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## 40?000 young people celebrate 100 years of Scouting at the 21st World Scout Jamboree

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**Hylands Park ? July 27, 2007 ?** From today until the 8th of August 40?000 Scouts from over 160 countries from all across the world are gathering at Hylands Park near the city of Chelmsford, UK, 30 kilometers northeast of London. For the next 12 days they will participate in the 21st World Scout Jamboree and celebrate 100 years of Scouting. Tomorrow, the 28th of July, the official opening ceremony will take place, with a special visit from Prince William and the Duke of Kent from the UK Royal Family.

The World Scout Jamboree will provide Scouts with the opportunity to learn about each other?s cultures whilst experiencing new adventures. Coming from many different countries they will share their ideas, traditions and participate together in a wide range of different activities from learning about

how to re-use everyday materials, exploring crafts, arts and hobbies from different cultures to kayaking, canoeing and sailing. They will demonstrate how Scouting can help to create a better world through providing challenge and adventure to both young people and adult volunteers.

Gábor (16) and Vajk (17), two of some 500 Scouts from Hungary attending the Jamboree, are very excited to attend this global event: ?Everything is much bigger than in our own Scout camps. But it?s wonderful to see people from so many countries smiling and saying hello to each other. It is so great to hear that Prince William will visit the Jamboree as well!?

In addition to the World Scout Jamboree, events are occurring all over the globe during 2007 to celebrate 100 years of Scouting. On the 1st August 2007, the eyes of the world will be on Brownsea Island off the South-coast of England for the ?Sunrise Ceremony? ? the exact date and location that Scouting was started 100 years ago. At 08:00 on this date, two Scouts from each of the 160 countries represented at the Jamboree will unite at a ?Sunrise Ceremony? to lead the 28 million Scouts across the world in re-affirming their promise to build a more tolerant and peaceful society. It will be the largest ever example of youth cooperation.