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Celebrate A Million Hands during Scout Community Month

A Million Hands aims to mobilise half a million Scouting members to support the four social issues chosen by young people to improve the lives of people across the UK.

To support young people to get involved, new, simple, 8-page resource packs are available. These step-by-step guides will help to plan, deliver and make a positive impact in the run-up to the

[A Million Hands Big Moment](#) next spring.

So many Groups are doing amazing work already! For Scout Community Month in October, let's make an even greater impact. Get involved by [signing up here](#).

What is A Million Hands?

It's a Community Impact campaign which reflects our ambition by 2018 to mobilise half a million people in support of four social issues chosen by young people.

[What issues did young people pick?](#)

Why should my young people get involved?

Hundreds of Programme activities, expertise from national charities and 87% of Scouts want to take part in Community Impact projects through Scouting. [What support is available?](#)

Don't have the time?

A Million Hands is rooted in the 6-25 Programme and slots into your Programme nights. We'll also walk you through the steps of supporting a high impact project.

What's involved in a community impact project?

What issues can my young people tackle?

One movement. Four social issues. A Million Hands. These are the four social issues young people from across the UK selected. Which one will your young people choose? Once they have decided, click below to get all the resources you need.

Dementia

Over 850,000 people in the UK have dementia and millions more are affected in some way. Could your young people make their lives better?

[Explore dementia](#)

Explore mental wellbeing

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Clean water and sanitation

650 million people in the world live without safe water. Scouting is a global movement, what's stopping our young people make global change?

[Explore clean water and sanitation](#)

“A Million Hands” continued Want more support?

Rooted in the 6-25 Programme

Find out how A Million Hands helps you deliver the Programme.

[A Million Hands and the 6-25 Programme](#)

The Resource Packs

Over 400 activities that will help your young people make a positive impact in the community.

[Resources](#)

National partners, local support

We've partnered with experts in social change to develop activities and support you locally.

[Want more support?](#)

Green Spaces for Change

Being outdoors is an essential part of Scouting. How can we use nature to make social change?

[Green Spaces for Change](#)

Find out how to get your young people involved

[I'd like my young people involved](#)



CHAMBOREE 2018
Under 1 Year to go! Bookings
are OPEN now!

It's for you

Chamboree 2018 looks forward to welcoming members of the Scout and Guide movements from around the world aged 10 - 17 with their adult leaders and assistants. You can expect to be amongst 4,000+ campers from Cheshire, around the UK and from various parts of the World.

Chamboree continued:

Dates

Scouts, Guides, Explorer Scouts and Senior Section from around the world, will be camping for the week (Saturday 28th July - Saturday 4th August 2018).

Venue

Chamboree 2018 is situated at the Cheshire Showground in Tabley near the historic market town of Knutsford. Close to Manchester and Liverpool and less than 2 hours from London by train, it is perfectly located for your next adventure.

Sub Camps

Chamboree 2018 will be split into six sub camps, each with their own HQ and dedicated leader and support team. The sub camps are:

Smugglers Cove

Mutiny Bay

Crocodile Creek

Shipwreck Shore

Skull Harbour

Davy Jones' Locker (IST staff)

Exciting Programme for 2018!

All who attend will experience a week of fun and freedom with an active and energetic programme of activities. Chamboree is a place to have adventures and make new lasting friendships. You can expect an exciting programme of daytime and evening entertainments for 2018. With activity zones starting on Sunday and a NEW off-site experience in the City of Liverpool.

Activity Zones

Every morning and afternoon on-site you will visit a different activity zone, each packed with a wide range of exciting activities! New for 2018 is the Port of Tortuga, collect pieces of eight and become a Chamboree Pirate.

Chamboree Fee

Youth Participants (Aged 10-17) — **£150**

Adult Leaders (Aged 18+) — **£80**

Young Leaders supporting Scout/ Guide Groups (Aged 14-17) — **£80 (No activities)**

IST Staff (Aged 18+) — **£80 (catered)** (Aged 14-17) — **£80 (catered)**

Chamboree continued: Early Bird Discount

£10 discount per youth participant for bookings paid for in full before 2nd March 2018, i.e. youth participants pay £140.

What's Included?

The fee includes camping fees, activities, Chamboree badge, camp scarf, camp handbook. The reduced fee for leaders/

young leaders does not include daytime activities although they will be welcome to take up any spare places if they have the time! The fees do not include food and transport to and from Chamboree (transport to off-site activities is included). There will be a free shuttle bus to nearby supermarkets.

Deposits

A non-refundable deposit of £50 per contingent is payable by cheque, BACS or SWIFT made out to 'Chamboree' by **5th January 2018**. Cash payments cannot be accepted. All balances are due **by Friday 1st June 2018** at midnight.

Equipment

Each Group is expected to provide all its own tents and equipment. Cooking must be done on gas stoves only.

Health, Safety and Insurance

All activities will be organised within the rules and regulations of the Scout and Guide Association(s) and safety will be our first priority.

You will be responsible for your own contingent's belongings and equipment and you must arrange adequate insurance for equipment and personal property.

Keep up-to-date with us on Social Media:

Next Steps

Scout Groups

Each Group needs to nominate **ONE PERSON** to act as "Group Contact", this will usually be the Group Scout Leader (GSL). The group contact then needs to register your Group on the Chamboree booking system by providing an estimate of likely numbers.

This is important to help us with the planning process. As your individual plans take shape you will then be able to register participants

on line and importantly you will receive updates on Chamboree 2018.

Please note only one registration per Group is allowed and it is the "Group Contact" who is responsible for coordinating bookings from Beavers, Cubs and Scouts in their Group. Explorer Scout registrations will be coordinated by each Explorer Scout Unit.

IST Staff

As an individual upon creating an account, you can add one or more campers e.g. you could book yourself, or you + a spouse, sibling etc.

Our mailing address is:

Chamboree
Willow Tree Park, Booths Lane,
Lymm, Cheshire WA13 0GH
United Kingdom

Booking:

<http://www.chamboree.org.uk/booking/>

How to keep Scouting at uni

The [Student Scout and Guide Organisation](#) (SSAGO) supports Scouts and Guides who are new to uni, while welcoming new members. Share the [society's details](#) with young people heading into these new environments.

Joining the society is not only an opportunity to take part in activities and make use of Scouting resources, but it's also a great way to meet new people and feel the support of the Scouting community.

Students will join a local SSAGO club to participate in a variety of activities. They will not be joining specifically to become a leader. However, SSAGO clubs offer a pool of resources that can be used by local scout groups.

Members may want to help out or become a leader, they may be interested in running activities for group and district events, or they may be interested in joining service crews or activity teams. The only way you will find out what members of a local SSAGO group can offer you is by asking!

Be the first to tell us about your experience of working with SSAGO to recruit students. Contact the adult support team at adult.support@scout.org.uk or on 0345 300 1818.

Scouting heroes react in Mexico

[WOSM News](#) Wednesday, September 20, 2017

Over the past two weeks Mexico has suffered two major earthquakes, one in the South and the other near Mexico City.

More than 200 people have lost their lives, buildings have been destroyed and infrastructure badly affected.

To support relief teams, the [Scouts of Mexico](#) have been working hard to ensure the emergency operations have been running as smoothly as possible.

These heroes have been working tirelessly, setting up a command centre at the national office, collecting and delivering food and medical supplies, keeping rescuers fed and watered and launching a Scout Donation Platform campaign.

As the devastation unfolds, the amount of help continues to skyrocket. And the Scouts continue to serve.

Support their efforts on the Scout Donation Platform <https://donate.scout.org/>

The Gilwell Oak, Epping, Essex

The Gilwell Oak is synonymous with scouting. It sits at the heart of Gilwell Park in Epping, the home of the scouting movement conceived by Robert Baden Powell. The towering oak was adopted by Powell as a neat analogy in 1929 for not only the growth of the scouting movement worldwide, which began with a small trial camp some 21 years earlier, but as a message to young scouts that big things are possible from modest starts.

Gilwell Park has trained leaders and scouts across the years. It's where today volunteers wishing to lead scouting groups across the UK undertake the Wood badge Course, so named for the wooden beads given to participants carved from windfall branches of the Gilwell Oak.

It has too a more chequered past. Less wholesome and well-intentioned adventurers once mingled amongst the oaks at Gilwell. Notorious highwayman and his gang prowled these parts making use of the tree cover to prey on stage coaches between Waltham Abbey and London.

Vote for The Gilwell Oak for Tree of the Year

Gilwell's Iconic Oak has been shortlisted by the Woodland Trust for Tree of the Year! The contest pays tribute to the UK's favourite trees, celebrating their majesty and creating awareness around conservation.

[Vote for the Gilwell Oak here](#) to show your support.

24 Hour Yacht Race

Over the weekend of 8/9/10th September, Southport Scouts allowed Waterside Lodge to become a giant caravan, motorhome and tent park. It was not quite as busy as last year but we had more motorhomes or caravans. A small team of people were at Waterside Friday morning through to Sunday afternoon. We were joined at various times by different leaders/volunteers. There was an 'outside' team looking after the site and a team who ran the canteen.

The weather over the weekend was mixed. It was a windy start; in fact, one dinghy lost its mast at the end of the first lap! During the early evening the wind dropped completely so the boats were virtually at a standstill for a while. The race also ended with a squall coming through, one poor team lost their mast on the last lap about 200mts from the finish line!

This is one of the District's biggest income earners of the year, a big "Thankyou" to those leaders/volunteers, some of whom were from Formby District, (including their DC), who managed to help over the weekend, we could have done with a few more at the busy times so get it in your diary for next year, usually the second weekend in September.

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