

## SWEDEN 2011

### The Explorer Belt

This is the challenge of a lifetime, which is open to Explorer Scouts aged over 16 and members of the Scout Network. It is a chance to take part in a ten-day expedition that brings a real understanding of a different country, its people and way of life. The Explorer belt is sometimes described as 'the antidote to the package holiday'. It is designed to help young people develop a real understanding of another country by travelling through that country, completing surprise projects, working as a small team and meeting local people.



#### Jamboree update

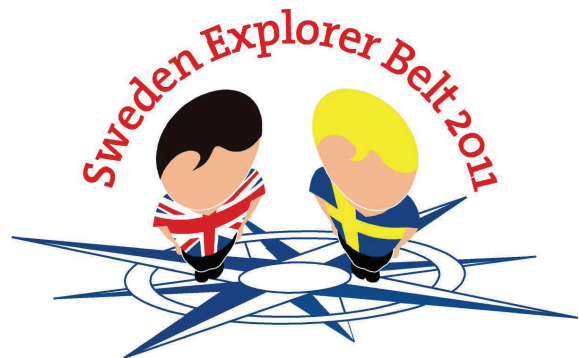
At the time applications closed for would be contingent members we had 21 young people interested in experiencing this adventure.

We are now in the process of having a meeting of these applicants and their parents to explain what will be happening over the next 18 months.

If necessary we will then hold a selection weekend to bring our contingent to the 18 members.

Just prior to Christmas we were offered the opportunity to do a 'bag pack' at the Sainsbury's store in the city centre. A number of the would-be contingent took up the challenge and were rewarded by collecting in excess £500 towards the costs.

We are in full contact with the leader of the Warwickshire Girl Guiding Unit who will make up another nine of our contingent and all the leaders are working to ensure all the young people are involved in this wonderful opportunity.



Coventry Explorer Belt Core Team would like to invite you to sample  
**Köttbulle & Fika!**  
 An introduction to The Explorer Belt in Sweden 2011

**5th February 2010 19.30hrs**  
 Caludon District HQ, Wyken Croft CV2 3AA

**7th February 2010 14.00hrs**  
 42nd Coventry HQ, Rochester Road, CV5 6AG

Come along to the Roadshow and learn about the experience of a lifetime. The unique opportunity to discover independence, travel with a meaning, interaction with local communities, which culminates in what has been called the best kept secret in Scouting. This Explorer Belt expedition will take place during the Summer of 2011, just prior to the start of the Jamboree in Kristianstad, Sweden. 16th-31st July 2011, are the dates to free up in your diary! You will get the opportunity to visit the Jamboree after completing the Explorer Belt Expedition.

A training programme is part of the Explorer Belt challenge, which will be provided by the core team. If you would like more information please contact [ashleyhyde@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ashleyhyde@hotmail.co.uk) 07921 869919.

As part of getting the Expedition under way and to help raise necessary funds to support the Explorer Belt Expedition we are pleased announce the first in several fund raising events:

#### The events to look out for are:

#### **EXPLORER BELT EASTER EGG EXPEDITION**

A fun challenge for all the family around Coventry, gathering up from the egg clues. Challenge sheets will be on sale for a £1 per sheet in Early March, correct answers submitted will be entered into a prize draw. The Prize Draw will be drawn on evening of Sunday 11th April. Watch this space!

#### **SUMMER AUCTION OF PROMISES & UNUSUAL ITEMS**

We are currently collating lots for our Summer Auction of Promises - so if anyone would like to donate a promise of services or a unusual item, please let us know. An sociable evening of entertainment and refreshments will accompany the auction.

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