

Jam Nuacht issue 1



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Welcome to the first issue of our newsletter.

The purpose of this newsletter is ; to give information about JamOige, to answer all queries , to give help and ideas around the pre-programme, to help with some of the concepts around the camp.

If there is any topic that you would like covered or have any questions that you want an answer to please contact

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Frequently Asked Question's

Question 1 – What date is JamOige on ?

Answer 1 – Jamoige is been held on the June Bank Holiday Weekend 2016.

Cub Scouts 3rd – 6th

Beaver Scouts 4th-6th

Question 2 – Where is JamOige being held ?

JamOige is been held in the grounds of an agricultural college in Pallaskenry about 12km from Limerick City.

Question 3 – How many Youth members are expected ?

JamOige will be limited to 2500 cub scouts and 1000 beaver scouts .

The aim of JamOige is to promote camping for all beaver scouts and cub scouts. You do not need to attend the camp to experience the joy of camping. The intention is to provide resources that will allow you to run a similar programme at a time and location that might suit your needs better.

Question 4 – What's the theme ?

The theme for the weekend is

Time Travel – A journey of Discovery.

Question 5 – Can my beaver colony camp with my Cub Pack?

No- but we will try to accommodate you as close to your cub pack so that you can share catering facilities etc. Beaver scouts and Cub Scouts will be on different Sub camps.

Question 6 – What's the Cost ?

We have strived to keep the cost low without compromising on quality.

Cub scout -----60 euro

Beaver scout --30 euro

Scouter-----25 euro

Staff-----25 euro

Question 6 – What do I get for this ?

Full programme

Camp Neckerchief

Camp Badges

Question 7 – When do I have to pay for this ?

The payments will be in two batches , the initial deposit will be payable before the 16th November . The final balance will need to be paid before the 16th February 2016.

Question 8 – When do bookings open ?

Bookings will open from September.

Question 9 – How many Scouters can I bring with my group ?

The camping guidelines outline the expected ratios for beaver scouts and cub scouts. This is a guideline but you will not be allowed to camp with fewer scouters than the guideline.

However, this is a youth focused camp and there is a limit to the amount of scouters that a group can bring. For example it is not necessary to bring a team of scouters to cook for the weekend.

If you have any question that you would like answered please email Jamoige@scouts.ie

Get to know your Team – Putting a face to a name

Name : Stephen Halpin

AKA : Halpo

Position : Camp Chief

What this really means : There is no one else to blame.

Age Joined Scouting : 7 $\frac{3}{4}$

Age : Still young at heart

Best Memory in Scouting : Melvin Competition 1984

Most spiritual moment in scouting : Leading the beavers camping for the first time , into the opening ceremony for Jamoige 2006.

Biggest Influence in Scouting : Gary Westby (first cub Leader)

Favourite Camp site : Larch hill , still gets Goosebumps every time I go there.

Favourite Camp fire song : Bear Hunt

Favourite Camp Food : Chargrilled burgers and beans

Three things you would bring to a desert island : Pen knife , hammock and a good book

Most likely to say : Is everybody Happy ?

Least likely to say : What's the rule book say about that.

Other interests outside of scouting : Dublin GAA , Running , Cycling & Reading

Permission or forgiveness : Forgiveness

Driving or passenger : Passenger

Facebook or Twitter : Facebook

Tea or Coffee : Neither

Necko or Necker : Necko



Name : Conor O Shea

AKA : Chef

Position : Master of Coin

What this really means : Making sure we don't make a loss!

Age Joined Scouting : 6 til 12, took a break until I was 25 & back in since

Age : 34 in July 2015

Best Memory in Scouting : Cill Dara Co Youth Fora 2014. Youth members setting the job specs of the Youth reps before voting & not needing my guidance as CPC.



Biggest Influence in Scouting : Too many to mention

Favourite Scout Camp site : Larch hill

Favourite non Scout Camp site : Share Village, Fermanagh

Favourite Camp fire song : "I said a BOOM"

Favourite Camp Food : Chilli Con Carne (or any one pot wonder, less cleaning up)

Three things I always bring on camp : Pen knife , hammock and paracord

Things I always forget to do before camp : fix my roll mat (it's had a hole in it for a year & I keep putting it off)

Most likely to say : Boom (followed by a fist bump)

Least likely to say : It's not in budget!

Other interests outside of scouting : We're allowed do other stuff ?

Permission or forgiveness : Forgiveness

Driving or passenger : Driver

Facebook or Twitter : Facebook

Tea or Coffee : Tea always tea

Necko or Necker : Woggle Holder

Name: Ciarán Harford

AKA: Harford or Gramps

Position: Sub Camp Manager

What this really means: To ensure the smooth running of the Sub Camps

Age Joined Scouting: 6

Age: 22

Best Memory in Scouting: Phoenix Competition 2008

Most spiritual moment in scouting: Taking my scouts to the Triangular field in Larch Hill for the first time.

Biggest Influence in Scouting: Halpo

Favourite Camp site: Larch Hill

Favourite Camp fire song: Quartermaster Store

Favourite Camp Food: Anything

Three things you would bring to a desert island: Combat knife, tarp, and my Teddy Bear

Most likely to say: It'll be grand

Least likely to say: Where's Halpo?

Other interests outside of scouting: Running, Climbing, and Kayaking

Permission or forgiveness: Forgiveness

Driving or passenger: Driver

Facebook or Twitter: Facebook

Tea or Coffee : Neither

Necko or Necker: Necko



Name : Andy Cleary

AKA : Andy

Position : Site manager

Best Memory in Scouting : Working with the logistics team at national actives.

Favourite Camp site : Larch hill

Favourite Camp fire song : This little light of mine.

Favourite Camp Food : Chicken curry

Three things you would bring to a desert island : leatherman, flint and steel, sun cream

Most likely to say : Pressure is for tyres

Least likely to say : Yes you can park beside your site

Permission or forgiveness : forgiveness

Driving or passenger : Driver

Facebook or Twitter : Facebook

Tea or Coffee : Coffee

Necko or Necker : Necko



Next month we will introduce you to more members of the team.

Tents for Beaver Scouts & Cub Scouts

If you are on a camp site you will see a huge array of tents. Some are more suitable to the needs of scouting than others. Each tent is designed based on the purpose and the weather that it will be used.

A small lightweight mountain tent costing hundreds of euro may only last one night with a lodge of beaver scouts playing wrestling at 3 o'clock in the morning but will keep a seasoned mountaineer warm and dry for many years when it is being used as designed.



Many groups have invested in equipment and will have many different types of tents in their store, or in back rooms or hanging in cow sheds or stored in the boot of the car. So the question is what type of tents do we need for JamOige?

Tents are typically divided into two groups.

Sleeping Tents & Storage tents

Sleeping tents are also split into two groups.

1. Icelandic tents. These are green ridge shaped heavy canvas tents.



Advantages

Encourages the group system, the whole six/ lodge can help put up the tent and sleep together.

You can stand upright in the tent.

It will remain standing and dry (if put up correctly) in most extreme weather.

The Icelandic tent has stood the test of time and will last much longer than Dome tents.

Disadvantages

They are heavy to carry.

In strong winds the cubs / beavers will struggle to hold the poles when putting the tent up.

They are expensive.

2. Dome tents – Dome tents

Dome tents come in many sizes and different materials. In general they are made of lightweight waterproof material , with lightweight fibreglass poles making the shape.



Advantages

They are lightweight

They are all different sizes

Disadvantages

Usually can't stand up (in the one where you can they often break in high winds).

Don't stand up to much messing (someone falling against the side will rip it)



Storage Tents

The store tent is where all the camping equipment that you don't want exposed to the weather is kept.

It is also a place where the camp kitchen can be located

It can also be a gathering area or feeding area out of the elements (rain, wind & Sun)

On previous JamOige particularly in Ardgillan we had major issues with some of the storage or mess tents. The style of tent that caused the issue was the Party tent (designed to be put up in a back garden for a party) . These are frame tents with plastic or light metal poles often with a plastic canvas. The problem arises in a strong wind where the tent is picked up like a parachute , turns sideward's and becomes a missile racing across the field.

We were lucky in Ardgillan that nobody was seriously hurt because of the flying party tents. In our next issue we will go into more detail on what type of storage tent is the best.

Green Camping

One of the principles of this camp and indeed any scout camp are to be aware of the environmental impact of the camp.

Waste, and how we choose to handle it, affects our world's environment—that's YOUR environment. The environment is everything around you including the air, water, land, plants, and man-made things. And since by now you probably know that you need a healthy environment for your own health and happiness, you can understand why effective waste management is so important to YOU and everyone else. The waste we create has to be carefully controlled to be sure that it does not harm your environment and your health.

As part of the camp we aim to use the Three Rs .



Each sub camp will run an environmental challenge that each group will participate in and your group could win the Green Flag .

Youth Empowerment

One of the principals of the scout method is that we operate in small groups. In beaver scouts the colony is divided into lodges and in cub scouts the pack is divided into sixes.

There is leadership opportunities for everyone within this system with each lodge having a lodge leader and each six a sixer. They often provide the information or link from the scouters at beaver scouts or from the sixers council from the cub scouts.

We would encourage each section to use the small group system.

We would aim to hold sixer meetings within the cub sub camps and lodge leader meeting in the beaver sub camps. The sixers would attend on their own while the lodge leaders would be accompanied with a scouter.



99 years ago Facts from 1916

Cub Scouts started in Ireland

The 1916 Olympics, cancelled due to war, were scheduled to take place in Berlin.

James Joyce published “ A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man”

Did you know that Dublin and London were in different time zones in 1916?

From 1880 until 1916, Ireland and Britain maintained different time zones – Britain of course followed Greenwich Mean Time (GMT), but Ireland followed Dublin Mean Time (DMT), which was precisely 25 minutes behind GMT. The Statutes (Definition of Time) Act, 1880, which legally defined the difference between GMT and DMT, was superseded by the Time (Ireland) Act, 1916, which was “An Act to assimilate the time adopted for use in Ireland to that adopted for use in Great Britain”. In other words, DMT was abolished. This change came into effect on October 1st, 1916. However, the Rising began four months earlier on April 24th, at approximately 12 o’clock – Dublin Mean Time. Therefore, when modern commemorations of 1916 begin at midday outside the GPO, they’re actually 25 minutes early.

1st PGA Championship: [Jim Barnes](#) at Siwanoy CC Bronxville NY

Apr 24th - Ernest Shackleton and five men of the Imperial Trans-Antarctic Expedition launch a lifeboat from uninhabited Elephant Island in the Southern Ocean to organise a rescue for ice-trapped ship Endurance

[Jun 15th](#) - Boys Scouts of America forms

Event [1916 All-Ireland Senior Football Championship](#)

[Wexford](#)



3-4

[Mayo](#)



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Date 17 December 1916

Venue [Croke Park, Dublin](#)

Attendance 3,000

39 years ago Facts from 1976

- . Beaver Scouts started in Ireland
- The luxury jet plane, the Concorde, embarked on its first commercial flight in January 1976.
- The 1976 the Winter Olympics were held in Innsbruck in Austria and the Summer Olympics were held in Montreal, Canada. Nadia Comaneci (from Romania) earned the first of 7 perfect scores of 10 in gymnastics at the event.
- In Africa, Western Sahara declared independence in 1976 after Spanish Armed forces withdrew from the territory.
- The Apple Computer company was formed on the 1st of April 1976 by Steve Jobs and Steve Wozniak.
- In London, Big Ben suffered internal damage and stopped running for over 9 months in 1976.
- Viking 2 entered into orbit around Mars in 1976. The Viking 2 spacecraft landed at Utopia Planitia on Mars, taking the first close-up color photos of the planet's surface in the same year. The Viking 1 lander successfully landed on Mars in 1976. NASA released the famous "Face on Mars" photo taken by the lander in the same year.
- Microsoft was officially registered with the Office of the Secretary of the State of New Mexico in the United States in 1976.
- The world's first laser printer was introduced by IBM in 1976.
- The Irish rock band U2 was formed after drummer Larry Mullen Jr. posted a note seeking members for a band on the notice board of his Dublin school in 1976.