



**Scouts**



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We are very pleased to be able to announce that applications for the 2023 NSGSO and NSGCB course are now open.

The 2023 course will be the 48th year of the Symphony Orchestra, with the Concert Band now in its 8th year, running alongside the Orchestra course.

The residential course is held in Stourbridge, West Midlands, with concerts held at prestigious venues in the Birmingham area.

The course runs from Sunday 30th July - Sunday 6th August 2023.

The closing date for applications is 9am on Sunday 11th December 2022. To find out more about our course, entry requirements, and cost, visit our website [nsgso-nsgcb.com](https://nsgso-nsgcb.com).

Please could you circulate this email and attached flier as widely as possible amongst all Scouts, Explorers, Young Leaders and Network members aged 12-25 in your county.

This is also a great opportunity for people looking to complete the residential section of their Gold DofE/QSA.

The course is hosted by Birmingham Scout County in conjunction with Girlguiding Birmingham but is open to applicants from across the UK who [meet the selection criteria](#).

To apply for the 2023 NSGSO or NSGCB course and to find out more details, please visit [nsgso-nsgcb.com](https://nsgso-nsgcb.com).

You will hear before 31st December 2022 if your application has been successful or not

Please email me at [alice@nsgso-nsgcb.com](mailto:alice@nsgso-nsgcb.com) with any queries that you have.

West Lancashire Scouts

## Ardennes Adventure 2023

26<sup>th</sup> May – 4<sup>th</sup> June 2023

The Ardennes Adventure is a 9 day fun filled trip to Belgium where participants get to experience climbing, canoeing, caving and mountain biking. It really is an action packed, fun filled trip that is open to all Explorers and Older Scouts (13+) in West Lancs.

***Never been on a Scout international trip before? Or want to take your skills to the next level? Then this is the trip for you!***

We camp at the Belgium Scouting Centre “Le Refuge” that is situated in Mont-Godinne in the Ardennes Region of Belgium. Catering for yourselves you get to decide what you eat, buy your own food and cook it just how you like it!!

You get to choose 3 activities out of Canoeing, Climbing, Caving and Mountain Biking. Spending 2 days on each of the activities you get to really test your skills, learn new ones and probably do something you have never done before. Mid-week we have a day off the adventurous stuff and do a cultural day, what this involves is decided by the group.

Getting there is via minibus setting off on the Friday evening and returning the following Sunday, this way we can make the most of our time out there.

The cost of the adventure is £495, however sign up prior to 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 this is reduced to £470 as an early bird offer. The price includes all transport, activities, accommodation, breakfasts, specialist activity equipment, an event polo shirt, international necker and the training weekend. (Lunches, teas and snacks are not included).

**Interested or want to sign up? Then either scan the QR code or go to the URL below, fill out the form and we'll be in touch.**

<https://forms.office.com/r/wbwcs1X42w>

Or for further information contact:

[Steve.williams@westlancsscouts.org.uk](mailto:Steve.williams@westlancsscouts.org.uk)

## Julian Alps, 22nd July – 5th August 2023



### The Plan!

We will be heading over to the Julian Alps, in the northern part of Slovenia, where we will be having an action packed two weeks of various mountain activities, including but not limited to:

- Via ferrata – Moving over steep terrain in the mountains using pre fixed cables and ladders to allow fast and efficient moving.
- Rock climbing – This will include different aspects and grades of climbing. In lots of various locations including the valley floor and within the mountains.
- Walking – There will be all levels and lengths of walks available suitable for mixed abilities, in a stunning mountainous environment.
- Mountaineering – We will be heading up to some high summits and moving over steep and scrambling terrain, maybe even summiting Triglav (2864m) the highest mountain in Slovenia.
- Mountain biking – Using many of the local trails, we will be offering this activity for people to ride some amazing trails in a beautiful place.
- Overnight mountain hut stays – Using one of the methods above to gain access to one of the high mountain huts and staying overnight. This is fantastic experience without the discomfort of camping remotely.

We will be also doing some pre trip training weekends, this will allow us all to get to know each other before heading out as well as working on and developing our skills and fitness required in the mountains. This will cover map reading, rope work, mountain safety and camp skills.

### Accommodation & Transport

To allow maximum time out in the alps, we will be flying out and getting transfers to Kranjska Gora, where we will be camping for the two weeks. Due to us flying out everyone will need to cook for themselves or possibly in small groups. This will also allow us to have any equipment required for overnight stays and bivvies.

### Skill/ Fitness level

The trip is open to explorer scouts, Network and adult volunteers who have an interest in the mountains and what they have to offer, as well as a good baseline fitness. This is to allow everyone to enjoy the trip and get the most out of it.

### Cost

This trip costs £1597 for 2 weeks which includes all your transport in the UK and in-country, food, insurance and 2 training weekends in the UK.

### How do I apply?

You can register your interest here: <https://forms.office.com/r/DLpF4v9BKx>

## Snow and Ice 2023

We're heading back to the Cairngorms in February 2023 for Snow and Ice. This is a Winter Mountaineering Experience for Explorers, Network and Leaders.

From 10-15 Feb 2023 you'll have the opportunity to take part in Winter Mountaineering whether that be expeditions, Winter Climbing, Winter Hill Ascents, Snowholes, Skiing and much more.

Cost is £325 which includes all your accommodation, transport to and from Scotland and on the event, fully catered, equipment and instruction from qualified winter instructors. No winter experience is needed and we can lend winter kit for no extra fee.

You do need to be 15 years old upwards and have had some experience of walking – whilst you don't need winter experience, this isn't a trip for complete novices who haven't been walking in the mountains before. You need to have the stamina to walk into the hills each day. Some experience of walking in the Lakes/North Wales is useful. If unsure – get in touch – [snowandice@westlancsscouts.org.uk](mailto:snowandice@westlancsscouts.org.uk)

Interested? There are only 40 places available so complete the form on the website when applications open! Don't miss out!

**APPLICATIONS OPEN ON WEDNESDAY 12TH OCTOBER AT 7AM**

[You can apply via the website](#)



# SCOUTS EXPLORERS network



We are planning the Christmas Linking event for our Scouts, Explorers, and Network which will take place the weekend 2 – 4 December 2022, at Waddecar Scout Activity Centre. It is a great opportunity for our Scouts to meet the Explorers and learn about the Units, and for our Explorers to meet with Network members to see how their scouting adventure can continue. The weekend consists of a mixture of working as part of the service team supporting Waddecar's Winter Wonderland event and offering a range of fun activities to ensure everyone gets to know each other. On the Saturday night we sit down to a formal Christmas dinner and Christmas entertainment in the evening. The event is open to young people aged 13 plus onwards. Bookings are now being taken and can be made via the link below. The cost of the weekend will be £20 per head.

<https://forms.office.com/r/98QQ1k9j57>

<https://www.wyrescouts.org.uk/christmas-extravaganza/>

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Nicky Dennison or Gareth Bates.



1<sup>st</sup> Carleton Scout Group and Unknown Explorers are planning a joint Summer camp. The camp will be for 6 nights from Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August 2023 – Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2023. It will be held at Coxwood Scout Campsite and Activity Centre, Cox Lane, Rossett, Wrexham LL12 0BH.

The camp is offered on a first come first served basis and the total cost for the six nights is £TBC per child, which will cover the camp fees, transport, food and activities. In order to secure a place on the camp you will need to pay a £25.00 **non-refundable deposit**. Payment information is on the booking form.

If you would like your son/daughter to attend the camp please pay the deposit directly into the camp bank account and [complete the on-line form](#) by the 31 January 2023. More information at <http://unknownesu.org.uk/>







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