



Final Newsletter - September 2022

Read on for a round-up of our magnificent '**Alps22 - Jamboree in the Mountains**'



Lifechanging, exhilarating, confidence boosting.

Just a few of the words our young people have used to describe their

experience at Alps22.

We'd like to firstly say a massive thank you to all the young people who took part. You threw yourselves into all the activities with enthusiasm and in some cases a lot of courage.

Watching new friendships form, confidence grow and skills being learnt was inspiring. The respect given to other participants and leaders was exemplary and really upheld our scouting values.

Secondly we'd like to say a huge thank you to all the adult volunteers who gave up their time to make this event such a success. We couldn't have done it without you and the fact that the young people returned back to camp every day buzzing with the excitement of what they achieved, is testament to the brilliant way in which you delivered your part - whether they were learning how to mix cement and repair the tennis courts, building picnic benches, building a raft and try to stay afloat on the lake, or hanging off the side of a mountain doing via ferrata.

Our team of drivers made sure our activities ran like clockwork, the kitchen crew took on the incredible task of feeding 207 people every day and the service crew ensured we had hot water, power and lights in our mini-village. A monumental effort from such a dedicated group of volunteers.





Finally our thanks to all the parents, carers and family members who helped with fundraising, loading and unloading the lorry, attending our webinars and generally supporting our jamboree.



Your feedback is important

If you haven't already filled in the event feedback form then we'd really appreciate it if you could spend a few minutes to do so. This will ensure your views feed into future events so they can be even bigger and better. Below are the relevant links:

For Participants - <https://forms.office.com/r/Wd98aHkngw>

For Adult Leaders - <https://forms.office.com/r/wN3kicZ5eN>

For parent/carers - <https://forms.office.com/r/DVbxvCXmph>

Hear all about it!



Our report back session will take place during the afternoon of Sunday 6th November. Exact timings and venue will be provided nearer the time, but please block out 1-4pm.

The aim of this event is to hear from both young people and adults who took part, exclusive first viewing of our Alps22 video and a look to the future to discuss how we can harness the Alps22 legacy for generations to come.

You can reserve your space by filling in the form below:

<https://forms.office.com/r/R4ussk7SsR>



Who has had Alps22 withdrawal symptoms and have found themselves looking back at photos and wishing they were still there?

In the spirit of 'group therapy' we've set up a central photo album where you can upload and share your snaps. Let's add as many photos as possible so we keep the spirit of the Alps alive in our memories for as long as possible.

You can add your piccies here:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/mobile/folders/13znRfjrOfx6QVeT3L3E4EP6r65wzGdZg?usp=sharing>

Permits, badge work and awards.

If you enjoyed a particular activity and feel you'd like to take it further, we offer lots of opportunity to gain additional qualifications and permits.

Feedback from our activity instructors was that there was a huge amount of talent on display.

Interested? Please contact us at alps22@berkshirescouts.org.uk



Also don't forget that the activities you took part in count towards badges and of course your night's away record. Let your usual Explorer Leaders know that you have been away and the activities you took part in, so they can make sure you get the badges you have worked so hard for!

Here is the link to the awards document we previously shared:

<https://www.berkshirescouts.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/awards-guidance-1.pdf>



Calling all budding thespians!

After watching the amazing performances at our Murder Mystery evening, a number of our Alps22 squad showed an interest in talking part in the South East Berks Gang Show, which is now open to anyone in Berkshire Scouting over the age of 9 by 31 December 2022.

Taking place at the Wilde Theatre in Bracknell, the 50th show takes place next February and is a family variety show with a mixture of song, dance and sketches.

Prefer to be out of the limelight but would love to be involved?

The Gang Show organisers are also looking for additional backstage crew and front of house to welcome the audience on the day. If you are keen to take part then email: gangshow@southberksscouts.uk and ask to find out more.

You can also show your support by being part of the audience. The theatre box office opens early December, so why not make it a Unit night out and support your fellow Scouts.



AND FINALLY

Local residents, the campsite owners and holidaymakers on the site all commented about what a credit the young people were to Berkshire Scouts.

Alps22 Squad - you left your mark and in the very best way. Thank you for making this such an epic adventure for everyone.



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