



THE WWESU HOWLER

Wild Wolf Explorer Scout Unit's termly newsletter.

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AESL'S INTRODUCTION

Hi everyone, and happy new year to you all.

Apologies that this Autumn Term newsletter is slightly later than usual - WWESU's youth-led Publicity Team have been hard at work revising for their exams!

It's been great to welcome lots of new Explorers to the Unit this term and last, and see them getting stuck into our programme. One of the best moments from last term has to be seeing everyone come together to bring back our annual fireworks display, scaled down for family and friends of the Unit.

Looking forwards, we've got lots of exciting plans for the Spring Term, and planning is starting to come together for our trip to Kandersteg International Scout Centre in the summer too. We'll be doing lots of fundraising over the next few months to make sure that Summer Camp can happen, so keep an eye out for the various events that will be running.

As the Leader who oversees the Publicity Team, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank them for all their hard work. From social media posts and YouTube videos, to

of our highlights from the Autumn Term!

Carina,
Assistant Explorer Scout Leader



Back after Summer

After a busy Summer holiday for WWESU Explorers, our PLs didn't hesitate to get the Unit stuck in with another exciting programme for the Autumn term. This time, we enjoyed an fantastic variety of evening activities, including marshmallows by the campfire, a highly competitive gameshow night and, of course, preparations ahead of our annual fireworks display. Make sure you're following us on [social media](#) to find out what we get up to this term!



Fireworks 2022

For the first time in three years, WWESU has been able to host our annual fireworks display. Unfortunately, we could not yet return to our full-scale public display, however, we thank all our friends and family who we invited to this year's event for coming along and helping to support the Unit. If you'd like to hear more about our

Patrol Leader Elections

Our Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) and Patrol Leaders (PLs) are essential to the running of our youth led Unit. Together they help plan the programme, make Tuesday nights happen, run parade and more.

The Unit gets an opportunity to nominate fellow Explorers that they think will smash the job. We had 11 wonderful speeches to listen to, but eventually Jess, Jake, Mischa and Danny were our successful candidates for PL, and Freddy for SPL. Well done everyone!



NEWS IN BRIEF

Aside from trips, here's some of our other highlights!

Florrie goes for gold

WWESU's newest Leader, Florrie, achieved her DofE gold award this term and has now submitted her application for a Queens Scout Award, the highest award in scouting. Watch this space!

Foodbank Donations

Every year, WWESU collects food and other supplies to prepare a donation to our local foodbank, and this year was no exception! The Unit managed to collect a mountain of essentials for those in need. Thank you to PL, Dara, for organising the collection!



Surf 'n' Turf

Double trouble! With the warm weather and longer nights rapidly disappearing, this term, we decided to head out to make the most of mild conditions before winter crept in. Making our way out to North Wales on Friday, it was time for a weekend hybrid camp - everyone getting the opportunity to both hike and paddle. Each day, we ventured out, half of us preparing to climb Mount Arenig Fawr, whilst the other half set sail on Lake Bala.



Operation Feather

Following the death of HM The Queen, Patron of the Scout Association, nearly 200 Queen Scouts aged 18-25 were called up to support the Lying-in-State. WWESU Leaders Carina and Ellie were chosen to help. Keen to hear more? Check out this [blog post](#) made by Ellie and Carina to read all about it.

Autumn Camp 2022

Autumn Camp is a WWESU staple, each year taking the Unit to a different part of the country for a weekend of adventure. This year, we head off to Youlbury Scout Campsite in Oxfordshire and enjoyed a day of hiking on the Saturday and a trip into the City of Oxford the following day. Everyone had an amazing time, and with a number of new Explorers joining us on this one, everyone made some new friends as well!





Highlands Hillwalking

As has become a WWESU Autumn term tradition, Mountain Leader, John, spent the half term with 8 of our keenest Explorers. They took on the challenges of the Scottish Highlands for 5 days, including a two night wild camp in the midst of some challenging weather conditions (to put it lightly!). Luckily, the rain didn't stop them from having a fantastic time and bagging 7 Munros across 70km! Read more about this adventure over on [our blog!](#)



Fundraising Appeal

This Summer the Unit will be heading off to Switzerland for [100 years of KISC](#). However, due to rising costs and the international nature of the trip, the Unit needs to raise some money to make sure it can happen! Luckily, our Patrols have each launched a fundraising campaign this term, which you'll here more about over on our Social media, but, if you can't make it to one of their events, you're welcome to donate to the Unit [HERE](#).

COMING UP

Here's a sneak peek at some of the exciting things we have planned for the spring term and beyond! Explorers, check your OSM for more details...

Spring Term Starts

this space! The rest of the term will feature everything from martial arts to WWESU's 14th Birthday party. Not to mention 7 amazing camps, all in one term! Here's a sneak peak at some:

Winter Camp 2023

This weekend, 47 of our Explorers and 11 Leaders will head off to the glorious countryside of the Peak District for a weekend of winter fun. We'll be staying at a WWESU classic, Glenbrooke Activity Centre. Keep an eye on our [Social media](#) to see how we get on.

February Freezer

This March (we know; but March Freezer doesn't have quite the same ring to it!), our ESL, Nick, will be taking a group of Explorers to brave the winter cold and spend two days paddling the Unit's canoes. Explorers, make sure to get on OSM when this one goes live, you won't want to miss it!



Unfortunately, this term we had to say goodbye to two fantastic Explorers as they turned 18. Priya and Ollie both made fantastic contributions to the Unit and will be missed! A special thank you to Priya for her work as SPL! We wish them both the best of luck in their future endeavours in and out of Scouting.



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