Press Opportunities

This coming weekend, Saturday the 17th June will see 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) will be camping for the weekend as a part of the “Big Sleepover” and also celebrating 2006 as the 90th Birthday of Cub Scouts

The “Big Sleepover” is raising awareness and funds for ChildLine and a large cheque will be presented over the weekend.

As well as taking part in numerous activities, the Cub Scouts will also be linking with other “Big Sleepovers” around the UK by video conferencing and a large screen.

On Sunday morning (18th) All 1000 Cubs will also take part in the Aqua Fresh Challenge by trying to clean their teeth at the same time. This and many other events will offer some fantastic photo and interview opportunities.

Further press releases will be sent during and after the event and a photo library will be made available. However, anyone wishing to send a reporter or photographer or radio/tv crew should get in touch ASAP for further information and timings of events.

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To follow-up this story, ring Pete Sturgess **01995 61336** or **07958 067998**

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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