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WEST LANCASHIRE SCOUTS CELEBRATE THEIR 100TH BIRTHDAY.

Begins.

Part of the celebrations of 100 years in Scouting , West Lancashire Scouts are opening up their prestigious Waddecar Camping And Activity Centre, near Beacon Fell in Lancashire.

The site has been in existence for over 50 years and in that time many people will have camped and taken part in activities, and this is the opportunity for anyone with an interest to come and have a look round the site.

The open days are on Saturday's, 11th August and 1st September between 10 a.m., to 4 p. m.

Visitors will be given a guided tour of the site and then a chance to visit “ Be Prepared “ the only purpose built Museum to Scouting and Guiding. This is a unique opportunity to see how Scouting has evolved from it's inceptions at the experimental Camp on Brownsea Island in August 1907.

The Deputy County Commissioner, George Lowe commented. “ Where we are today is because people visited, camped and used this site, and we are opening it all up for them to re-visit, reminisce, hopefully renew old acquaintances, and to see the phenomenal changes that have taken place to ensure that Scouting is popular with young people.”

Parties of 10 or more should please contact County Office 01995 61336, or E – Mail countyoffice@westlancashirescouts.org.uk to let us know that you are coming. People are reminded that this is an open air site and they should bring clothing and footwear appropriate to the outdoors, and weather.

The Saturday 1st September coincides with the Jamboree Re – union day. This is a special day for anyone from West Lancashire who has attended a jamboree.

Another celebratory event will be a display of the 100 years of Scouting, in The Museum Of Lancashire, Stanley Street, Preston. Telephone 01772 534075. The Museum will be open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday between 10 – 30 a. m. to 5 p. m. The charge is £ 3.00 for adult, accompanied children Free and concessions £ 2.00

The display will show the changes within Scouting since the first experimental camp on Brownsea Island in August 1907. Baden Powell, who founded the movement said that we are a movement and not an organization, and this is a chance for the public to see what we have been doing for the past 100 years and what is planned for the next.

Ends

Contact for any further information.

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Thank you for your kind assistance with promoting these events.

- Scouting is the largest co-educational youth movement in the UK with a total of 476,992 members (March 2002 figures)
- 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.

Ten Facts about Scouting you didn't know...

1. Scouting is for girls as well as boys. Young women make up almost 10 per cent of the Movement in the UK and half of all our leaders are women. Young people between the ages of 6-25 can join at any stage of their development.
2. Scouting is a global movement, active in more than 216 countries and territories and has more than 28 million members worldwide.
3. For 100 years Scouting has now been changing the world for the better, with projects occurring all over the globe that tackle local issues and make a difference in local communities. Examples include communicating with children about the dangers of HIV, re-educating child soldiers in Africa and raising money for homeless children around the world.
4. There are only six countries in the world that do not have Scouting - China, Cuba, Laos, North Korea, Andorra and Myanmar.
5. Scouting is great value and there are few other organisations which can offer so much for so little. Typically, a year's Scout membership costs less than a single ballet or swimming lesson.
6. Robert Baden-Powell, the Founder of Scouting was recently voted the 13th most influential person of the 20th Century in the UK.
7. Famous former Scouts include Paul McCartney, Natasha Kaplinsky, Stephen Spielberg and David Beckham.
8. Each day 100,000 people in the UK take part in Scouting activities.
9. 'Scouting for Boys', Baden-Powell's blueprint for the Scout Movement is the fourth most popular book of all time after The Bible, The Koran and Mao's Little Red Book
10. What do the youngest person to climb the 7 highest summits on each continent, the youngest person to walk to the South Pole, and 26 out of the first 29 astronauts have in common? They were all Scouts or former Scouts.

Growth, Recognition, Celebration

