



FRIDAY 8TH AUGUST 2025
EXTRA SPECIAL EDITION

THE HERMES HERALD

NEWS FROM THE SUBCAMPS

Whispers Beneath the Waves: from Sea Legends

Here at the Sea Legends sub-camp, for some, it has been a brand new experience in a different part of the Jamboree. For me, it's been a brand new experience in a brand new country. From doing Zoom calls at 6:30am back home in New Zealand, to be finally here and see all the new faces has been an absolute joy. So many of the leaders here have been kind and welcoming, and helping us sub-camp team leads out when we need it. While there has been a lot to do behind the scenes to make sure that there's plenty of fun to be had and making sure all of our games and activities are fun and engaging, this has been such a wonderful experience. I hope that more people consider joining the sub-camp team at future WSIJs, because the experience is so incredibly worth it.

Caeleigh from New Zealand :)



Sea Legends Sub Camp Team

Forest Legends: An Unforgettable Adventure!

Absolutely epic experience. Hard work, exhausting, but full of fun and laughter. Could not have done it without the support of Brian and Linda. Mollie from 9th Haywards Heath has been brilliant at sorting the stamping for the Crock of Gold challenges. Would like to say thank you to the sub camp for reading the site services information and being so brilliant. Nicola



Forest Legends Sub Camp Team

An intergalactic week has taken place at the urban ledges subcamp!

My experience as a Sub Camp Leader started many, many months ago during a conversation with Rob, Joint Camp Chief. I don't think I fully grasped at the time what I'd let myself in for!

During many meetings, planning sessions, googling and Pinterest searches and Amazon shopping sprees, I moved house twice, started a new job and found out I was expecting a baby! So needless to say, it's been a very hectic time. I wouldn't have been able to do this without the help from my fellow leaders, Joseph and Alison, along with Rob and Peter, the Site Services team and my Scouting family. Camp itself has brought on many challenges (both good and bad) but it's been so surreal to see so many smiling faces and the atmosphere around camp has been incredible! I'm so honoured to have been a small part of this incredible opportunity that is WSIJ2025 and to meet so many amazing young people. I hope that I get to see you at the next WSIJ - where some of you could be here as adult volunteers! Thank you all for a fantastic week that I'll never forget.

Becca - Urban Legends Sub Camp Leader



Urban Legends Sub Camp Team

Where shadows climb: Mountain myths

Being sub camp leader at WSIJ 2025 has been a thoroughly exciting experience. From helping out units by answering questions and solving problems to delivering the Hermes Herald there hasn't been a dull moment. Seeing all of the young people complete the Crock o' gold challenges and reading all of their favourite moments on the story pages has been very rewarding and our favourite part of the camp so far. Mountain Legends Sub Camp Leaders



Mountain Legends Sub Camp Team

WARNING! TO SEA LEGENDS

Last night a dastardly bunch got into the 3rd Shoreham Sea Scouts tents. This was when all were at the Mount Olympus disco/talent contest and TIDIED the Scouts tents and clothes.

These traumatised Scouts cannot find anything now - it is tidy!
Beware! Don't let this happen to you!



CHAMPIONS OF THE GATEWAY

Overall Subcamp Winners

1st Place - Urban Legends

2nd Place - Forest Legends

Joint 3rd Place - Sea Legends and Mountain Legends



Urban Legends

1st Place - Athena Rangers

2nd Place - Petworth and & Pulborough Explorers

3rd Place - Worthing Highdown Rangers



Forest Legends

1st Place - 1st Cowfold

2nd Place - Mid Sussex District Scouts

3rd Place - 9th Haywards Heath Guides



Sea Legends

1st Place - 1st East Grinstead Guides

2nd Place - Beeding, Bramber, Southwick & Sompting Scouts

3rd Place - Worthing Highdown Guides



Mountain Legends

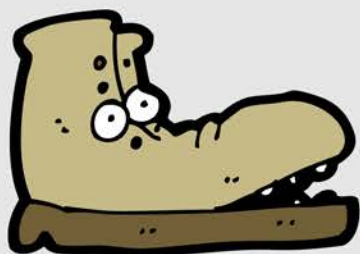
1st Place - 2nd Billingshurst Guides & 1st Billingshurst Rangers

2nd Place - 6th East Grinstead Guides

3rd Place - 2nd Ifield Scouts



STICKY SURVIVAL



As Samantha was climbing the rock wall she found half her shoe falling off the edge. Luckily this creative genius managed to tape her shoes together thanks to Paul from Site Services. She is now using them as tap shoes and is wearing them RIGHT NOW.

Samantha - Urban Legends

LEAPS, LAUGHS AND LIFE SKILLS

It was the night before WS2013 and I went to meet a couple of friends for dinner and that's where I met two chap from the county, Rob Marsh and Peter Few. Little did I know that meeting would lead to many sleepless nights, tense meetings and a few more grey hairs but I would not change a thing.

18 months ago I was asked to the Scouting counterpart of the activities lead and it has been one of the biggest honours of my life. I have worked with a team of fantastic, passionate and enthusiastic adults that have enabled Scouts, Guides, Rangers and Explorers to climb to new highs, learn new skills, tap into their creative side, bounce into new experiences, discover parts of the world they never new existed, take on new challenges, making a splash in the reservoir and explore countless new adventures.

I can not thank the zone leads enough for their constant support, incredible hard work, and always laughing in the face of adversity, but it is not just these people I need to thank; we have over 80 volunteers who helped make it possible.

After 8 years away, it felt like coming back home, and I can not wait to see what the team brings to you all next time. Until then, continue making memories and come back next time ready for the next adventure.

Harry - Co Lead for Activities



A MIDNIGHT HIKE!

By 3rd Shoreham

The 3rd tea before bed,
Soon sleeping like the dead,
2am time to flee,
For a huge deserving bathroom break.

On the way back,
To my warm and comfy sack,
Stop to look up at the stars,
Dreaming of my favourite bars.

Snoring to the left of me,
Wheezing to the right,
Coughing behind just starting,
Making way for smelly parting.

Walking back to my nice warm pit,
Let's hope I don't need to get up again!



MADE IT OUT ON THE WATER THIS WEEK?

If you've been to either of the lakes, you've earned a time on the water session on the water. Be sure to let your leaders know you've paddled, sailed, or rowed

