

Unit News

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Milestone Dates

- **1st August** | One Year Countdown
- **1st September** | Take-Off Programme Launch
- **15th November** | Deposit Deadline
- **15th January** | Second Payment
- **15th April** | Balance Payment
- **1st August** | WINGS Arrival

Welcome

As we are just over a year from Wings 2009 I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and the Unit support team.

My name is Sue Clarkson and I am heading up Unit Support along with a very enthusiastic team. I will introduce you to the various members of the team as we move along.

The Unit Support Team want everyone attending WINGS to have a fantastic experience, enjoy all the activities and make many new friends.

I can see that many of you have been busy updating you records and paying deposits, thank you for this. Please continue to keep your records up to date as this will assist us to keep you up to date with what is happening and to ensure you all enjoy your time at WINGS.

I am sure that many of you are starting to have questions relating to WINGS and I hope this newsletter will answer some of them. If however you do have questions please contact me on sue.clarkson@wings2009.org.uk

Unit Food

Unit Food is being jointly managed by Steve Waite and Matthew Thorpe. Food will be provided and delivered to your sub camp. Closer to the time we will ask about dietary requirements.

There will be a swap shop where excess food can be returned, or if you run short of something you can go along to make a request for additional supplies. The swap shop will also be offering an ice block freezing service.

Ambassadors

Richard and Margaret Ellison have been supporting the Ambassador over the last 18 months. Many of you may have met with an ambassador or picked up the promotional material from one. You may even be one yourself.

Richard and Margaret look forward to meeting all the Ambassadors attending WINGS.



A guaranteed smile at WINGS!

Information Centre

Sue Kitchener will be managing the Information Centre which will be open all day, every day.

The Information Centre will hold details of local amenities, attractions and transport as well as being able to assist you with any information regarding the camp itself.

The information centre will also be the main point for lost property and for collecting any money raised for the Camp Charity.

A passport minding service will also be provided for any one who wishes to use this service.



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Some Groups visiting WINGS 2009 are requesting Home Hospitality either before or after WINGS. This could be with families or may be in group headquarters.

Do you know of any families who would like to host Scouts from overseas for a few days, or of any groups who would be able to host a Group at their headquarters.

To take part in this wonderful opportunity please email me on please email me on sue.clarkson@wings2009.org.uk

Updated FAQs

An updated set of Frequently Asked Questions is now available online.

From www.wings2009.org.uk click "FAQs" on the right hand menu.

WINGS 2009 Charities

WINGS will be supporting two charities and we will be asking each person attending the camp to try to raise £2 towards the charity collection.

We will be support education of children in Kenya and a local children's charity.

Perhaps you could do something with your Unit before you come to WINGS to help support these charities.

If you do, then let us know what you do and how much you raise, we will include these in future newsletters.

Sub Camps

Mark Thornton will be managing the Sub Camps. There will be five Sub Camps each with its own Sub Camp leader and support team.

3 Sub Camps will be for the 10 to 14 age range; 1 Sub Camp will be for the 14 to 18 age range; 1 Sub Camps will be for the 18 to 25 age range

The Sub Camp team will be there to provide assistance, advice and Sub Camp activities. We will advise you of which sub camp you will be allocated to in the early part of 2009.

More detailed information about Sub Camps and Sub camp activities will follow in future news letters along with details of the activities programme.

If you are also able to provide any equipment to assist the overseas group this would be very helpful, however if this is not possible we will provide assistance.

International Support

Alan Wade is managing the International Support Team and will be contacting all International groups, whose deposits are paid, later this year. Alan and his team will be enquiring as to the type of support each group would like. They will be able to provide advice or arrange loans or hiring of equipment and transport.

They will also try to arrange linking overseas groups to a UK group if required. Some groups found this an invaluable experience in 2003 as they were linked together prior to WINGS and camped together at WINGS.

We are also aware that some groups may require home hospitality or the use of group accommodation before or after WINGS, this can also be arranged by the International Support Team.

Nearer the time of WINGS we will also be asking any International groups if they would like to provide a display related to Scouting in their country.

UK Groups

A number of Groups visiting WINGS 2009 from overseas are asking if they can be linked to a UK group as in 2003. Is your Group interested?

We would arrange to camp linked groups on the same Sub Camp to enable them to join together as much as possible. In 2003 some groups cooked and ate together, many ongoing friendships developed between the groups.

If you are able to link up with an overseas group please email me on sue.clarkson@wings2009.org.uk

