



Southern Stars (UK) Scout Fellowship Newsletter

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Here's to another cool year for the Stars



Reports from Events last year:

GILWELL ADVENTURE

8 Southern Stars had a great time working at Gilwell Adventure, as part of the World Jamboree Off Site Activity Team. Over the 8 activity days we helped provide a whole range of adventurous activities through Zones - Discovery, Scouting Skills, Mountain & Motion, Challenge Valley and also on the Village Green.

Participants spent a day with us, around 4,000 at a time. Some ran around, some lay down & relaxed, most chatted with new found friends. We were even open to Day Visitors, & many VIP's, who were allowed to wander at will, but not to take part in activities. On Sunrise Day we also had 1500 non Jamboree Scouting visitors who made the most of the Zone Activities.

Everyone seemed to have an amazing time. This was only possible due to the great, if somewhat small, team from around the world working on Gilwell Adventure. 'Supportive, creative, flexible, capable, dependable & hardworking' ... we were also exhausted! Southern Stars were kept busy at their jobs in Scouting Skills, Security & Shops. We hope to have recruited new members, including a lapsed member who worked at the Art of Scouting exhibition.

GILWELL REUNION

Hi to all those of you who attended Gilwell Reunion, especially at Chester's Grill.

What a great weekend it was. Thank you so much for everything you did to make it such a success. The help given on both bases was much appreciated, even though no-one had the advantage of a discount ticket.

As usual, Chester's proved very popular with Pete & Tom our caterers doing a great job keeping us well fed. Thanks guys.

Here are some numbers for you -

Stars present at Gilwell - 37

Nationalities at Chester's - Dutch 1, Australian 1, Welsh 1, Serbian 2, English 40

Completed Membership Request Forms - 30 (including 1 former member, an original member from 1995, & 2 Internationals)

It was probably our most successful recruiting weekend ever, & the 106th working event for SSUKF since 1995.

Thank you to all of you, for everything you do making us such a great Fellowship.



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Things to come:

How would you like to attend another Centenary Jamboree?



JAMBOREE 2008

2nd-10th August

Punchestown, Naas, Co. Kildare, Ireland

Celebrate the Centenary of Scouting in Ireland with an event to remember! Over 10,000 Scouts from Ireland & beyond will come together for a magnificent experience.

IST are needed from 31st July - 12th Aug, cost approx £125.

Part-timers are also welcome for an adjusted fee.

Arrivals by plane will be collected by the Jamboree.

Staff get 1 or 2 days off, & tours in the local area will be available.

FORMS AVAILABLE

www.jamboree2008.ie

Email: jamboree2008@scouts.ie

Tel: +3531 4956300

Scouting Ireland, Larch Hill, Dublin 16, Ireland.

IT'S GOING TO BE GREAT!!!



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Also available closer to home:



CAMPDOWNE 2008 **24th July - 2nd August** At Downe Campsite, nr Biggin Hill, Kent.

Southern Stars regularly support this great event.

Campdowne 2008 is an international Scout and Guide camp held at Downe Scout Activity Centre, Kent in the UK. The camp runs from the 24th July - 2nd August 2008 and is for all members of the Scout and Guide movements over the age of 10 and a half years. Participants will camp with their troop, unit or company on one of five subcamps, and should be accompanied by adult leaders.

Why?

Set in both woodland and open grassland, Campdowne 2008 offers an opportunity to make new friends from around the world through an exciting and unforgettable ten day programme of events and activities. There will be centrally organised entertainment; camp fires, discos, party nights and stage productions, not forgetting the opening and closing ceremonies.

To complement this, each subcamp will provide its own programme of organised events and entertainment throughout the camp.

What's there?

Food will be provided but all campers will be expected to supply their own tentage and cooking equipment however, by prior arrangement, special provision may be made for overseas contingents. Cooking must be on portable gas stoves. Site facilities will include the Camp Square, International Centre, Leaders' Club, Providore, telephone and email, medical centre and information centre. Amenities on site include toilets, washing facilities and hot showers.

No need to tell me anymore - I want to come along!

If you would like to join us on this great adventure, www.campdowne.org/booking.html or call +44 (0) 1959 572 121 to find out more.

I'd like to come along and help staff the event!

If you would like to come along as staff for Campdowne 2008 and help make this an event to remember.

You can e-mail staff@campdowne.org for more details.

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