

ScoutBurst is a community service project based on the World Scout Jamboree Starburst activity.

An excerpt from 21st World Scout Jamboree

A report to the 38th World Scout Conference



....Starburst aimed to put Scouting's values into practice, working in and learning about the community and the local environment.

A wide range of Starburst projects were organised and work took place in locations including country parks and conservation areas, special needs schools, hospitals, homes for the elderly and local villages.

Participants were very enthusiastic about this aspect of the Programme, often managing to achieve more work than was originally planned and, towards the end of the Jamboree, additional projects had to be found.

Overall, participants worked on approximately 100 Starburst projects and achieved around 120,000 hours of service in the local communities...

Cromwell's **ScoutBurst** coordinator, Ed Sowell's MBE, was involved in the pre-Jamboree acquisition, assessment and briefing of some of the tasks. During the Jamboree he was part of the team that dispatched the 4000 young people each day on the coaches as well as ensuring the resources and safety equipment were available on each of the sites.



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Scouts of Cromwell District - an area that includes St Ives and the local villages - are planning an exciting gathering this year.

Following the success of our Centenary Camp held in 2007 to celebrate 100 years of Scouting we intend to run a similar event this year, aptly named **PLUS 2**.

The camp will include a community service project for the older members, named **ScoutBurst**



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ScoutBurst Part of the Big Adventure

ScoutBurst is a community service based on the World Scout Jamboree Starburst and along the lines of the old Bob-a-Job. The big difference being that the Scouts will receive their token 'bob' – a pre-'71 shilling – from the camp staff and the community will get the jobs done free.

SOME QUESTIONS ANSWERED

What sort of tasks could the Scouts undertake?

Any job suitable for a small team of young people. For those of you who remember Bob-a-Job, you will recall being asked to cut grass, weed beds, paint fences, scrub steps, clean cars, and polish brass. During the World Scout Jamboree groups of Scouts did all of these things and more besides. Other activities included entertaining Senior Citizens, clearing woodland, digging ditches, clearing overgrown gardens, preparing flower beds, laying bark paths, planting plants – the list is endless.

How old will the Scouts be?

Scouts are aged between 10½ and 14 and now include girls.

How many Scouts will I get?

The Scouts will be divided into 'Patrols' of 6 to 8 young people. You will be allocated one or more patrols depending on the size of the task.

Will there be an adult with them?

Each Patrol will have at least one adult with them to provide support and guidance.

When will they arrive and how long will they stay?

The **ScoutBurst** Project is planned to run on the afternoon of Saturday 2 May 2009. The Scouts will walk from Copley Scout Centre planning to arrive at the work site around 1400 and stay for two hours and then walk back.

Will I be expected to provide refreshments?

The Scouts will carry their own water and snacks. They will, of course, gratefully accept any other refreshments you may provide but they will not be expected.



Will I be expected to provide any tools?

The Scout leadership team will attempt to procure a varied selection of protective clothing and tools to meet the demands of the tasks. It would be useful however, if you could provide the tools necessary to complete your task. In addition to the event organisers not having to provide the tools, this will allow the Scouts to walk to the task without the need to carry any.

What happens if one of the Scouts hurts himself?

Each Scout will carry his or her own First Aid Kit. The adult with them will have mobile phone contact and have Basic First Aid Training.



Will the Scouts behave themselves?

Unfortunately, the press given to young people and teenagers today only concentrates on the badly behaved or irresponsible minority. Our experience shows that modern youth is more likely to volunteer for community service and conduct themselves responsibly than some of their seniors. We are confident (and that confidence is based on the 30,000 young people that we sent out from the World Scout Jamboree) that the service you will receive in the short time the Scouts are with you, will both impress and surprise you.

What about safety?

When you identify a task to the event organisers someone will visit the location and with you, assess the needs in terms of protective clothing, tools and any other requirements.

Will I need to take out insurance?

The Scouts and their leaders are all covered for all Scouting activities by our own HQ Insurance services so you will not be expected to provide additional cover.

Scouts are well motivated young people who want to do something for someone else, to make a difference in the world and in their own community. Please help us to help them by supporting ScoutBurst.