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Brownsea Island – Renovation of the Founder's campsite

As you know, in 2007 we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of Scouting... which of course was on Brownsea Island, on the southern coast of England. If you haven't been there, it is difficult to convey the magic of the Island and to imagine that original camp.

Each year many Scouts and Girl Guides from all over the world make the pilgrimage to this historic spot and the number of visitors will steadily increase as we approach the big year. In 2007, during the Jamboree, we want to have at least one Scout from every Scouting country in the world on Brownsea Island to welcome the sunrise on Scouting's second century.

Unfortunately, the island - which is an important nature reserve - presently has very limited capacity to handle Scout and Guide visitors, especially those who want to camp there. It is essential for the protection of the island, and the continued access to visitors, to upgrade the very modest, old, facilities which are presently available to Scouts and Guides.

A re-development project has been initiated to build a modern and environmentally sustainable purpose-built camp centre. The plans have successfully passed through the long approval process of public authorities, and it can go ahead... when more money is found.

The organizers of this project have asked the 2007 Task Force for the 100th anniversary of Scouting to spread the word about this important project and to help to find donors. It is a wonderful opportunity for donors to be associated with this significant moment in history. Their support will not only be recorded on Brownsea Island, but also in other commemorations of 2007 at Gilwell, and in the United States.

Please look at the leaflet that explains the project in greater detail. I ask you to share it with anyone who might be interested in providing support so that the centre will be able to continue to welcome Scouts and Guides in its second century. More information is at:

www.brownsea-island.org.uk/centre.htm

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Sincerely yours

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