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# WFIS EUROLETTER



### *First WFIS Pathfinderbelt achieved by Rovers of the Solmser Pfadfinderschaft*

Since a couple of years the program exists – the “WFIS Pathfinder-Belt” trophy for Rover groups.

The target is to visit a foreign country and do there a (self-selected) major project and to complete 10 different tasks, given by the steering committee.

After already a German-Swiss Rover team started in 2006, followed by a Spanish Rover crew in 2007, this year a group of 7 Solmser Rovers headed for Russia to work on their Pathfinder Belt project over there.

More than 6000 Kms. were travelled via car, plane, ship, canoes, railway, by foot and horseback through the remote Taiga-Areas.

Major project was the research on Russian Scout History – from the foundation in 1909 through scouting in exile to the latest developments after the end of communist area in 1991.

Assigned projects lead the group to remote villages along the Volga river, cooking of a typical Russian meal, the role of the Orthodox Church in modern culture, research of leisure time activities of Russian youth, an interview with an elderly person about the changes during the past 20 years etc.

First information was gathered from internet and various publications, and a lot of research activities in Russia had to be added (altogether more than 150 working hours during 11 days in Russia for the 7 members of the team).

The Pathfinderbelt project proved to be a valuable tool for Roving, as it led to close co-operation with Rovers of the Russian Union of scouts, contact to local people and a lot of information about the Russian culture.

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## General Assembly 2009 - Fredensborg, Denmark In pictures

A museum-village with typical dwellings of the Volga-region was visited, and together with the Russian Rovers excursions in cross-country vehicles led to remote villages in the Taiga region.

Orthodox churches were visited and a trip on the Volga river was undertaken. The Taiga was discovered in a haijk with canoes, on foot or horseback.

In August, the project was finalised with a presentation for members of the steering committee to successfully complete the task.

*The 7 Solmsner Rover are proud to have achieved the first WFIS Pathfinderbelts and are sure, that similar Pathfinderbelt projects will follow in other countries in the near future.*

*WFIS Pathfinderbelt – a program the only can highly be recommended to all Rovers throughout WFIS.*

*Funko  
Solmsner Pfadfinderschaft*

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← The Scout Hut



Julie, Margon, Elena and Klaus at preliminars →



← The Danish Representatives



The Assembly's Voting



A German Contingent



The 'real' Boss (He's got the money, he's got the power!)





*Funko's Speech (one of many)*



*WFIS-Europe elected leaders on permanent work*



*Spanish and Italian brotherhood*



*The Table*



*Serious discussion under guidelines*



*The British B.-P. Scouts representatives*



*"Warm" Denmark (ha!)*



*First Chairman Speech*



*Everyone else outside!*



*WFIS Pride!*



*More Participants*



*New Members (ASIM Madrid, Spain)*



# WFIS Workshop 2009 England



October 30th-Nov 1st at Manchester

The Baden-Powell Scouts' Association welcomes all leaders, Rovers and Seniors (Scouts 16 years of age or older) to this workshop.

Cost will be £40 (UK Scouters) 40 Euros (overseas Scouters)

Transport will be provided from and to Manchester airport.

Activities will include:

- Traditional rug making
- Corn dollies
- Beer making (good old English beer)
- Bell ringing
- Twist and damper making
- Archery
- How to make your Christmas cards
- Beer keg racing
- And much more

Look out for the further information and the application form in the next copy of the newsletter.



**We hope to see you there!!!!!!**

# WFIS Workshop 2009 England Registration Form

Group/Association name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Names of Leaders/Rovers/Seniors

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Male/Female

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Male/Female

3. \_\_\_\_\_ Male/Female

4. \_\_\_\_\_ Male/Female

Special Food Requirements

**Vegetarian - How many:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Others - (please state requirements) How many:** \_\_\_\_\_

If you require collection from Manchester airport, please complete the flight details requested below:

Flight details

**Arrival date:**

**Flying from:**

**Departure time:**

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Please send this registration form to:

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## *New Wood Bead Training started*

14 participants, coming from 6 German and Swiss WFIS Organisations started a new Wood bead training for “Stammesleiter” (scoutleaders in charge of several groups in a particular city or region). The training consists of the traditional modules like legal aspects, child protection, leadership and management techniques, scout history and combine these with 19 questions, individual interviews and a major project. All these specially assigned to the typical scout organisations in Germany and Switzerland.

The first modules took place in the training centre of the Solmsner Pfadfinderschaft and WFIS near Laubach/Germany in August and September.

As there is a lot of interest in many of our member organizations, it is planned to run another Wood Bead course for “Stammesleiter” in 2009. An invitation will be sent out in a few months.

*Funko  
Solmsner Pfadfinderschaft*



← Some W-B Participants 😊





*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Scouting,*

*We would like to invite you to the Woodbeads Training - Part 3 / Practical Training in Spain.*

*Date: 24. June 2009  
Start time: 17.00 h  
End time: 28. June  
ca.13.00 h*

*Fee: 100.- Euro to include all costs*

*Training place : CAN GIRONA CAMPSITE  
Nearest Airport: BARCELONA EL PRAT*

*For the course you need the following : Sleeping items , full uniform, personal stuff, walking shoes, pen and pencils, paper, musical instruments (optional), mug and plate etc.*

*Please send your registration form a.s.a.p.*

*Training department.*

*Yours in Scouting*

*Klaus Tegeder*

### **WFIS WORLD COUNCIL**

Dear Brother and Sisters in Scouting,

With this letter the WFIS-World Council turns with a personal request to you.

Used or new scout uniforms and neckerchiefs are needed to support a boy scout association in Africa.

Ivory Coast. The Boy Scouts association is currently set up by the Danish doctor Ole Jacobsen. At present approximately 300 children and youngsters in 4 groups attend the regular group activities and the increase in new members is very high.

Used blue and green scout shirts and neckerchiefs of

all colours and forms are asked for as support.

This will be send with a Danish care organisation free of charge to Dr. Jacobsen.

If you have used scout uniforms you do not use anymore in your stock and/or in your groups still please make this available for this project. Your help will be appreciated.

You could do this with your members as a "Good Turn" action and promote this activity in your local newspapers. All participant associations and groups will receive a "Good Turn" document of the WFIS World Council for your scout hut or office.

Please send your collected uniforms and neckerchiefs to:

WFIS World Council  
"Aid for Ivory Coast"  
Angelstr.15  
65558 Heistenbach  
Germany

Your help is needed for the „Aid for Ivory Coast“ project of the WFIS World Council.

Yours in scouting

*Klaus Tegeder  
President WFIS World Council*

Don't miss this chance!



<http://www.3erwfishjamboree2011.org>

**WFIS-Europe** strongly encourage both participation and support for this important event!





## FACTS

Camp takes place from Saturday, July 31, 2010 to

Saturday, August 7, 2010

- Middle Ages camp with Knights tournament, bow & arrow competition, Medieval games.
- Separate program for cubs, scouts & rovers.
- International self-made stage program.
- Singing contest and main campfire.
- Culture and swap day.
- Visit and explore day.
- Hike Competition.

## EURO CAMP 2010 GERMANY



SCOUTS – CORTEOUS & BOLD

## POINTS OF INTERESTS

- Castle Sain.
- Castle Ehrenbreitstein
- Castle Ehrenburg
- Castle Elz
- Nürburgring (Motor Race)
- Cologne – City with the largest Roman Museum

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# Miscellaneous News!

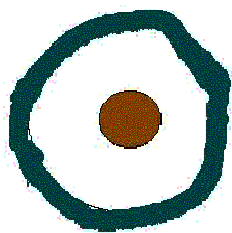
## CONGRATS!



To our brothers and sisters of the Bund Unabhängiger Pfadfinder on its 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Jubilee!

Lots of success in forthcoming years. 😊

## GONE HOME



Our beloved, well known and most veteran scout nationwide Mr. Joan Acosta Jurado “Oso Viejo” (Old Bear), 91, passed away in his sleep early Tuesday, April 14, 2009

He was born in 1917 in Cadiz, Spain, and raised in Havana (Cuba) in a short period of time. Old Bear joined ‘Boy Scouts de Catalunya’ on 1933 in Palamos (Girona Province) but regrettably the Spanish Civil War (1936-1939) kept him far from his scout commitments. Franco’s regime began and Scouting was definitely banned so he was invited to join the Falange Youth Front but refused the offer like many other former scouts.



This situation remained in the cold up to 1960’s when, step by step, started some underground scout activities among youth in the area as always kept contact with his former comrades in Scouting. In 1976 founded his first real boy

scout group in Palamos and also helping and leading others placed in Figueres, Calonge and Palafrugell, the 1980’s gold years. Afterwards due to old age, Oso Viejo left active Scouting and founded the Girona B.-P. Guild “Mongoo”.

Old Bear awarded the Long Service Knot and the Perseverance Medal of ASDE-Scouts of Spain but after certain bitter experiences, lack of support to Girona groups and deep changes in Spanish WOSM Scouting held during the 1990’s, He joined Associació Catalana de Scouts (WFIS) as Honorary Member, receiving well-deserve honours and attention ever. Old Bear awarded the ACS Silver Wolf in 2006, but he always said the best reward was being witness of the B-P Scouting guidelines reborn (under WFIS flag), as always fascinated him.

May God rest is soul in eternal peace! Be Prepared!

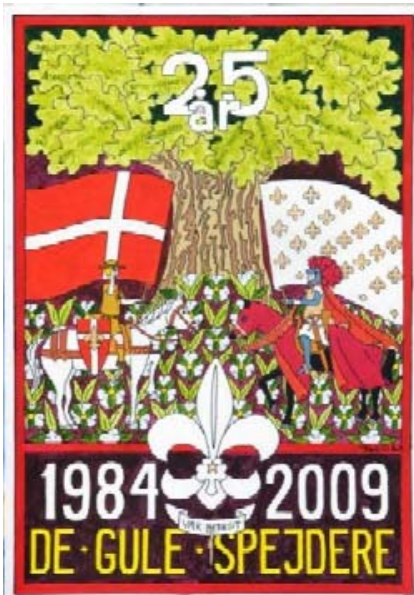
*Kangur  
Chief Commissioner ACS  
Spain*

## CELEBRATE WITH THE YELLOW SCOUTS

The Yellow Scouts celebrate 25 years as a Scouting organization this year. We are having a special camp, at the campsite in Rold Forrest in Jutland.

It will take place from the 4th – 11th of July 2009.

The Yellow Scouts invite all interested Scouts and relatives to visit the camp on 10th of July.



The theme of the camp will be The Middle Ages and there will be special activities and food based on the Middle Ages throughout the whole camp.

For further information, please contact Margon Sørensen

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## ON 'SURVIVAL HIKE' WITH VZW SCOUTSGROEP DE ZWALUW (BELGIUM)

### SCOTLAND 2008

Every year the scouts and guides of our group are going to another country for a 5 days hike and a 5 days exploration of the area in the country. So we hiked and explored in the past Norway, Spain, Germany, Switzerland, Italy, France, Austria and of course Belgium. Now went for a second time to Scotland.

During the last week of June and the first week of July we travelled with 15 scouts and guides to Scotland for a hike into the Cairnhorn Mountains.

### At the beginning of the hike (the Shepherds bridge over the river Calder)

The nature was pure and very hard but amazing and beautiful. We could stay in Lagan village (very small old village), there we were hosted the Laggan Village Hall for a temporary stay.

The second day we already left the hall direction the mountains were we hiked and tried to reach the lake Mc. Dubh, high into the mountains and approximately two day's walk to reach it.

A lake out of view and rarely visited because it lay's high into the mountain. The lake is being feed by several (mostly 7) sources and lays between three mountaintops. It is one of the main sources for the river Calder, an not so small river. The view from there was wonderful and worth the walk up (a real difficult walk).

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After that we returned and did some geological research in the area. (Finding mountain crystals and even some silver). We encountered one problem: couldn't make any fire! As we understand that fire can be a disaster for the wildlife in the Highlands, that's why an open fire is not allowed.

We cooked our meals on small esbit-fires. (very small metal construction with fire tablets). Also In Scotland there is a law that permits you may go everywhere you want respecting always the nature, properties and owners, etc. After the hike we visited and did a lot of exploration in Scotland. So we had a good look about the whole history of Scotland vs Europe. Good to know. Very nice people these Scottish... once they know you at least.

We plan a trip to France next years and shall hike into the 'European Rocky Mountains' the Gorges du Verdon, we already look forward to this!

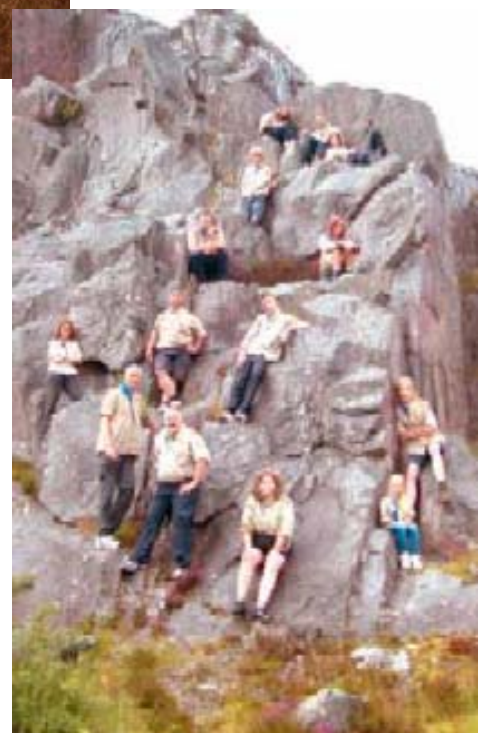
*Marc  
Scoutsgroep De Zwaluw*



← Reading maps looking for the right way (just before Lake McDubh)



At the border of the Cairnhorn Mountains →



# THIS IS BRITAIN! 😊

WFIS (Europe) 1<sup>st</sup> Chairman takeover bid!

When you are 1st Chairman you should always be aware that someone else might try to take over your job. The moral here is never leave your seat vacant...



Maybe Margon ought to be worried that the rest of the Steering Committee seems very happy with this!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!