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We received this article from Mr Abdillah Mounir, founding president of the Federation of Independent Scouts and Guides of the Comoros, a country in eastern Africa, and we are pleased to publish it.

WFIS COMOROS SCOUT CAMPS

**(FEDERATION OF INDEPENDENT SCOUTS
AND GIRL SCOUTS OF COMOROS)**

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Sunday, August 3, 2025 to Monday, August 4, 2025

We, WFIS COMOROS (Federation of Independent Scouts and Girl Scouts of the Comoros), organized a 48-hour Scout camp in





Group – WFIS COMOROS, and Mbodoni Scout Group – WFIS COMOROS) with the partnership of the Komoros Girl Guides Foundation and the official sponsor FAKIH ALI Bakery, Pastry, and Cooking School in Sambambodoni Itsandra to strengthen our solidarity, the spirit of helping others, and the need to help society improve.

Some of our Cub Scouts learned during this camp the chieftaincy system, how to respect the orders of even the youngest Cub Scout if they are appointed leader. Some also learned or saw how to raise an aunt. and how to eat sitting on the ground and immediately afterward, wash his plate, spoon, and glass that he brought from home in his backpack...

Very fruitful discussions with the leaders of the groups gathered during the camp led to the planning of a camp and an excursion in the coming months. ■

the village of Sambambodoni Itsandra (Union of the Comoros).

Yes, 48 hours Campsite because the theme, as we usually say, was: Cub Scout Camp. This was a celebration of our Cub Scouts, as we were on vacation, synonymous with traditional and modern festivities.

We were able to find 48 hours to bring together our community (Château Scout Group – WFIS COMOROS, Kisimani Scout

WORKSHOP 2025

26-28 SEPTEMBER 2025

BASSANO ROMANO - ITALY

Organised by Federscout

Below is a series of photographs taken by Carlos Luis García Pérez of the beautiful event at which over 200 scouts took part. ■







WORKSHOP 2025

SPAIN: GS Aéreos Torrejón

Hello everyone!

My name is Fulgencia, although most of you know me as Fulgi. Last Saturday, 27 September, I made my official debut during the WFIS Workshop in Rome.

For those of you who don't know me yet, I am the mascot of the Clan Águila Imperial, part of the Aéreos Torrejón Scouts Group (Spain). During the workshop, I took lots of photos with you all: some were really fun, others were a bit more daring, balancing on things... and they were all amazing! The best part was getting to know you all, sharing moments together and discovering first-hand what it means to experience a workshop.

For those of you who couldn't make it, here's what happened: a mini-me wearing our group's scarf was raffled off, and badges of me, the clan and other items such as leather knots, caps, patches and more were sold.

I've learned that a Workshop is not only a space for workshops and learning, but above all for sharing experiences, laughing, reconnecting with old friends and making many new ones.



It was an incredible experience and I hope to see you all again very soon, at the GA in Laubach, and hopefully also at the next Laubach Workshop in 2026.

In the meantime, here are some photos with all the participants. And don't forget to follow us on social media to keep up to date with our adventures:

Instagram: @clanaguilaimperial and @gsaereostorrejon ■





30 YEARS OF SCOUTING GRUPO SCOUT NÓMADAS

SPAIN: Grupo Scout Nómadas

On May 31st, the Grupo Scout Nomadas had the awesome honor of celebrating its 30th Anniversary, toasting to decades of traditional scouting.

The day kicked off under a shining sun, with everyone—current and former members—lining up in formation. Commemorative diplomas were handed out to former rovers, scouters, and guests from other groups and associations. We were delighted to host representatives from WFIS, Gremio BP, Grupo Scout Cicónidas, Grupo Scout Estrella Polar, and Grupo Scout Eslabón, among others.





There were loads of activities and fun for all units and ages! From water games for the Beavers and Cubs to pyrography workshops and a historical group museum for scouts, rovers, and guests. Even Baden-Powell himself made a surprise appearance at the anniversary! To conclude the day, we shared a large paella meal together and sang scout songs, recreating the magic of a campfire night.

It was an occasion filled with significance, commemorating the unity and scouting camaraderie, reflecting on the past, and looking forward to the years to come!

Since we attach tons of photos for the article, feel free to pick those you think work best! :) ■

Santiago Cuevas

MENTORING SCOUT TUTORING SERVICE FOR NEW GROUPS: AN EXPERIENCE IN SPAIN

SPAIN: Grupo Scout Nómadas

Since the origins of the Scout Movement, sections, groups, and even associations and federations, have been born, have grown, reproduced or split, and disappeared. Sometimes, even have re-emerged with difficulty. After a life full of expectations, short or long, decline can set in, sometimes reluctantly, frustratingly, due to personal disagreements. Is it possible to intervene and help in some way to prevent its loss? Can the life of Scout Groups be extended by helping them to mature healthily?

Perhaps, like living organisms, Scout Groups (SG) need somewhat akin a parental environment initially, to foster growth, learning, and the development of scout values and skills, which then turns into monitoring, support, and guidance. Next, along the “adolescent period”, the SG needs support, accompaniment and attitude training to guide the design, construction, and consolidation of its own character, adopting holistically habits, styles, and traditions from its sociocultural environment and local knowledge. Over time, all these factors will help shape its individual personality in accordance with a scouting style. Once maturity is reached, and the co-creation process is overcome, the SG can continue to

grow its personality, dimension, and experience, individually and empowered, and within the brotherhood of its mentor. However, for this growth to be beneficial and successful, how can it be done in practice? Is it necessary to share a geographical area or environmental characteristics for both mentor and mentee SGs? How can the learner SG’s goals and sociocultural characteristics be integrated into this procedure?

In this journey, the role of the mentor, as an experienced person or collective that guides, advises, and shares their knowledge, know-how and experience with the newly -formed SG —the mentee or learner— leveraging proximity, friendship, and brotherhood, with a familiar approach, to help them achieve their goals and improve their skills, capacities, and procedures. This relationship is based on mutual trust and commitment, focusing on long-term development and the transfer of practical experience.

Both mentor and mentee work together, one by their affiliation and the other because they wish to be affiliated, embedded within a methodological framework of educational training, which is the traditional Scout method in WFIS. How can this process be carried out under the umbrella of independent traditional Scouting? Can the associative structure of WFIS benefit from this? Can mentoring be a useful tool to facilitate the expansion of Scout brotherhood within WFIS?





The Need: Relevance and Urgency of Traditional Scouting's Growth in Europe

Nowadays, we live in a VUCA environment. VUCA means a reality characterized by Volatility, Uncertainty, Complexity, and Ambiguity. We can observe rapid, unpredictable, and difficult-to-understand changes around us. Societies in VUCA environments must be agile and adapt to new circumstances to sustain and prosper.

More than a century after its founding, the Scout Movement is, as conceived by Robert S. Baden-Powell, Lady Olave, Ernest T. Seton, Daniel Beard, John Hargrave, Roland Phillips, among others, a valuable means to address this need. Its objective is the formation of free and responsible citizens, committed to their society and to fundamental values dictated by the Scout Law and Scout Oath.

We find in traditional Scouting a way to foster more resilient, efficient social environments with greater capacity for collaboration, more aware of reality, and committed to the sustainable development of society. It is an urgent need; the future will not forgive us for not addressing it. Facing this reality, working towards it, and undergoing a process of growth and settling in is not easy. Therefore, mentoring could help reinforce the efforts of a new SG to grow and work with the Scout Method to achieve this great purpose. Key aspects include establishing a supportive relationship with the SG receiving the mentoring, setting clear expectations, providing constructive feedback, encouraging growth and leadership development, and creating a collaborative environment in which the learner SG be able to make their own decisions.

Objective

We want to propose here a simplified procedure here to mentoring for new SGs, based on the traditional Scouting methodology of WFIS in a VUCA environment. As a practical case, we present the experience of three groups in Spain: mentors Grupo Scout Nómadas and Gremio Scout de B.P., and learner or mentee Grupo Scout Javalambre.

Since this experience may be useful for other WFIS groups, we have prepared this article showing an adaptable procedure to the circumstances of each mentor-mentee pair, which organizes actions and allows for optimizing their efficiency throughout the performance.

Scout Groups Involved in Mentoring

Essential aptitudes and attitudes for the mentor include a combination of experience, communication skills, and an empathetic and generous attitude, focused on sharing knowledge and know-how, supporting and guiding the mentee's development. Grupo Scout Nómadas (from F.P.G. in Spain, W.F.I.S.), with over 30 years (1995 -), is a standard for traditional Scouting, a consolidated group with a team of Scouters that operates assembly-style and democratically with scaled and structured decision-making bodies and according to the Patrol System.

Gremio Scout de B.P. (from F.P.G. in Spain), although recently founded (2023), as an independent scout unit of adult Rovers, its experienced members are a valuable resource in terms of training and organisation, are skilled in scouting methodologies and techniques, and facilitate international relations.

Grupo Scout Javalambre, founded in 2024 in Teruel (Spain), is the mentee. Although the first contacts occurred in 2017 when part of its Kraal team participated in the summer camp, contact has since increased until August 2025 when the Scout Group participates in its first shared camp with Scout Group Nómadas.



Proposed Mentoring Procedure

Coaching, mentoring, training, counselling,... many are confused with the terms and wonder which one could be the best approach for scouting. Whether it is coaching, mentoring, training, or counselling, these are simply different approaches to leadership. In our problem statement, they all share a common goal: to improve the performance of the SG made up of human beings. However, each group is different. Therefore, there is no ideal leadership approach, only the leadership approach that is most appropriate for the situation you find yourself in.



	Coaching	Mentoring	Training	Counselling*
Goal	Improve behavioural performance for personal or professional goal success.	Support and guide personal or professional growth.	Transfer specific knowledge and skills.	Improve performance below standard.
Results	Goal achievement	Succession	Learning results	Performance improvement
Approach	Help individuals or groups self discover and take ownership to achieve desired goal.	Transfer formal and tacit knowledge, skills, best practices, experience, wisdom and mindset.	Transfer specific knowledge and skills.	Confront, correct and instruct of attitudinal and/or behavioural change.
Focus areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on the coachee's goal. • Help the coachee self discover hidden potentials and make behavioural and performance changes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on the mentee's career goal/direction. • No specific learning plans – can be done formally and informally. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help the students acquire specific knowledge and skills. • Learning based on pre-determined learning curriculum. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manage the staff's poor performance standard. • Listen to their issues, give feedback, and manage the right expectations.
Relationships	Collaborative	Advisory	Teaching	Management
Communication styles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-directive. • Ask questions, listen, and give feedback. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directive and non-directive. • Ask questions, listen, and give advice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More directive than non-directive. • Tell, advise and ask questions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More directive than non-directive. • Tell, advise, and ask questions.
Time orientation	Present and future	Present and future	Present	Past and present
Duration	Short and medium	Medium and long	Short	Short

* Confine to non-clinical counselling and performance improvement needs in the workplace environment.

The proposed procedure is organized here into seven phases to guide towards success. They could be scaled according to factors such as the solidity of the relationship between mentor and mentee, the dimension of the mentee's goals, the available resources to achieve them, the time horizon, the continuous progress monitoring and feedback, among others.

Phase 1: Mentor Group Preparation

It is step to select the Scouts leaders and/or rovers from the mentor SG. They must have active and training communication skills and abilities, as well as experience in the aforementioned areas (methodological, administrative, technical, etc.) that will serve to build the foundation for mentoring. They should have had some contact prior to the mentoring programme to help

establish basic personal ties with the leaders and coordinators of the new SG that will receive the mentoring.

Phase 2: Matching

There are different ways for a new group to learn about and become interested in joining WFIS. In addition to propaganda or the dissemination of information through social media, the most common method is face-to-face meetings and friendly conversations. During these meetings, participants discuss methods, structures, methodologies and, in particular, how Scouts, Cub Scouts, Rovers and even leaders respond to the structural functioning of the organisation.

These local channels are not necessarily the only ones available. Alternatively, the WFIS official website lists the associations active in

each country. Here, the SGs that have shown interest in undertaking a mentoring process with new groups or groups wishing to affiliate within WFIS could be highlighted. This would geographically facilitate contact and prevent groups from diverting their interest to other options. Leaving the connection to chance slows down the creation process, so a proactive mechanism is proposed to ensure a contact channel, the beginning, and the continuity of the process. Factors such as closeness, friendships, internships and the capacity and availability of the mentor group are relevant for linking.

Phase 3: Planning

The mentor group will have designed a simple reception plan that assigns a general responsible person, who may be a Scout Leader, and a responsible person for each section. Once the Scout Leaders from both SGs have connected, and the suitability and interest of the new group to join WFIS have been confirmed, the foundations of mentoring, the necessary resources, and the scope of the required support must be built. A draft planning document between both groups could set a script of expectations, objectives, a timeline of co-creation activities, a control assessment plan, final evaluation, and the responsible parties for its execution on both sides.

It is advisable for the mentee to have analysed its mission and strategic vision, a SWOT analysis to understand its situation, weaknesses, strengths, threats, and opportunities. With this information, the mentor group will have the necessary initial information to manage the start of the process and co-design a timeline to achieve the desired scope. The analysis thus carried out, although it is laborious, it is not impossible, and when done well, it constitutes and provides a basic and well-thought-out organisational structure, answering key questions to give substance and meaning to the SG: why, what for, how, when... Moreover, mentors can contribute their practical sense and experience with public administrations following this basis. For example, exhaustive, detailed statutes may suffer delays in processing, so it is preferable for the Association's Regulations (POR) to delve into the operating regulations. The experience of mentor groups can save new SGs months of work load.



Leaders of Scout Group Nómadas and Scout Group Javalambre during the Nómadas summer camp in 2025.

Phase 4: Active Transfer, Group Connection

The group of mentor leaders shares all the resources at their disposal. They work actively, cooperatively, and collaboratively with the mentee SG on the objectives established in the script. They guide in problem-solving, mainly administrative, logistical, methodological, by holding regular meetings, workshops, or activities – learning by doing. They are trusted and work to empower their mentees. The summer camps are full activities could be jointly organized, an opportunity to strengthening the mentoring process, and carry out the official practices for the training of youth leaders, subcamp and camp chiefs. Thus, the mentee Scout Leaders team, as another member of the mentor's Kraal, could be involved in the logistics, security, administrative procedures, authorisations, programming and performance of Scout activities for both SGs sections (Colony, Cub Pack, Scout Troop, and Rover Crew). In general, the seasonal camps are the best way to connect the learners and trainers by an experiential holistic immersion in the Scout methodology, WFIS style, making its future application easier for the mentee.

For more formal matters such as defining uniforms and badges, the most tempting option for a new SG is to design from scratch,



giving visibility and individual identity to the group, in addition to adapting to the environmental conditions in which the mentee practices Scouting. However, the possibility of adhering to existing elements) should not be ruled out. Using Mentor or WFIS supplies is more efficient and reduces procurement costs, rather than investing resources in creating something new or placing small orders at higher prices. There must be a balance between what is taken from existing elements and what will be newly created, allowing for its own identity as well as its economic viability. That is, the mentor will not impose the use of uniforms on the mentee, but will facilitate their use, achieving better prices in joint purchases and an image of unity.

Sharing badges also allows for sharing progression manuals. When the mentee group gains autonomy and designs a pedagogical plan adapted to its local context, it can design its own manuals, within traditional Scouting, and share its progress with other WFIS groups.

Phase 5: Adaptation and Co-creation

The mentee makes a great effort to assimilate and incorporate the knowledge imparted by the mentor, with patience. At the same time, they are encouraged to adapt their own practices to their abilities, creativity and local context, generating their own alternatives. This is key, and we experienced it during the mentor's summer camp (GS Nómadas): the autonomy and identity of the new-born group is respected and encouraged. In addition, there is an open dialogue about differences, and an assessment is made of which practices are most effective and consistent with traditional Scouting.

To structure this process with a common methodology and style, it is very important that Scouts master and deepen their methodological skills and knowledge, becoming trained Scouts on a common basis. To this end, WFIS Wood Badge (WB) training establishes the essential common ground in each section. In addition, a large number of student leaders will benefit from this training by working with the genuine WB schedule created by BP.

Phase 6: Monitoring, Control, and Tuning

The achievement of objectives and paths towards goals must be monitored periodically. Meetings in which, preferably, Scout Leaders from mentor and mentee SGs participate in order to respond, work, correct, adjust deviations or reinforce procedures that enable progress and achieve results. In the face of unforeseen new needs, planning, timelines, or resources to be allocated are adjusted.

Phase 7: Consolidation, Autonomy, the end?

When the mentee SG achieves autonomy and stability, the mentoring process formally concludes. However, the personal bond and collaboration endure. A lasting relationship is created between the involved SGs where everyone seeks the good of all. Both SGs, they have learned to work collaboratively and wish to continue doing so, which may lead to a redefinition of the relationship, transforming it for future objectives renewing the mentoring, or definitively concluding the mentoring; or, contact is fostered for future follow-up and feedback.

Key Factors for Achieving Objectives

The following key factors we have identified for successful mentoring are, for the mentor SG:

- Lead with integrity and demonstrate the values of Scouting through actions and words.
- Listen to the mentee's ideas and concerns, rather than just telling them what to do, to help them develop their own decision-making skills.
- Share personal experiences, successes, and failures to offer valuable insights and practical advice.
- Provide consistent encouragement and constructive feedback to build confidence and support the mentee's efforts to improve.
- Maintain Confidentiality keeping sensitive information shared by the mentee private, to build a foundation of trust.

For the mentee SG:

- Work with the mentor to define specific, achievable goals and track progress towards them.
- Be Engaged and actively participate in meetings, share your thoughts and ideas, and be open to new experiences.
- Show respect for the mentor's time and guidance, and contribute to a positive, supportive relationship.
- Try to understand the mentor's advice and apply it, taking responsibility for your own decisions and actions.

Importance of Personal Bonds and International Relations

We want to particularly emphasize that mentoring works thanks to the immaterial power of personal and emotional bonds between the members from both SGs involved in mentoring, without detriment to the interest in a common Scout methodological style. The friendship built, meeting after meeting, is the engine of learning. Thus, the Scout Leaders chosen to mediate and participate in these training encounters must exercise transformational leadership through their commitment, example, and passion for traditional Scouting.

Integration into an association with international openness accelerates the assimilation of the international WFIS methodology and invites the new SG to participate in Europe. This human connection fosters and facilitates Scout brotherhood beyond the borders of our region, our country, and facilitates the insertion of Scout culture. This also allow us to be stronger together and contribute to improving our educational, social, and cultural environment.

Relevance of Responding to Local Needs and Capacities

The procedure presented here does not require SGs to share a geographical context or environmental setting to carry it out. The diversity contributed by both parties, mentor and mentee, will be a source of enrichment and should be leveraged as such. But, it is indeed appropriate for them to be able to carry out joint activities, sharing daily life.

In Spain, Scout Groups are formed and maintained where there is previous experience and sufficient social fabric for their creation. But we know that the Patrol System of the Scout Troop allows its existence even in small and isolated population cities. With this

mentoring procedure, the creation of units in different towns can be encouraged. For this, it is vital to respond to the needs of families in those environments and assess local capacities. This situation is not being addressed and represents an opportunity to extend traditional Scouting and expand WFIS membership.

The new SG is not a passive recipient. It actively critically evaluates the knowledge received and applies it in a way that is operative in its environment. It is a dynamic process of constant evaluation that seeks to leverage pre-existing knowledge to better implement the traditional Scout methodology. That is, there are no recipes, no orders to follow, but rather a mission to be carried out that is discovered and resolved as it progresses.

8. Benefits for WFIS

As a result of the mentoring of SGs, as proposed and carried out here, we believe it offers real mutual benefits for both member associations and WFIS. For members, it fosters skill development, expansion of contact networks, belief and confidence in their associative growth. For WFIS, it strengthens knowledge transfer and institutional memory, reinforces coherent growth by homogenizing methodology and style while maintaining the individuality and independence of its associations, improves communication and commitment, generates inter- and intra-relationships, enable internships, within a framework of brotherhood, and facilitates the development of new leaders.

Conclusions

We are experiencing in Spain how mentoring between Scout associations can be an effective, viable, efficient mechanism, integrated into the Scout methodology for the creation and autonomous growth of Scout units, groups or associations. It is a useful process that

can boost their life and prevent them from perishing in isolation. In practice, mentoring is a process of “two,” meaning it must be designed considering the capacities of the mentor Scout association (veteran associations with experience and willingness) and the goals of the mentee grouping, and their respective teams of representative Scouters. For this, geographical proximity is not necessary, thanks to remote meeting tools over networks, although it is very important to have physical meetings between both parties that experientially help to understand the goals and the sociocultural conditions surrounding the mentee. In this process of remote or experiential meetings, agreement templates, guides, and consultation channels are provided to facilitate mentoring. To be successfully applicable, it must be, although hard, a simple process, with human connections, and be based on the Scout Law, Principles, and Promise.

We have explained how this process can be carried out under the umbrella of independent traditional Scouting, to ensure that the newly formed Scout grouping lives and evolves with its own personality and decision-making capacity to maintain the bond with its mentor and leveraging the international associative structure of WFIS.

WFIS can support mentoring processes by encouraging the participation of new groups in periodic international meetings or activities, sharing procedures and experiences, which directly impacts the expansion of Scout brotherhood within WFIS, strengthens its organizational structure, allowing more young people to benefit from traditional Scouting. In the current VUCA scenario, it is more necessary than ever.

And finally, let's not forget to recognize and celebrate the achievements of the involved groups to encourage and reinforce participation and commitment.

Once Scout, Be prepared to Service! ■



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A WEEKEND TO REMEMBER – SCOUT CAMP FROM OCTOBER 3RD TO 5TH

Germany; Waschi

From October 3rd to 5th, around 60 scouts from seven different troops came together for an unforgettable camp in Leonbronn, near Zaberfeld, where the scout campsite of the “Schwäbische Toskana” is located.

Scouts traveled from all across Germany, from Kiel, Unna, Laubach, and Berlin, and even from Switzerland to be part of the adventure. Throughout the weekend, the campsite was filled with laughter, songs, and the smell of campfire smoke. Old friends reunited, new ones were made, and the true spirit of scouting could be felt everywhere.

Scouts from Asgard, BuP, the Solmser Pfadfinderschaft, FPG, PbW and PML took part in the camp, bringing together different scouting traditions and strong friendships that made the atmosphere truly special.

On Saturday, we had a special highlight: a visit to a local Angus cattle farm in Michelsbach. The owner welcomed us warmly and explained everything about the cows, their breeding, and their care. We even got a full tour of the farm and learned a lot about sustainable agriculture and animal welfare, which was a truly unique experience for everyone.



Throughout the weekend, we enjoyed delicious traditional Swabian food such as Maultaschen and Spätzle, all lovingly prepared by our amazing kitchen team. Their effort and care made every meal a highlight, warm and full of heart.

The rest of the weekend was filled with games, activities, and long talks by the fire. On the last evening, the camp ended in true traditional fashion with a ceremonial award celebration and a name-giving ceremony (baptize) in Asgrad-style. Afterwards, the evening slowly came to a close around the campfire with laughter, songs, and mugs of homemade Tschai that warmed everyone's hands and hearts.

It was a beautiful, short, and rainy camp, but despite the weather, it was absolutely wonderful. When it was time to say goodbye on Sunday, we left Leonbronn tired but happy, with hearts full of memories, new friendships, and the feeling of having shared something truly meaningful. ■



HI! AND CZUWAJ! :) WE ARE ZRZESZENIE HARCERSKIE PIĄTA.PL

Poland: Miłosz Majchrzak-Zamorowski

Zrzeszenie Harcerskie Piąta.PL wants to share some memories from our summer camp in July 2025. From the start, we were planning to organise it in the forests near the Bielskie Mountains, we already had one camp there in 2023, so we wanted to re-establish old memories. Unfortunately, because of the floodings that were happening in September 2024, our desired campsite and its surroundings got badly destroyed. However, we didn't give

up and organised a three-week medieval-themed summer camp on our scout's plot that is located very close to Bydgoszcz, where our organisation is doing most of its work. We have many great memories from there, like sailing on sailboats, or pioneering and many medieval workshops. Thanks to our plot's location, we even went to the cinema for a movie. We all hope that your summer camps will be and were wonderful! ■







SUMMER CAMP

Italy: Assoraider

We are the Assoraider Palermo 2 San Demetrio Group. For our summer camp, we set out not only with our backpacks but with open hearts, ready to embark on an adventure together. Every smile, every act of friendship, and every difference among us became an opportunity to learn and grow. As Christian scouts, we believe that every person is precious in God's eyes and deserves respect, welcome, and fraternal love. Embracing everyone, regardless of nationality, religion, or background, was our way of living the values we hold dear: serving, helping, cooperating, and walking together on life's journey.

We shared this summer camp with the Bagheria Group, creating moments of joy, friendship, and experiences that will remain in our hearts forever. ■



SUMMER CAMP 2025 ORTUERI, MUI MUSCAS PARK



Italy: assoraider

From July 26th to August 2nd our group from Quartu Sant'Elena lived an unforgettable experience in the heart of Sardinia, hosted in the beautiful donkey park of Mui Muscas, Ortueri. More than 100 people, including youth and staff, took part in this great camp, which brought together all the units of our group: the “Popolo Libero Cub Pack” and “Bianca Luna Cub Pack”, the “Reparto Sherden Troop” and “Ithaka Troop”, the “Lakota Rover Crew” and the “Ala Rosa Raid”.

The uniqueness of our group—being the only one in Sardinia with both sea scouts and land scouts—made the camp even richer and more diverse. The days followed the rhythm typical of scouting: the morning flagraising, theme-based activities (this year inspired by *SpongeBob*, *Minecraft*, and *Total Drama*), moments of play and reflection, all the way to the evening flag-lowering with the awarding of final trophies.





Unmissable were the campfires, every evening different and always magical, especially the one created together by members from all the units to strengthen the bond of scout brotherhood. We also carried on the tradition of the “*Posta di Hermes*”, which allowed everyone to leave and receive special messages, and the end-of-camp dance, long awaited and full of joy, made even more special by the cake prepared by one of our Raiders.

Thanks to the collaboration, enthusiasm, and commitment of all, this camp was not only an organizational success, but above all an experience that strengthened our sense of community and left each of us with precious and unforgettable memories. ■

Erica Durzu and Virginia Floris





MNARJA CAMP

Malta: Baden Powell Scouts Malta

Scouts from Mtarfa, Qormi, and St. Paul's Bay groups came together for an unforgettable joint camping experience filled with adventure, learning, and camaraderie.

Set against the backdrop of nature, the camp featured a series of hands-on activities that brought out the true spirit of Scouting. Highlights included the collaborative construction of a dome shelter, the building and use of a traditional camp oven, and sessions in axe safety and wood carving, where Scouts developed their bushcraft and survival skills.

Evenings were brought to life around the campfire with songs, storytelling, and shared laughter, strengthening bonds between the three groups. ■

Rebecca Fsadni



MNARJA CAMP

Malta: Baden Powell Scouts Malta

This year's Summer Camp was an action-packed weekend full of learning, teamwork, and unforgettable memories! Scouts took on a variety of exciting challenges, starting with the building of creative camp gadgets that added both function and fun to our campsite.

Map reading and a group hike helped sharpen navigation skills, while a canoeing session provided the final push for Scouts completing their Canoeist Badge. One of the camp's most exciting moments was the building (and testing!) of homemade rafts, followed by plenty of swimming under the sun.

Scouting spirit was high throughout, with lively games, evening campfires, and a special camp souvenir T-shirt to remember the adventure. The camp brought everyone closer together and reminded us all what Scouting is all about —skills for life, friendship, and the great outdoors. ■

Rebecca Fsadni



SUMMER CAMP NANTMOR MOUNTAIN CENTRE 27TH – 31ST JULY 2025

United Kingdom: 1st BLACKWATER VALLEY B-P SCOUT GROUP

This summer saw an unusual and short summer camp for our Scouts and seniors. It was combined with a 'Safety on the Hills' training course for two young leaders which the Senior Scouts and Rovers took part in. Our main source of our new leaders is young people who have been in the Group from a young age. Support, based at Gelli Iago, was provided by Emma (Assistant Cub Leader) and Gail (Non-Uniform Instructor). This camp was part funded by a grant from the Leslie Sell Charitable Trust for which we are most grateful.



1 Gail & Emma



2 Sunday evening

After we all arrived at Gelli Iago and had enjoyed dinner of pasta and tomatoes with cheese, the camp took a short hike up the hill behind the centre. For many on the camp this was their first time at the Nantmor Mountain Centre and their first view of the surrounding landscape.



3 Sunday evening hiking back to centre



4 Monday morning breakfast

After breakfast on Monday morning a classroom theory session was followed by a kit check, lunch collection and departure for a circular 7 mile hike past Coed Llewelyn to Llyn Dinas and then back over Moel y Dyniewyd. The weather was fine with strong sunshine, as several realised later! The route down from Moel y Dyniewyd south of Moel Goch was very overgrown and difficult to determine. Once back on the valley footpath, however, the way was very clear and we were back into to get cleaned up before dinner, a dish of white fish and tomatoes with rice followed by custard and steam pudding. Despite photographic evidence that exists suggesting otherwise, Callum did not eat all the pudding!



5 Monday late morning departure



6 Stile at beginning of footpath



7 Luch stop at Coed Llewelyn



8 Ascending from Llyn Dinas



9 Very civilised - a sign post!



10 ... not sure it helped :)



11 Ascending Moel y Dyniewyd



12 Did he eat it all?!

Tuesday late morning, after breakfast, classroom briefing and equipment check, we had a short minibus ride, driven by Gail, to drop us off by the café at Nantgwynant for our overnight camp on the side of Snowdon (Yr Wyddfa). We hiked the old mine road to the disused levels on the east side of the mountain at around 400 metres. The weather was misty but still warm.



13 A well prepared Senior Scout before our ascent



14 Lunch stop just above the slate bridge over the waterfalls

We arrived at the disused levels around 16:00 and set up camp. The weather was less fair with clouds and rain coming over the mountain and mist coming up from the valley.



15 Pitching tents



16 Pitching tents



17 Campsite



18 Mist coming up from the valley below

Various lightweight stoves came out with a mixture of lightweight food stuffs, some including puddings! All the stoves worked, all the food was consumed, and it was a happy assembly of well-fed Scouts stood on the mountain side.

After dinner an early bed was taken by all as the rain set in. Once in your tent, three questions to ask yourself: Am I dry?, 2 Am I warm, 3. Am I comfortable. If the answer to any is not "yes", then you are doing something wrong!

The next morning was clear and dry as we awoke at 04:30 and began to strike camp after a long and pleasant sleep. We knew that a cooked breakfast awaited us at Gelli lago so long as we made the rendezvous with Gail and Emma with the minibus at Nantgwynant for 07:30.



19 Striking camp



20 Yes, he is packed and ready! (Peter not Callum)

Breakfast was served and enjoyed along with cornflakes and copious cups of hot tea. The dining room at Gelli lago is so very welcome after a 5 mile hike up the mountain the night before and then back down again early that morning.



21 "first breakfast" (Hobbit style)



22 departure for Cnicht

After breakfast on Wednesday morning there was another classroom session, kit inspection and then, at 11:30, on to a 5 mile hike over Cnicht and back to Gelli lago via Foel Boethwel. The weather was fair with good visibility and forecast which held throughout the hike affording some excellent views from the summit (yes, that is the sea!).

It was a hungry and animated bunch of Scouts that descended to the centre for hot chocolate, squash, cake and biscuits on a table outside in the sunshine.



24 and all very pleased with themselves

Additional information is available elsewhere



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Figure 26 for the record

A group of about ten people, including children and adults, are standing in a line in a grassy field. They are positioned next to a low, rustic stone wall. To the left, a portion of a building with a blue corrugated metal roof is visible. The background features a steep, rocky hillside with sparse vegetation and a few trees. A utility pole stands in the middle ground. The overall scene suggests a rural or semi-rural setting.

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Figure 29 Camp team in front of classroom



Figure 30 Safety on the Hills participants and instructors at Gelli iago front door



Figure 31 Long John Silver heads for home



Figure 32 Jane Pedley (Nantmor Association) introduces us to "Landy"

PARTICIPANTS



TRAINING TEAM:

Callum Howarth – DGSM
Harry Punter - ASM
Gareth Llewellyn - ASM
Emma Clarke – ASCM
Gail Hardman – NUH
Richard Llewellyn - GSM



TRAINING PARTICIPANTS

Zain Mehmood (Rover)
Henry Chandler (Rover)
Samuel Lawrence (Senior Scout)
Peter Tropman (Senior Scout)

LEADER CANDIDATES

Mars Taylor – ASM (Mod 1 & 2)
Georgia Clarke – ASM (Mod 1)

SAFETY ON THE HILLS TRAINING

This training is provided in two modules normally over two weekends, the second being a long weekend. The first module being "Lowland walking", the second module is "Upland Walking". This year the two modules were incorporated in a five-day camp at the Nantmor Mountain centre at Gelli Iago in Snowdonia. The training is appropriate for leaders of all sections from Beavers at 5 years through Scout up to 19 years, as it covers all aspects of taking them "out of the Scout Hut gates".

THE NANTMOR MOUNTAIN CENTRE

The Nantmor Mountain Centre Association was created in 1963 by staff and students of Shenstone College in Worcestershire, who leased the farmhouse, Gelli Iago, from a local farmer.

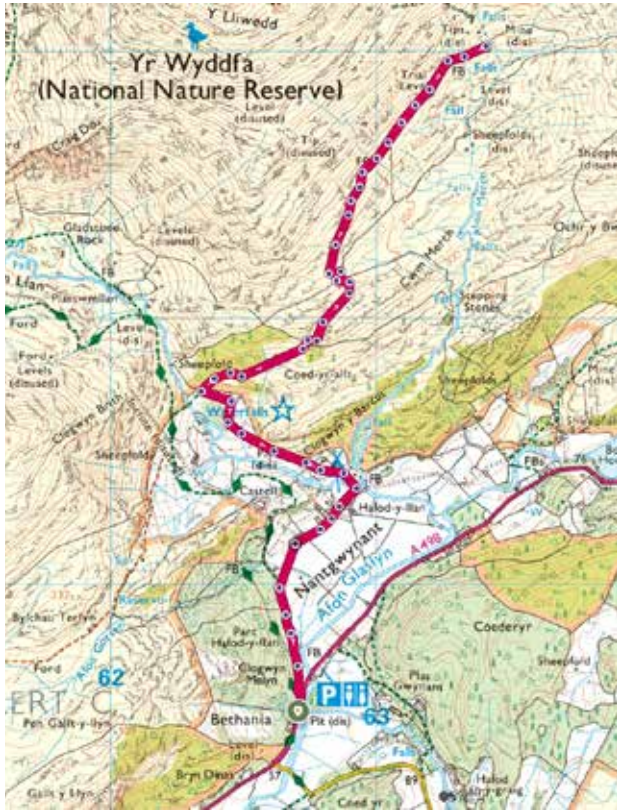
In 1998, the surrounding area including Gelli Iago was bought by the National Trust following a national appeal. The National Trust is now the landlord with whom a very supportive relationship has developed.

The area is rich in history: the original Gelli Iago, the now ruined 16th Century farmhouse, still stands behind the Centre, along with remains of the old water wheel. The hillside above has been settled and farmed for millennia, and Iron Age hut circles can still be seen. Cwm Gelli Iago borders on the Yr Arddu nature reserve, a rugged heather moorland well known by geologists and ecologists alike.

The Centre is run by a committee of elected Directors, all volunteers. The Nantmor Mountain Centre Association is a registered charity and also a company limited by guarantee.

The Association still has founding members and many who have contributed to its development over the many years of its history. It is their participation that has made it such a special place full of happy memories. Happy memories are the first feeling you get whenever you come to the centre. There are no ghosts at Gelli Iago, just an atmosphere of friendship, fun, and achievement, and happy memories. Some of those memories ours!





Overnight hike



First day hike



Cnicht Hike



SUMMER WITH GATAGEWA OUR SUMMER CAMP 2025

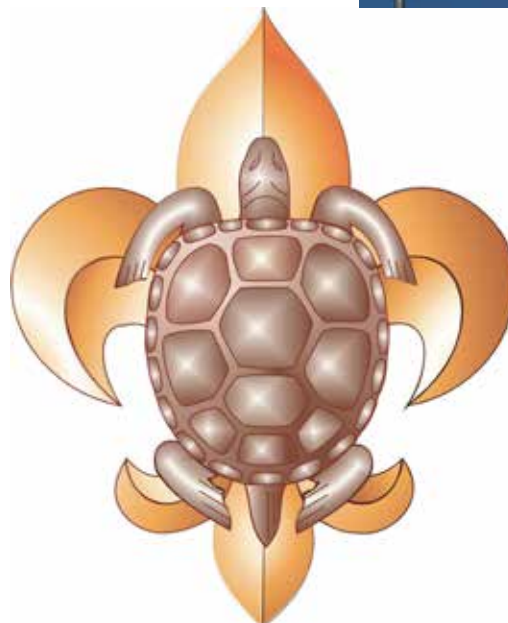
Few things from scout activities of group Gatagewa, Prague, Czech Republic

The first free weeks of July we spent in our summer camp in South Bohemia.

Even though the weather wasn't great, it was still fun. The theme for the camp game was based on Terry Pratchett's book "Light Fantastic."

As part of the game, we had to save the Fairy Tale Kingdom by collecting eight spells and reciting them flawlessly at the final campfire. To obtain the spells, we had to accomplish many tasks.

Demonstrate knowledge of plants, knot tying, Morse code, semaphore, health science, and other skills from our Scout handbook, which we call Lily Leaves. There was also code breaking, tests of endurance, strength, and nobility. Once during the camp, each patrol could visit a magical shop at night where, if they made the right choice, they could obtain one of the spells. We also had to





Make hole for the pool



Our camp



Baking gingerbread house



bake a gingerbread house over the fire. In addition, as part of the “camp school,” we learned to identify constellations, made herbal oil, and decorated leather amulets. At the final campfire, four scouts took their scout promise.

We also enjoyed lots of games and had a great time despite the rain. Two of the four teams managed to collect all the spells. Only one team managed to recite them without any mistakes. And so, in the end, the Fairy Tale Kingdom was successfully saved. As always, we ended with the motto, “The camp is dead, long live the camp.”



LEADERS TRAINING „FORTIS FILIA“ 2025

Czech Republic

Our summer didn't end with the camp. In August, our scout group organized a leadership course called Fortis filia. It was a week at a campsite near Prague. Participants were challenged with practical skills, had to complete a lot of individual tasks, and worked with a psyche.

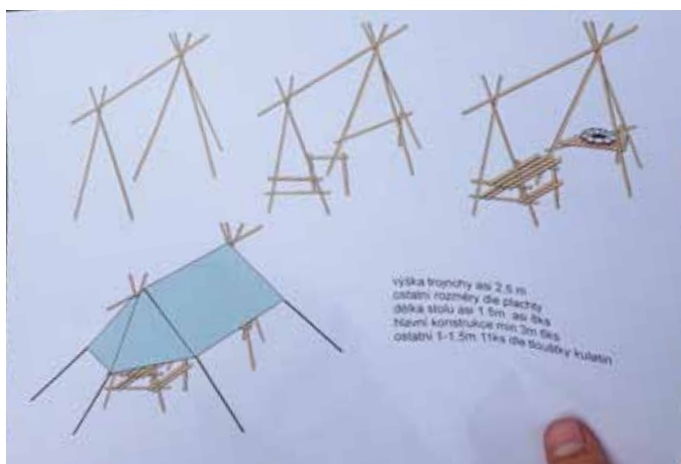
As a change of pace, participants took part in a “night drop.” At night, they were blindfolded and taken to unknown terrain, dropped off one by one, and tasked with finding members of their group and returning to camp by morning using a map and compass (without the use of Google or GPS). They also had to prepare meat in a Seton pot and sleep on a tree as a whole patrol. Every evening, we discussed the activities in our troops around the campfire..

That was the practical part of the course. Participants still have four weekends ahead of them, which will be more theory-based—laws, the history of Scouting in our country and around the world, pedagogy, safety when working with children, and other topics that Scout leaders need to know. ■

Hanka Končická



Building Czech traditional tents with wooden walls



Future patrol kitchen



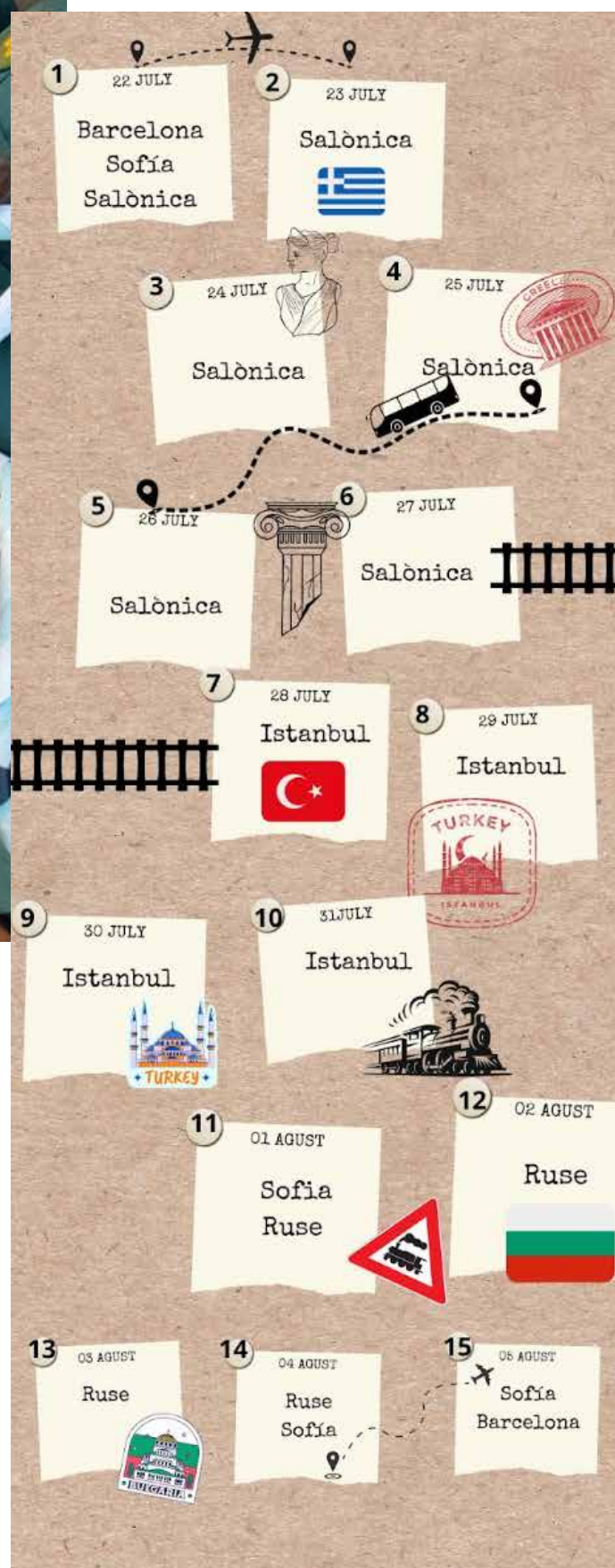


PATHFINDER BELT PROJECT

SPAIN: ACS- Associació Catalana de Scouts

A summer like this, back in 2023, from July 22nd to August 5th, the Clan Omega — formed by Marta Forcada, Neus Valls, Joel Puig, Pol Noya, and Clara García from the scout group Mas Guinardó 31 — embarked on a project known as the Pathfinder Belt, traveling through countries such as Greece (Thessaloniki) with the group 8osptoumpas, Turkey (Istanbul) with the group Anadolu İzcilik, and Bulgaria (Ruse) with the group scoutsbg. This was the second time the group carried out the Pathfinder Belt project, the first one having taken place back in 2013. Ten years later, the Clan decided to give it another try and aimed to succeed this time.

We believe this project represents a great opportunity both at an associative level within the Catalan Scout Association (ACS) and for our local group. Preparing such a large-scale project





over nearly a year and a half is quite complex and requires careful organization. That's why we did thorough research on the three countries we were going to visit: their customs, languages, landmarks, and, most importantly, we reached out to local scouts and scout groups.

The most important achievement has been building connections with scouts outside our country and within WFIS. We learned how other groups operate and formed friendships. With the group in Greece, we built a very strong bond, as we were of similar ages. In Turkey, the language barrier was a challenge — only a couple of people spoke English, which made it difficult to build a stronger network. In Bulgaria, we simply ran out of time to develop a closer relationship.

We've learned a lot about different cultures and how other scout groups function. However, we also saw it as a missed opportunity that the groups we visited didn't have active rover sections — they were independent scouts, without a structured unit system or an understanding of roving.

After a long wait from 2023 until now in 2025, we've finally had our project approved and have been awarded the buckle and the diploma. We are very happy and proud of the work we put in, and grateful for all the knowledge we've gained and for everyone who supported us throughout this project. ■

Clan Omega - Clara García

SUMMER CAMP 2025

SPAIN: GS Aéreos Torrejón

This year we returned to the Sierra de Guadarrama, Madrid's mountain range, a privileged spot surrounded by nature, holm oaks and pine trees. As a backdrop, we were accompanied by the imposing granite peaks of the mountains.

From August 1st to 9th, we enjoyed a great camp that, despite the high daytime temperatures and cool nights, was a complete success. Nearly 50 members took part, including Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Rovers and Leaders, and we shared the campsite and facilities with the Cicónidas Scout Group from Talavera de la Reina.



This camp was truly special: for the first time, our Beaver Colony took part in the summer camp. For many, it was their first experience of spending so many days away from home, and although they missed their families at times, they proved to be true champions.

Over the course of the camp, we enjoyed a multitude of activities: routes, workshops, crafts and, of course, our great pirate-themed gymkhana.

The Malawi Colony enjoyed workshops such as T-shirt dyeing, dreamcatcher making, cooking and pirate owl crafting. Their favourites were the night games and reading the Book of Friends of the Forest.

The Night Pack went on a hike to the old quarry, made handmade spyglasses, tie-dyed T-shirts, played Kim's games and refreshing water games, as well as night-time activities and a movie night. On the other hand, the Diego de Acuña Troop experienced the adventure of the 'search for the Becerril de la Sierra UFO' and experimented with water purification, orientation, and survival techniques. For two days, they joined a plane-crash simulation, where patrols had to build a shelter and manage resources to cook and eat. With the points earned during the camp, they could 'buy' utensils and food. The goal: to demonstrate that working together makes us stronger.



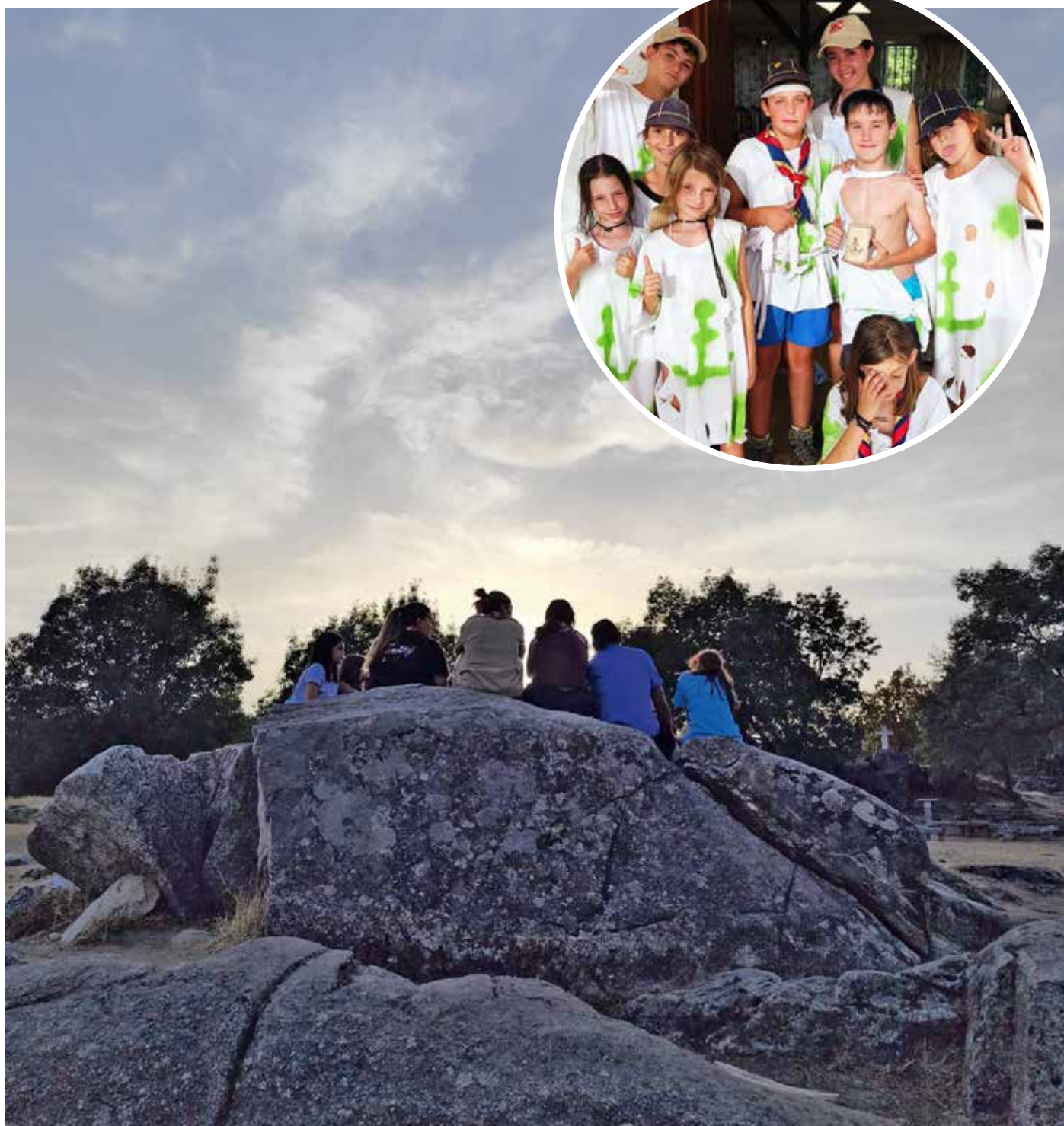
As for the Imperial Eagle Clan, though busy serving the units throughout the camp they found time to make progress on our squire Javier's challenge. His proposal was so engaging and sparked so long debate that we decided to continue it another time. The great pirate gymkhana took place throughout Thursday, where we formed crews, made costumes and built boats, all accompanied by water-filled challenges to combat the heat on one of the hottest days of the camp.

However, everyone's favourite activity, from the Beavers to the Chiefs, was the camp mailbox, where everyone could leave messages

of love, anecdotes, challenges or gossip for their companions. Every night, during dinner, we read the messages aloud. Our Beavers, full of enthusiasm, even prepared personalized letters for every member of the Colony, including the Big Beavers, filled with kind words and drawings.

We leave this camp with hearts full of joy and gratitude for all we have lived. We have grown not only as Scouts, but also as a family. We continue working towards fulfilling a dream. ■

David Serrano Revuelta





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