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### World Jamboree 2019 Selection Evening

**Beyond Borders, Beyond Limits, Beyond Expectations**

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22 July - 2 August 2019

The Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve in West Virginia, USA.

The 2019 Jamboree is to take place in the summer of that year in North America. It is to be hosted jointly between Boy Scouts of America, Scouts Canada and the Scout Association of Mexico. As a District we received our allocation of places in September with a date to advise County of our selection of 1 November 2017. So a tight time scale.

A selection panel was assembled, applications sought and a selection evening took place on Thursday 19 October 2017. Nine applications were originally received, one withdrew, leaving eight to go to selection. The panel were Phil Charsley, Janet Conder, David Hawkins, Fiona Potts and Wendy Tierney. They observed, asked questions and informally interviewed the applicants over a two hour period, whilst Chris King, Hartley and Apryl Goodwin put them through various fun activities and team building exercises.

A presentation was given to all the applicants and their parents at the end of the evening, by Christian Allen, who attended the last Jamboree in Japan in 2015. Lots of questions were asked and discussions had.

The panel had a really difficult decision to make. We had eight superb applicants but less than eight places available. So after much deliberation and discussion a decision was made and our Jamboree Attendees for North America 2019 are Lucy Allen, Oak Eagle Explorer Unit. James Franklin, 5th Letchworth Scouts. Rosalind Hartley, 4th Letchworth Scouts. Ellie Hill, 8th Letchworth Scouts and Sophie Malone, 4th Letchworth Scouts.

We wish them well as they embark on a two year programme of training and fund raising and I'm sure that everyone in the District will support them all the way to North America in 2019.

**Hartley - District Commissioner**

## District Cub Day Out Drayton Manor 1 October 2017

The weather held out for us, and 1<sup>st</sup> Baldock Knights, 1<sup>st</sup> Baldock Templars, 2<sup>nd</sup> Baldock, 4<sup>th</sup> Letchworth, and 5<sup>th</sup> Letchworth had one fantastic day!

Quotes below

"I did not like it one little bit. I got half way up and shouted for my mum!"

"We liked looking at all the different snakes in the reptile house"

"Apocalypse scared Baghera, but it was really fun and the views of the park were great"

"I got on rides that were too scary but in the end I liked them"

"My first ever roller coaster!"

"I had to leave the haunted house. It was SO scary!"

"G force was amazing! It was a super fast roller coaster with lots of loop the loops"

"I was fine on the rollercoasters but the coach made me sick."

"It was really quiet and not too cold."

Cub: "No, please don't make it go backwards!"

Leader: "But how are we going to get down?"

Cub: "I'll just jump!"

"I want my mum!" (Said by a leader!)

"Can we go around a 4<sup>th</sup> time? I don't feel sick at all!"

Joni CSL  
5th Letchworth









## PEAK ASSAULT

Peak assault 2017 was a fantastic experience for all those involved, even if it did officially start at 1:30AM on Saturday, when our coach full of enthusiastic teenagers and Leaders arrived in a wet Snowdonia. We then began the search for our bags on the side of the road, in the dark in what can only be described as a muddy puddle. After this lovely experience we stumbled down to base camp and began looking for the rest of our district, they had managed to arrive at a somewhat reasonable time.

After we pitched our tents in the bog, and slept in them we were woken up to the delightful smell of bacon sandwiches, cooked for us by the wonderful support team, Wendy and Glenn. This allowed us time to pack everything away in time for kit check. We eventually managed to get through kit check, and we may of had to be rechecked multiple times for some things... but me made it and were finally allowed to set off on our walk. The walk started off great for some, and very slippery for others; myself included. Due to weather conditions the original plan for the walk had been changed and we had been told to walk straight to overnight camp, where we would be instructed further. This was a short walk lasting less than an hour resulting in only one injury for our team, but we continued onwards hoping to find out what the plans were for the afternoon. We made it to overnight camp after our felt like a 10 year hike in the boggy, slippery boulder field to be greeted with the promise of more walking. So, we collected the map for the afternoon, planned out the route, which comprised of a walk around the wood collecting the four markers and returning to camp, easy enough.

Next, for everyone else, was to pitch the tents and cook the dinner for the night (you can't go wrong with boil in the bag meatballs), which they all did perfectly fine, I however spent my afternoon at the local minor injuries unit, with a sprained wrist. I arrived back at camp a few hours later with my hand in a splint, just in time

to hear the guest speaker tell us his tales and advice, we then all took part in

a game where every explorer on peak assault this year tried to sit on top of the person's behind them legs in a giant circle, which worked better for some than others. Our games were called to an end when the hog roast had been cooked and we all ran to the nearest entrance like we hadn't all just eaten dinner. At 8:30PM it was already dark and so everyone went to their tent - if you could still call them that, they were closer to boats than they were to tents! My team came up with the idea to sleep inside our fluorescent orange survival bags to stay dry, and we did that night.

The next day started at 6:00AM as we packed away our tent, cooked breakfast and stood there waiting to be told to leave, still not knowing what we were going to be doing that day. We got our maps marked up with points and set off for the nearest one, following all the points from there to base camp. After a total of about 3 hours walking that day we had officially finished walking for the day, or so we thought... little did we know they decided to park the trailer the other side if the campsite. After the lunch, of soup and as many cakes as we could eat without being told off, we then took down the tents and helped load up the trailer. The weekend was drawn to an end with the presentations for the winning teams, we then piled up our coach and prepared for a long drive home, although a few hours talking with friends, KFC and a box of 12 krispy kreme doughnuts split between us definitively could've been worse.



**Maggie Read**  
**Oak Eagle Explorer Scout**

## PEAK ASSAULT

Peak Assault is Hertfordshire Scouts most challenging competition organised for members of the Scout Association aged 14 and over and is now in its 50th year. The competitors must use their orienteering skills, physical ability and mental strength to navigate their way across unforgiving terrain 'clipping' as many checkpoints as they can within the allotted time. The competitors must also carry all the equipment they will need for a night on the hills.

Each year the location is a closely guarded secret, only known to a select few right up until the start of the event. Likely locations are within the National Parks of England and Wales. Some competitors arrive home after a tough weekend not even knowing where they have been.

There are three competition classes, Explorer (14 – 18), Network (18 – 25) and Senior (25+).



2nd Place Scout Network Team

### Positon of District Teams

#### Explorer

13	Oak Eagle ESU 'A'	45 points
17	Oak Eagle ESU 'B'	39 points

#### Network

2	BaLin Network 'A'	90 points
4	BaLin Network 'B'	42 points

#### Senior - Letchworth & Baldock

9	Red Arrows	69 points
19	Should Know Better	51 points
20	Yellow Perils	49 points
43	Pink Ladies	0 points



**6 - 8 October 2017  
Harmergreen**

*Born 2B Challenged is based on the Outdoor Challenge and Outdoor Plus section of the programme of the Scout programme*

### There are 3 levels of competition:

- Born 2B - Patrols of young Scouts
- Born 2B Plus - More experienced patrols of Scouts
- SAS - Skills and Success - Patrols of Scouts who want to learn Scouting skills. Assistance will be given to these teams to teach core camping skills in line with the Outdoor Challenge badge around which the competition is based.

Five Scout patrols from two Scout Groups, 2nd Baldock and 8th Letchworth entered the County Born 2B Challenged Competition.

Two patrols, 5 Gals and a guy and Purple People Eaters from 8th Letchworth took part in Born 2B - Patrols of young Scouts and three patrols from 8th Letchworth, Purple People Eaters and 2nd Baldock, Stags and Wolves entered the SAS -Skills and Success .

2nd Baldock Wolves were awarded the Best Patrol

### District Placings:-

B2B 8th Letchworth 5 gals and a guy 2nd place

B2B 8th Letchworth purple people eaters 3rd place

SAS 8th Letchworth purple people eaters 2nd place

SAS 2nd Baldock Wolves 4th place

SAS 2nd Baldock Stags 5th place



**A warm  
welcome to**

Jack Davidson	ASL	11th Letchworth
Graeme Price	ASL	2nd Baldock
Jane Wagstaff-Smith	ASBL	1st Ashwell



# Achievements



## Chief Scout's Bronze Award

George Cuthbert  
Willow Dorman  
Zac Gribble  
Jonah Holm  
Jan Kazubeck

4th Letchworth  
1st Baldock  
1st Baldock  
1st Baldock  
1st Baldock



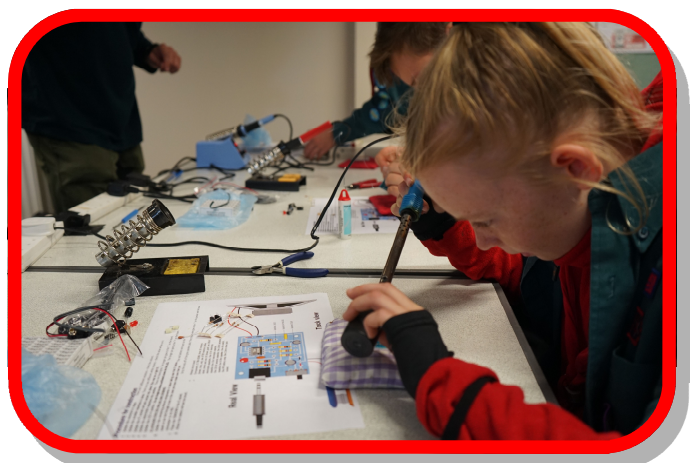
## Chief Scout's Silver Award

Amelie Cruise  
William Thompson-Hoare  
Daniel West

11th Letchworth  
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## 8th Letchworth Scouts Jamboree On The Air / Jamboree on The Internet Gilwell

8th Letchworth Scouts along with the Cubs who are moving up at Christmas went to JOTA/JOTI at Gilwell. They had a half day on the high ropes and climbing wall and half day with the internet and radios talking to scouts as far away as Indonesia as well as countries closer to home. They also built amplifiers for their mobile phones and large aerials. They could also use a sky scanner monitoring aircraft communications and a dedicated TV channel.



# Diary Dates 2017 / 2018

## November

- 4 ASU - Winter BBQ
- 9 District Executive Meeting
- 17 Children in Need
- 17 - 19 County Green Beret Challenge - Scouts
- 25 County Monopoly Challenge - Scout Network
- 26 8th Letchworth Christmas Fair
- 27 Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting

## December

- 9 ASU Christmas Dinner
- 12 Scout & Guide Shop Closed
- 12 County Explorers Christmas Bash
- 14 District Executive Meeting
- 19 County Network Christmas Dinner

## January 2018

- 9 Scout & Guide Shop reopens
- 9 County Network Quiz
- 29 Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting

## February

- 4 District Scout Cooking Competition
- 8 District Executive Meeting
- 25 County Scout Cooking Competition
- 26 Wymondley Wood Committee Meeting

## March

- 8 8th Letchworth AGM
- 10 - 11 Mid Herts Night Hike
- 30 Good Friday

## April

- 2 Easter Monday
- 14 - 15 Sixers & Seconders Weekend
- 19 District Executive Meeting

## May

- 10 District AGM
- 11 - 13 District Scout / Explorer Walking Weekend



Gareth Howell, Simon Goodwin,  
Steve Milligan and Clair Calver  
at Peak Assault



Lesley Gwilt  
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