



THE WWESU HOWLER

Wild Wolf Explorer Scout Unit's termly newsletter.

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Hi everyone, happy new year!

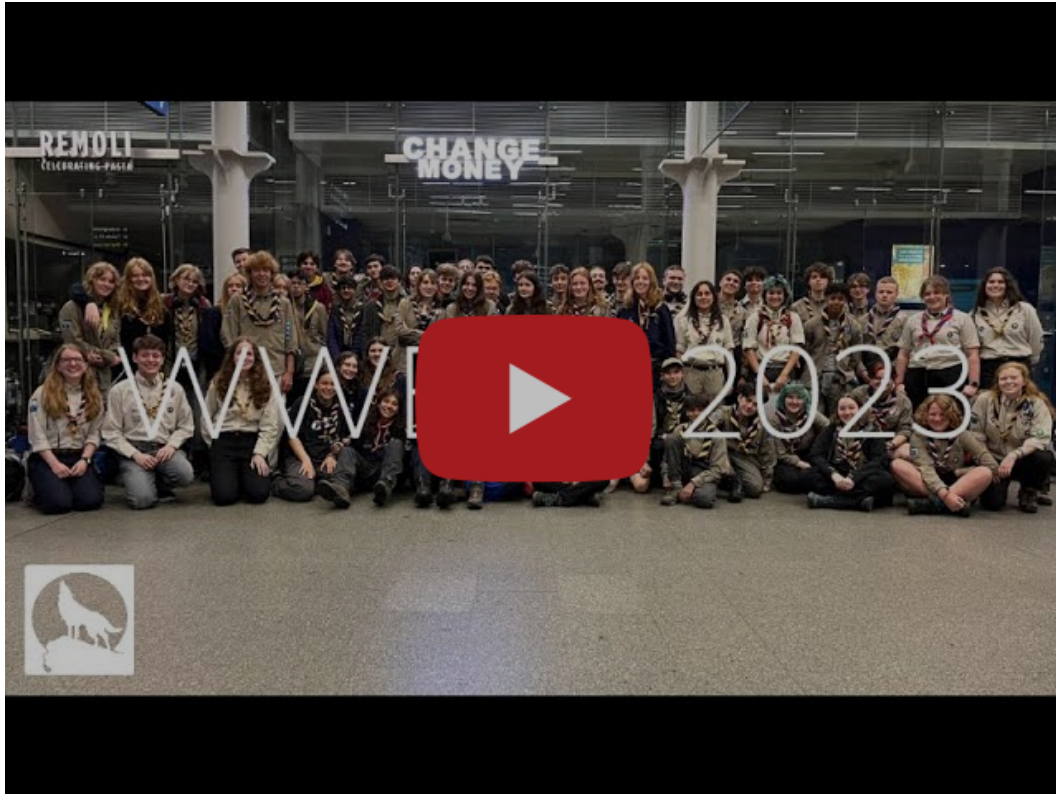
You might notice that the WWESU Howler has been a bit quiet recently, but we're back with a new edition to get you up-to-date with all our adventures since our last newsletter in the spring!

2023 was a busy year for WWESU but we certainly made the most of it, and we are really proud of everything that our young people have achieved. Our two week Summer Camp in Switzerland was an amazing return to international Scouting post-Covid, and we've done loads of brilliant trips closer to home as well. It's been great to see our Explorers getting stuck into the programme - and running the programme, in lots of cases! Our Publicity Team has made a brilliant video showcasing everything we did last year, so make sure to check that out below.

We'd like to thank all our Explorers for their commitment to WWESU and for making it such a great Unit to lead, and especially our Patrol Leaders and Senior Patrol Leaders for all their support and hard work this year. Thanks also to you,

Read on to find out more about some of our highlights from the last few months - but first, there's some important news about what's coming up in 2024...

Wild Wolf ESU Leadership Team



Check out our year in review film for 2023!

Fireworks 2024 - We're back!

The full Wild Wolf ESU Fireworks Display will be making a return on the 2nd November 2024. Our family-friendly fireworks display & bonfire is a local favourite, welcoming thousands of people to Scout Park for an evening of food, fireworks, and amazing community atmosphere. Planning has already started to ensure that we return with a bang! [Click here to check out the video from our last public display in 2019 to see what the event is all about.](#)

We're really excited to bring back this amazing volunteer-run event - but we can't do it without you. We'd love to welcome you to Scout Park for the display, so keep an eye on our socials for updates and to find out when tickets go on sale. Alternatively, if you've volunteered at the event previously and would be keen to help out again, then we'd love to have you. We would also be more

Please make sure any questions about Fireworks are sent via email to fireworks@wildwolfesu.org so we can keep track of all communications.

Save the date... 2nd November 2024!



Summer Camp: Kander 100

2023 was the centenary year of the Kandersteg International Scout Centre in Switzerland, and last summer we spent two weeks taking part in their Kander

rain and mud did sometimes prove a challenge, but we had a brilliant time anyway! Watch the camp video above to experience Kander 100 for yourself!

DofE Expeditions

Once again we had a range of teams completing their Duke of Edinburgh's Award expeditions by canoe. The Bronze expeditions took place on the River Thames, and the Silver and Gold teams travelled down the River Severn. Well done to everyone who took part!



Highlands Hillwalking

During October half term, a small group of Explorers headed north for a week of expeditioning in the Scottish Highlands. They hiked and wild camped and generally had an amazing adventure! [Read the blog post written by one of our Explorers to find out more...](#)



Patrol Leader Training Camp

At Wild Wolf ESU we currently have a team of eight Patrol Leaders and two Senior Patrol Leaders, who do a brilliant job of supporting the rest of the Explorers and working with the Leaders to design and deliver the jam-packed WWESU programme. In November we held a Patrol Leader training camp, with sessions on being a good leader, session planning, first aid, team building and lots more. Not to mention that the PLs cooked some amazing food which was much appreciated by the Leaders!



Family & Friends Christmas Dinner

With no Fireworks Display in 2023, we decided to hold a Christmas Dinner fundraiser instead! We invited family and friends of WWESU to Scout Park for a full Christmas Dinner, plus quiz and raffle. The Explorers did a great job cooking for around 200 people, getting the hall ready, and running all of the entertainment. We really enjoyed the event and hope that all our guests did too!

Leavers

As usual, every year lots of amazing Explorers turn 18 and move on from WWESU. Since the last issue of the WWESU Howler, we have said goodbye to Jackson, Dylan, Mischa, Wilf, Marina, Barnaby, Freddy and Yusuf. We wish them all the best – and we're sure they will be back to help with Fireworks in November...!

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