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Dear Parents.

As you will be aware, next year is a big year in Scouting. Not only is it the 100th Anniversary of the first camp at Brownsea Island, it is also the year that we are hosting the World Jamboree at Hylands Park in Chelmsford.

I am writing to you to offer the opportunity to become part of this fantastic event. On 27 July 2007, there will be 40,000 young people camping together from all over the world. As part of their Jamboree experience, we are looking to place a number of young people in scouting homes throughout our District.

As you already have a Scout or Explorer in your house, how do you feel about having a couple more to stay for four days after the Jamboree, the dates being 9 to 12 August 2007? This is part of the Home Hospitality (HoHo) scheme run by the Scout Association and is an excellent opportunity to have overseas guests share your home and share an exchange of culture and customs.

To be able to host two same sex guests, all you need is a separate room for them to sleep in and all persons 18 years or over are to complete the Scouting Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) Form. You will be able to state whether you would prefer to invite girls or boys.

During their stay, your guests will become part of your family and will want to join in all the family things going on. They will love being taken to local events, visiting local places and experiencing your way of life. During your guest's stay, a member of the Colchester North District team will be assigned to be available should any problems arise.

This is a great opportunity to bring part of the Jamboree experience into your home. If you feel you would like your family to take part in HoHo, please let me know and I will be pleased to meet with you and discuss arrangements in detail.

Finally, if you know of anyone without children in their home who would like to play host to overseas leaders, please let me know. The CRB requirement does not apply in this instance.

Yours, in Scouting,



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