



THE WWESU HOWLER

Wild Wolf Explorer Scout Unit's termly newsletter.

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SPL'S INTRODUCTION

Hello everyone!

Whilst Wild Wolf's Leaders are hard at work planning an amazing Summer for us all, I'll be settling you into this term's newsletter. We've had a jam-packed spring, so feel free to grab yourself a cuppa before getting stuck into the amazing adventures that kicked off our 2023.

This term saw the return of a handful of WWESU classics. We, of course, held our annual Winter and Easter camps, but also welcomed back our first February Freezer since before the pandemic, an exciting addition to an already busy programme. From summiting mountains and cruising down rivers, to flipping pancakes and mastering martial arts; it's fair to say we've made the most of the season. Having worked closely with Wild Wolf's Leaders as Senior Patrol Leader, I'd like to take the time to thank them for all their hard work in providing these opportunities. Explorers, make sure to give your Leaders a high five and a 'thank you' when you next see them, I'm sure they'd appreciate it!

In-between the camps and trips, our Patrols have also been hard at work to fundraise

the most money for the Unit. Without spoiling the big reveal this Tuesday, I have to say how impressed I am with this the initiative and drive shown by everyone involved in the challenge. You should all be very proud!

There are many more exciting stories to read in this newsletter, so without further ado, I'll pass over to our Explorer-led publicity team to fill you in.

Freddy,
Senior Patrol Leader



A Chilly Winter Camp

Frosty weather kept this year's winter camp true to its name, but the cold didn't stop us from enjoying a crisp morning hike and showing off our ice-skating skills on the rink. Two busy days made it all the nicer to relax with some evening games at Glenbrook Lodge, a WWESU staple! The highlight for many was a heroic taskmaster activity with a plethora of rather odd challenges. A personal favourite was the, now infamous, 'moo off'...



Publicity Team Train Up

doubled in size so to make sure everyone's up to speed, we held a training day at Scout Park. Keep an eye on our social media for snazzy graphics, gnarly videos and artistic photography. And of course, an awesome newsletter each term.

Southern 50 Season

In February, Southern 50 season was upon us. Our Leader, Livia, prepared four teams of our keenest Explorers to take on a gruelling 30km / 50km competitive hike. The teams were tasked with navigating between checkpoints whilst carrying rucksacks containing a very specific list of kit. A massive well done to everyone who took part, you smashed it. We're already looking forward to entering the competition next year.



NEWS IN BRIEF

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

Windsor Paraders

Our Leaders and Queen Scouts, Carina, Ellie and Livia, attended the annual Scouts Windsor Day of Celebration and Achievement yesterday to join the festivities over at Windsor Castle.

WWESU Turns 14

In February, Wild Wolf ESU turned 14! We celebrated with a night of party games starring musical chairs, tug of war and, of course, cake!



Patrol Cup Fundraiser

As mentioned in the intro above, this spring we launched a term-long project to raise funds for our Summer Camp in KISC, Switzerland. From sponsored hikes and market stalls to a splendid curry and quiz night, we've had it all! Keep an eye on our social media for a grand total this week!



Photographed here are the Wasps selling home-made crafts at the Nest Showcase at Fortismere School and below them are the Snails and Puffins who walked from the iconic Abbey Road to the Greenwich Observatory to raise money. If you couldn't attend one of these amazing events but would still like to donate, you can do so by clicking [HERE](#). Thank you!



Easter Camp 2023

A frosty Winter Camp made way for a muddy Easter Camp! Despite the weather being fairly sunny, we decided to seek out the wet and mud at Silver Cross Campsite's own obstacle course! The four day camp also included a scenic hike in the Brecon Beacons, gnarly surf on the South coast and lot's of time to relax on camp. Check out the video we made of the trip [HERE](#).

Expedition Ready

With two dozen Explorers preparing to take on a canoe expedition this summer, hoping to qualify for their Bronze, Silver or Gold DofE award, we've been getting river ready! This term saw a number of weekends on the water where our Leaders coached us in everything from efficient paddling to capsizing drills. Yes, capsizing drills, very cold capsizing drills. A few more days on the water and we'll all be expedition ready.





Leader Training

At the end of March, our Leadership team drove down to Wales aiming to improve navigational skills essential to facilitate the Unit's love for hiking. They headed up to the mountains of Snowdonia and brushed up on their knowledge, including a pitch-black night navigation, an important part of the Scouts hillwalking permit scheme.



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! If you'd like to support the Unit in reducing costs for Explorers in hardship, please donate [HERE](#).

COMING UP

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

Summer Term Starts

This Tuesday, we'll be kicking off our programme with a second instalment of WWESU does Taskmaster! We'll also be welcoming lots of newbies and announcing our fundraising totals. And that's just the first night!

Snowdonia from the 23rd - 25th June. It'll be run as a passport camp, so no Leaders, and we'll spend both days up in the hills! Make sure to save the date.

KISC 100

With all the fundraising we're doing it's easy to lose sight of what it's all for. Explorers, if you fancy watching something to get you excited for KISC 100, check out this video [HERE](#). It's going to be amazing!



Leavers

As usual, by the end of the term we have had to say goodbye to a number of our fellow Explorers as they turn 18. A massive thank you to Arno, Rory, Alex and Owen, who've put so much energy into the Unit since they joined. We all wish you the best of luck with your plans for the future and hope to see you back with us soon!



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