



Eurocamp18 News - Edition 1

In this edition

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Meet the team

When B-PSA in the UK volunteered to host Eurocamp18, they knew they had a lot to live up to - there had been great camps in Denmark, Switzerland, Germany and Italy.

They knew they needed an expert and dedicated team to make sure that this camp lived up to your dreams. Eurocamp news interviews the team and asks how they intend to make this a special experience for you.

Jay - Camp Chief

Jay was delighted to be asked by B-PSA to co-ordinate the planning team, and honoured to be asked by WFIS Europe to be Camp Chief.

Anyone who knows him will know that he is not usually associated with words like planning and detail - more often with words like dreamer and adventurer!

So how is he approaching this challenge?



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“I knew I had to get a really experienced team around me, and give them the responsibility to build their specialist areas. Some of them have been to every Eurocamp, many of them were involved in organising the 100 years camp in the UK in 2007 and they all have great Scouting backgrounds. And they will all make sure that the dreams become an amazing reality - but let them

tell you how.”

Lyn - Administration

“I have over 20 years experience with B-PSA as a Beavermaster, Group Scout Master, and am now Beaver Commissioner. I was part of the organising team for Centenary Camp in 2007 and have attended Eurocamps in Germany and Italy, with my Scouts.



We have also taken the Scouts to Ontario, Canada, to meet old Scouting friends. My Scouts are really looking forward to reconnecting with the friends they have made at these events.

I hope to make the administration process for attending Eurocamp18 as easy as possible for you, and make sure any questions or queries you have are answered effectively and speedily.”

Sarah (Groupes) - Retail and catering



“I have been in B-PSA for 30 years, I started as a Beaver Leader, starting a Colony from scratch and completed my Woodbeads in Beavers. I then changed Groups and have been running 1st Kingswood for over 25years. I was Area Commissioner for West and Wales and Association Safety officer until poor health stopped that, and I concentrated on my Group. I can now take on more responsibility again thanks to my husband retiring and driving me around the country!

Due to a hereditary connective tissue disorder my mobility is very limited so we have to think outside the box to make Scouting happen, I recently completed my Rover Scout Expedition on my Mobility Scooter!

I can't travel abroad, so I'm very much looking forward to International Scouting coming to us! I have organised a very helpful and professional company to provide the catering so everyone can have a taste of English Cuisine, as well as options you

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may be more familiar with. I will also be organizing the Shop to provide an assortment of snacks, gifts and novelties to make it special.

Martyn (Buzz) - Activities



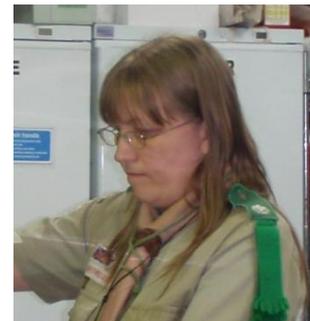
“I have been Scouting for over 30 years, and I’m now the B-PSA Commissioner for Training and Group Scout Master of 1st Millbrook.

I’m a professional chef, but for Eurocamp18 I would far rather be involved in planning and delivering some really exciting activities, hikes and trips for you to enjoy. There will be lots more information on these in the November newsletter.

We are working on sharing some really traditional Scouting skills with you at Eurocamp18, and I’m building a team from the UK to instruct on them - but I will need help from you during the camp to make sure that every Wolf Cub, Scout, Senior Scout and Rover Scout has a great activity experience.”

Sheena (Akela Perry) - Ceremonies and Cub Programme

“I am B-PSA Commissioner for Wolf Cubs, and our Association’s child protection advisor. I was responsible for a lot of the planning for the 2007 Centenary Camp in the UK and have attended Eurocamps in Denmark, Switzerland and Germany.



I’m currently working hard planning the celebrations for 100 years of Wolf Cubs in the UK, as well as thinking about the Wolf Cub programme for Eurocamp18.

I will also be responsible for making the opening and closing ceremonies at Eurocamp really special and memorable, and co-ordinating the evening programme of camp fires and national entertainment. If you would like to put on any evening entertainment to reflect your national culture, please get in touch with me.”

Norman - Retail and Senior Scout Programme

“Very many of you know me from WFIS General Assemblies, Workshops and Woodbeads training. I’ve attended every Eurocamp and was a sub-camp leader in Germany and Italy. I’ve been Scouting for well over 60 years, but have made more good Scouting friends since joining WFIS than ever before.



For Eurocamp18, I will be working with Martyn on the Senior Scout programme for 15 to 18 year olds, and very importantly I have responsibility for organising the adults bar - The George and Dragon.

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This year I have been honoured by being invited to a special event at Buckingham Palace - and I am hoping that I will be able to persuade a member of the British Royal Family to visit us at camp.”

Colin (Skip) - Marketing and Communications



“I’ve been involved with different Scout Groups for over 25 years undertaking a variety of roles in and out of uniform including Treasurer, Marketing Coordinator and different Leadership roles in the Scout section.

With a long career in marketing I’ve been responsible for organising the logo, the website build and for setting up all the social media accounts. I’m now working to make sure all the information about Eurocamp18 produced by each team is available on the website and across social media whatever device you might use.

In the future I’ll be responsible for adding the online shop and ticket booking systems to the site and for making sure all the video and image memories of Eurocamp18 at the event itself are captured and kept.

In 2012 I led the creation of a brand new B-PSA group which has gone from strength to strength mainly due to the variety of traditional outdoor skills, hikes and camps we run throughout the year.

As a young Group we haven’t attended a Eurocamp yet which means we can ask all those questions that you may want to ask about the event and then put them on the website. So if you have any questions about Eurocamp18 or would like anything added to the site please let me know.”

Gemma - Finance

“Scouting was really important to me when I was growing up, and helped me to build my confidence. I’m now a Rover Scout, but I’m not involved in Scouting with a Group on a regular basis. I’m delighted to be helping on the Eurocamp18 team, as a way of putting something back.

I attended Eurocamp in Denmark and I want to be part of making this as memorable for a new generation of Scouts as that was for me.”



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Mark - Transport

“I am International Commissioner for B-PSA, and have met many of you at General Assemblies, Workshops and Eurocamps.



This is the first Eurocamp that hasn't been in mainland Europe, and that means that for the first time many of you will be thinking about how to get Scouts, Leaders and equipment across that stretch of water that separates us.

I will be using all the experience of UK Groups who have had to solve those problems before, to give you advice on transport solutions including road, rail, air, and ferries. There will be a full feature on this in the September newsletter.

I will also be giving you helpful contact information for UK bus companies that can get you to the Eurocamp18 site, and I'll be responsible for making sure the transport goes smoothly on trip and hike days.”

Margon - WFIS

“As Chairman of WFIS Europe, I am the steering committee representative on the Eurocamp18 team. I will be making sure that everything is planned to give our members the best opportunities of creating lifelong Scouting friendships.”



Registrations update

In less than 2 months since the launch of Eurocamp 18 we have had a fantastic amount of interest, and the current registrations already show that over 700 people are interested in attending.

Countries who have already registered include:- Austria, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Italy, Malta, Spain, UK, and USA.

REGISTER HERE

To register your interest please go to www.eurocamp18.com and click on the big red button. We are hoping to have at least 2,000 people at Eurocamp18.

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Funding from Europe

We have had initial discussions with the Erasmus Plus programme about funding a youth exchange programme - and it's looking positive.

If we put in a successful application, we will be able to get up to 60 young people totally funded (camp and travel) to attend Eurocamp18.

Please let us know if you have Scouts who will only be able to come, if they get funding support of this type. That will help us to put together a very good application. We need to know:- the likely numbers of Scouts involved, why they can't afford to travel in Europe normally, and your thoughts on the benefits to them if they were able to attend Eurocamp18.

Future News Releases

We are planning to send out Eurocamp18 News every two or three months, and will include the information that will help you plan your trip. The schedule is currently:

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| April 16 | Catering at Eurocamp, more about how this will work, daily menus, and some information on how we will provide a nutritious, well balanced, safely prepared and sustaining food experience. |
| June 16 | Update on grants and funding, and requests for registered Groups / Associations to sponsor visits from WFIS Worldwide Groups

Merchandising - an outline of items that will be available in the online shop and at camp |
| September | How we can help to develop the Eurocamp18 experience either side of the camp - advice on travel transfers, places to camp before and after Eurocamp18, advice on major tourist locations to visit, requests for hosting long distance visitors |
| November | Detailed schedule of commitment dates - logistics plan
A more detailed insight into the activities, trips and hikes planned |
| January 17 | A General Assembly edition with a review and update |

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