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THE HERMES HERALD

INCLUSIVITY IN ACTION AT WSIJ25

We spoke to the Rainbow Hub about what they are doing during this year's WSIJ camp.

The Rainbow Hub is headed by Jack, who is the UK team lead for LGBTQ inclusion for the Scouts, and Abbie, who is part of the inclusion lead for Girl Guiding Sussex West county.

They said that the Rainbow Hub's first role is to promote diversity and inclusion, but they are also here to offer a safe place for LGBTQ+ campers.

Abbie explained: "We want to make sure that the presence is here both for the young members to be seen and feel heard, but also for the adult members to be able to have a conversation about anything within the spectrum." Jack added: "Everyone can come down and it's just a nice safe space for everyone to chill out."

Abbie added: "We've had quite a few young people come up to us and say how exciting it is to feel seen in a Guiding and Scouting setting."



They added that another aspect of their role in camp is to provide a neutral third party to go to who is not your parent or your leader. Someone campers can speak to about how they are feeling, and offering want a warm, friendly face to chat with.

Already both Abbie and Jack have had conversations with young people about how they are feeling, whilst at camp.

The Rainbow Hub has its own entertainment in the evenings which you can find on your info grid.

14 NATIONS GATHER FOR COFFEE

We caught up with some of our international visitors at yesterday's coffee morning. WSIJ is proud to be hosting 50 international adults from 14 different countries, including: Japan, Ireland, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Hong Kong, Bangladesh, Kenya, Germany, New Zealand, Jersey, Wales and Sri Lanka!

Noreen, from Zimbabwe, said "I am happy to be here and meet people from around the world." She described the atmosphere at WSIJ as 'beautiful'.

We chatted with Ruth from Jersey who has attended every WS camp, since 1982. She said: "it is a wonderful experience, and you make lifelong friends."

Mary, from Pennsylvania, has brought a group of ten Girl Scouts with her, and has been to every WS since 2004. She said that camping is very different in the UK, as summer camp in America is usually based in cabins.





NARNIA ACTIVITIES

Please remember that no wristband means **NO ACTIVITY!** You must remember to keep your wristband on at all times.

AMBROSIA CAFE DEALS

Between 2:30-3:30 daily, there is an adults only cream tea for £3.

Vouchers are available for young people to treat their leaders to 50% off in the café on a first come first served basis.

The daily teapot raffle which includes a homemade tea cosy- £1 a ticket!

PHONE CHARGING HUBS ARE AVAILABLE IN CAMP INFO CENTRE, THE ORACLE. Tokens can be purchased for £1.

BIRTHDAYS, PROMISES AND INVESTITURES

Congratulations to Pebbles B from 1st Selsey Guides for making your promise! **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Sophie C from 1st Billingshurst Scouts and William L from Mid Sussex Scout Troop.



DAILY LAUGH..

The Scouts have found something
that was lost... the Guides sense of
humour!!!

**PLEASE PICK UP ANY
LITTER YOU SEE AROUND
THE SITE.**

NEWSLETTER NUMBERS

Please limit newsletter
numbers to only two per unit
as some units are missing
out!

PHOTOBOOTH OPENING TIMES

Monday- Legends of the Forest
10:30-12:30/ 3-4pm/ 7:30-8:30pm

Tuesday- Legends of the Mountain
10:30/ 3-4pm/ 7:30pm

Wednesday- All Sections Day-
11/1pm/ 2-4pm

Thursday- NO PHOTOBOOTH

Friday- Urban Legends
10:30-12:30 / 3-4pm

CINEMA VOTES

The camp centre is holding a poll
for campers to vote on which film
they would like to watch in the
cinema.

CAMP CLOTHING

We might only have the
option to personalise jumpers
and t-shirts until the end of
tomorrow. **SO COME ON
DOWN!!!**

ATLAS INTERNATIONAL BADGE SWAP NEWS

It is great to see so many badge
swaps going on in camp today, but
the badges are for swapping only,
NOT SELLING.

BBC RADIO SUSSEX INTERVIEW

Joint camp chief Rob is being
interviewed live on BBC Radio
Sussex tomorrow morning at 8:20

