

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Cork Scouts- Camp Report** **Camp 2009 – Gilwell, London**

Dates: 12<sup>th</sup> of July to 25<sup>th</sup> of July

This year the troops annual scout camp took place in Gilwell Park, London, England. In total we had 28 people attend the camp with 22 scouts and 6 leaders.

### Travel and equipment

We travelled with Ryanair from Cork airport to Stansted on the Sunday morning. We then hired a bus company from Stansted to Gilwell Park. We did the reverse on the way home. Two of our ASL's drove our Unit van and our troop gear from Cork to London. They left the day before and took the ferry from Rosslare to Pembroke. All the gear came back a day after we arrived back from camp.

### Activities and Tours

We took part in almost all of the activities in Gilwell. Here are some of the activities we did, grass sledging, high ropes, see-saw on ropes, crate-stacking, orienteering, Aero-ball, shooting, archery, and Go-Karts.

We also booked the swimming pool on 4 occasions.

Our tours took us into London for 3 full days. There were many highlights from these day tours, here are a list of some of them, The London Dungeons, London Eye, War Museum, National History museum but the most memorable of the tours must be Wembley Stadium. The underground made it very easy to travel around London; this is always exciting for the younger scouts. Thankfully we didn't lose anyone! We also spent one full day in Thorpe Park. This was an excellent day with all of the scouts enjoying what the theme park had to offer.

### Interpatrol and the Survivor bases.

As usual there was a very competitive Inter-patrol competition on Camp. I always feel that such competitions are vital to keep a safe and clean campsite. This year we introduced "A Different Angle" which changed the rules of the competition from previous years. The reason behind this was the challenge of transporting a lot of pioneering would across to London. We could only bring a limited amount so we built a troop campsite rather than a patrol one. This worked very well and I was very happy with the standard of the inside of each patrols tent for the two weeks. We also had our usual survivor type bases. These are small quick teambuilding bases which add a lot of fun the competition. On the final day we ran a base day with 5 bases. The Inter-patrol winners this year was the fox patrol.

### Camp Accounts

We announced the camp while in Clonbur last year and then started camp savings in October 08. The accounts went to plan. Please see the break down of spending attached to this report.

### Injuries

I'm glad to report that we did not have any accidents on the camp.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Cork Scouts and Leaders

I have to say a big well done to all the scouts that played their part in Camp 2009. All of the 22 scouts were excellent and showed great respect to the leaders. This has to be one of the best aspects of our troop. We have done so well in competition and had many excellent camps in recent years but the strongest thing about the troop is its attitude and manners. We were commended for the excellent behaviour on a number of occasions while on the camp. Well done all our scouts for this. A big well done to all the leadership team again this year. I think while some aspects are changing in this team its quiet clear that with newer leaders like Kevin, Simon and Paul we are getting better and stronger. Thanks for the continued support of our Unit Leader, Frank Daly and all our Council. Camp 2010 is already in the process of being planned and it looks like it could be every bit as exciting as Gilwell 2009.

Yours in Scouting

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