

# West Lancashire Scout Council

## 22nd World Scout Jamboree

### Sweden 2011

## Unit Leadership Application Support Notes



### **What are the Scout County looking for?**

We are looking for a very strong team of leaders ( 1 Unit Leader and 3 Assistant Unit Leaders ). Experience has shown that if the Unit Leadership is strong, then the Unit enjoys and benefits from a Jamboree far more. West Lancashire County Scout Council will therefore pay the Jamboree fee for their leadership team. This allows us to select leaders on ability, rather than ability to pay. We are inviting applications from all areas of Scouting in the County.

The leadership team needs a good mix of skills. A person with a long service of warranted leadership will have many skills that will benefit the team. Equally, a people without this long served warrant could also possess many skills that would be very necessary for a successful Unit.

The successful Unit Leader MUST be able to attend the first UK Unit Leader weekend on 3 / 4 October 2009, so those persons applying for the Unit Leader role should keep this date in their diary free.

### **What does the job involve?**

These are demanding and very time consuming roles. Initially, the team would need to promote the Jamboree and support Districts with their selection processes. This would then lead to a training programme, designed by the team themselves. This is followed by the Jamboree itself with a report back being the final stage. The roles will commence in November 2009 and finish in December 2011.

We would envisage the leadership team meeting on average once per month. The training programme would probably involve a number of activities and weekends from September 2010 to the Jamboree itself. On top of this Headquarters will hold leaders weekends and of course various ad-hoc commitments will crop up. It is important for all leaders to understand the time requirement involved and we feel we must be honest with people from the outset that this commitment is significant.

Initially, when they first meet, the Jamboree Unit is will be a mixture of older Scouts and Explorer Scouts. Throughout the following year the Unit would evolve into an Explorer Scout Unit. The leadership team must be able to manage this change. The participants must be involved in all aspects of preparation and decision-making.

Each leader would need to work under their own initiative within the team. Each leader would look after different aspects of the Unit preparation, involving others were necessary. Such roles could be Finance, Quartermaster, Administration, Designing and Production of Badge, Garments, Books, Join in Jamboree, Publicity, Entertainment and Home Hospitality etc.

The team would need to submit a budget to the County for the training. This budget is provided from County funds.

### **What support is available?**

The first point of support for the team is the County World Youth Events Committee.

Paul Stanford chairs this, with Bill Roberts and Mike Smith as members. Paul was the West Lancashire Jamboree Unit Leader for the Thailand Jamboree in 2003 and an Assistant Unit Leader for the Chile Jamboree in 1998. He is currently a member of the County Major Events Working Group. Bill was the West Lancashire Unit Leader for the UK Jamboree in 2007 and was ACC Scouts for 6 years. Mike is a County Trustee, ADC Development in Fylde and was previously Fylde District DC for many years.

Some office support will be available from the County Office. The County will be responsible for collecting the Jamboree fees from / via Districts. A bank account is available to the leadership team to manage its own training budget. Our Scout County is also lucky to have a wealth of Jamboree experience that can be called upon ONLY if the Unit Leadership Team requests it. Once selected, the leaders will be the focal point for the Unit, with the committee very much "behind the scenes".

To follow best practice, we also envisage each Scout District will appoint a Jamboree Co-ordinator. This is to ensure the young people have some local support with fund-raising etc. In time, it is likely that a Unit Media Relations Manager would also need to be appointed, who would handle all aspects of publicity for the Unit.

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### What do we know about the 22nd World Scout Jamboree itself?

Approximately 30,000 + Scouts are expected from 180 countries.

The Jamboree dates are from 27th July to 7th August 2011. A departure from the UK a few days before is probable as is some form of home hospitality afterwards for UK Units in Northern Europe. This means that the Jamboree experience will last approximately 3 weeks

As you may know the Jamboree will be held at Rinkaby near Kristianstad, Skane, Sweden ( search Google maps – Rinkaby 29194 )

HQ has not yet announced the UK Jamboree fee for participants and leaders. Included in the Jamboree fee will be all travel and a uniform and possibly a basic equipment package. An announcement is expected shortly.

The UK has already appointed a UK Contingent Leader and a number of other senior team members to the UK Contingent Management Team. In the coming months this team will be expanded to provide support to all the Jamboree Units in the UK.

Also in the coming months information regarding other opportunities for adults to participate as a member of the International Service team will be advertised. (A UK IST Jamboree fee has not yet been announced)

### So what happens now?

Should you wish to proceed once you have read this and the Job Description document you will need to complete the application form.

On the form, you should clearly indicate which role you wish to be considered for ie, Unit Leader or Assistant Unit Leader.

Completed forms should be returned to :-

The Jamboree Committee  
c/o Paul Stanford  
36 Bentley Drive  
Kirkham  
Preston  
Lancashire, PR4 2DR

or via email to [paul.stanford@scoutmail.org.uk](mailto:paul.stanford@scoutmail.org.uk)

Completed forms must arrive by 31 August at the very latest. All applications will be acknowledged.

Following an initial paper sift, interviews will be held as follows :-

Unit Leader                      week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> and / or 21<sup>st</sup> September 2009

( after selection of the Unit Leader, they will then be invited to join the committee to assist with the selection of the Assistant Unit Leaders )

Assistant Unit Leaders    week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> and / or 19 October 2009