

# ROVER VENTURER MAGAZINE

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It starts with Scouts.

## Mount Jo Loop – Adirondack Park: New York State

By: Tessa Shelvey - 6<sup>th</sup> Willowdale Rovers



Have you heard of the Adirondacks? If you haven't you are among the majority of Ontarian's who haven't. This is surprising because it is within a day's driving of Toronto. Head east on the 401 towards Prescott, cross over the bridge to the U.S. and it's not long before you start to see the Adirondack Mountains of New York State. There are 6 regions in the

park including the High Peaks, eastern, northern, southern, central and west-central with over 2,000 miles of trails. Mount Jo Loop is a so called kid-friendly hike (although I beg to differ) that is fairly short at 1.9 miles but offers views of the biggest peaks in the Adirondacks. Its highest point is at 2,875 feet.

My hiking partner John Kirby McCuaig and I set out one cool September afternoon to climb Mount Jo up to the look-out. The trail is described as a 1.9 mile loop starting with a climb up the short end of the trail to the look-out and returning along a less steep but longer section of trail. The hike up turned out to be quite challenging as it was pretty much straight up with very few areas where it levelled off. In comparison to other trails it had a much steeper incline. At times it was better to put away the hiking poles and use our hands to climb up the rocks. After about 1 ½ hours we made it to the top of Mount Jo. We were rewarded with stunning views of the giants of the High Peaks. I was just about to sit down and enjoy a much earned snack when my hiking partner said let's go!! But we just got here I replied! "I will feel better when we are back at the car". The secret was out my hiking partner was afraid of heights! We packed up our gear and started heading back down. The path down was much easier being a sloped earthen trail rather than rocks. We still had to be careful though as there were numerous roots poking up from the ground which could easily trip us up. The trail was not very well marked in comparison to the longer trails but is well trodden so you won't easily get lost. The trail ends at a lodge called "Adirondack Loj" where we were able to purchase a Mount Jo badge.

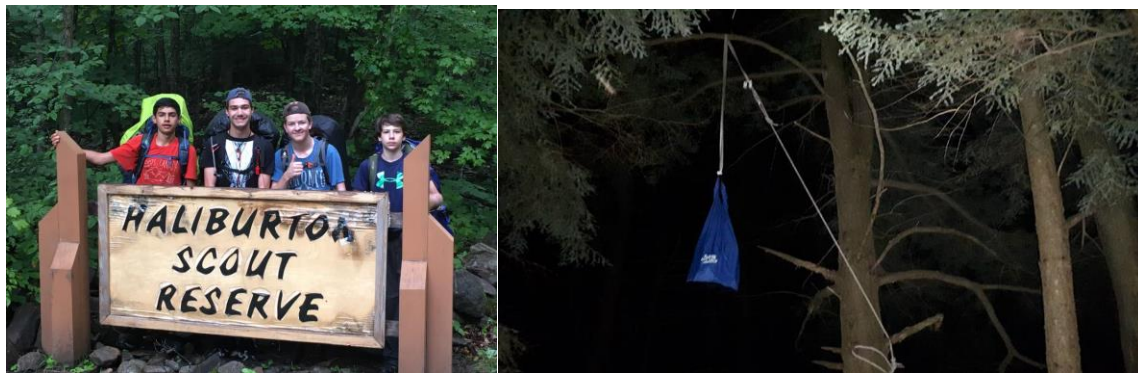


To get to Mount Jo from Lake Placid take NY 73 east toward Keene. Go 1.5 miles past the entrance to the Olympic ski jump complex, turn right (south) on Adirondack Loj Road. Go 4.6 miles to the end of the road and the large hiker parking area at Adirondack Loj. There is a small fee for parking in this lot.

**Editor's Note: It's not a "fear of heights" but a "Healthy Respect for Gravity"**

# Haliburton Scout Reserve Hike

The Adventure begins when the Scout Troop and Venturer Company of 6<sup>th</sup> Willowdale arrived at Haliburton Scout Reserve for another year. After waiting for the barge and setting up at the site known as Wakanda, which was new to everyone, 6<sup>th</sup> Willowdale started their week. On the first night the Venturers known as Michael, Philip, Joseph, Mathew and Eric planned their hike, They decided that on Sunday they would Canoe to the Hub and then Hike to High Falls and then spend the night at Hurst Lake, then on the Monday they would Hike to Mislaid Lake passing through Beaver Lake, North Lake and then return to Mislaid Lake. Tuesday we would hike back to site through Moore Lake and Holland Lake and then down the road towards the L Dock and then hiking up to the Hub to pick up their canoes but this all had to be done before the storm that was expected to occur around 11:00.



On Sunday, after the usual mandatory canoe lesson, (which the group wanted to avoid having done it every year previously), we booked a Mountain Biking lesson on Friday when the Scouts would be doing Snorkeling, Trappers and Survival. After booking Mountain Biking, 6<sup>th</sup> Willowdale went back to site. The Venturers packed their backpacks and collected the group gear they needed, along with the food they had planned for their Hike. After some “what if” questions from the Chief Scouter, the Venturers were off on their Hike. As planned the group of 5 canoed to the Hub, walked past the Rifle Range and headed towards High Falls, everything went as planned. As we got closer to High Falls, the Venturers got increasingly excited. After arriving, we purified some water for the second half of that day’s hike. After leaving High Falls they hiked for a good half hour and realized they hadn’t seen the trail that leads to Hurst Lake, so we asked a group of people that had a house along the trail and were told to head back to the path that lead to High Falls and along that path there was a route to go to Hurst Lake. After the second portion of the Hike the Venturers arrived at Hurst Lake soaked in sweat from a long day of Hiking. The first thing they did was ask me (Eric) to purify water with my kit, and have Michael try to boil water on a Biolite, while the other 3 Venturers warmed up the patties from lunch with a fire. Afterwards we hung around the fire, took some time to bear bag their food and set up their tent inside the shelter. I used my new Bevy for the first time.

The next morning, the Venturers decided to sleep in until 10:30 am, then we began to cook pancakes for breakfast, we discovered they had only brought the mix, and didn’t bring the butter, so that we could pack lighter. Because the Venturers were new at using the Biolite, we decided to cook on a fire as well, we soon realized that using the fire was more efficient. At around 12:45 pm we were finished their Brunch. By 1:00 pm they were finishing packing their

bags and were heading off to complete the second stop on their hike, Mislaid Lake. This part of the hike is where it got complicated, the HSR staff told the Venturers that the trails was not maintained. While on their hike, we encountered many locations where many of the trees had fallen along with the trail markers. There was even on location where we had to cross a fallen tree, to be able to continue the trail. They eventually arrived at Mislaid Lake at 6:00 pm. Joseph and I were messing around about who was to go in the cold water first. Eventually, we decided to hold hands and jump in. Right after swimming for only few minutes, we got out and set up a tarp, then decided to cook dinner, before it got too dark. I decided to start a fire, so that we would more light. After cooking the pasta, we decided to finish cooking the morning's pancakes. When it was time to get some shuteye, the Venturers set up their tent on the flattest part of the ground, considering the entire areas was essentially a giant rock. We were also a lot faster at bear bagging the second night.



The final day of the hike starts really early, at 4:00 am in the morning. We are all awake because of the thunder, which was only a few kilometers away. We decide to start packing right away because Matthew was monitoring the weather with his phone. We had to be back on site by 9:00 am if we wanted to avoid the storm. So we started packing our backpacks the second the sun came up, we did a site check and we were off. Most of the trail was pretty smooth, no destroyed paths as the day before. We then started hiking up to the road, stopped at the Hurst Lake sign for some pepperettes and then started hiking on the side of the road. We then past the Haliburton Scout Reserve sign and could not resist taking a picture. We then finally arrived at our canoes for the home stretch. All the leaders were surprised to see us, we were about 2 hours early, but as predicted by Matthew's phone, it started to rain really hard. All the Venturers celebrated their victory against the weather.

The Red Line is the Path we took.



All the Venturers on this hike have been in Scouting for at least 7 years. Which is plenty of experience, to complete a two day hike on their own. These Venturers have all gone through scouting with an excellent Chief Scouter, Justin. He is one of the best scouters. He has had all of us at one point or another and has shown us all the above and beyond the essentials of camping. So when Scouts move on to Venturers, they are now learning to apply that knowledge, with the new twist of having to plan everything on their own, which is a lot harder than it looks.

**Eric Boymans**

**6<sup>th</sup> Willowdale Scout Group**

# Photo Journal – Redneck County Venturee 2018



# Out & About

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## The Waterfront Trail, Crysler's Farm and Fort Wellington



On my bucket list for many years now has been riding the Waterfront trail from Montreal to Toronto. The planning hasn't gone very far but I still consider it to be on the horizon. This September when returning from Vermont we drove along the lakeshore from Cornwall to Prescott when I did a double take and had Tessa turn the car around. I had been searching for Waterfront Trail signs when I saw the sign for Battle of Crysler's Farm Historical Site. For those who may not be familiar with the historical site, it's an important battle during the war of 1812. The site marks the location where 800

British, Canadians and First Nations People defeated a 4,000 member American Army planning an advance on Montreal. The Canadian Government erected a monument in 1895 to honour those fought to retain our independence.

In addition there is a Pioneer Village as part of the property to explore where horse drawn wagons offer rides to the general public.

The Eastern portion of the Waterfront Trail runs from the Niagara Region to the Ontario-Quebec Border and is a great opportunity for a multi-day cycling trip. As mentioned I hope to do a ride from Montreal to Toronto, but you can take a ride for the afternoon, the day or take a loaded multi-day tour. If you are especially energetic and have two weeks you may ride around Lake Ontario travelling through New York or ride the new Western Portion from the Niagara Region along Lake Erie to Lake Huron.

Fort Wellington still guards Prescott Ontario, though the current version didn't see action in the war, it was our reaction to the perceived threat of further US invasions. The area was threaten during the war, the Rebellion of 1837 and the Fenian Raids of 1866. The fort contains 4 buildings, a Latrine, a Guardhouse, Officers' Quarters and large Blockhouse. Each of the buildings were part of a reconstruction of the fort in 1839 in response to the unsettled times of the Rebellion of 1837.





The fort is also a home to two of the Parks Canada Red Chairs, a program which began in Newfoundland and Labrador. Parks Canada set up pairs of chairs across the country to celebrate our 150 year anniversary of our country and to get Canadians and visitors to explore our national parks. I found two pairs in Banff National Park, including one pair on the

top of Tunnel Mountain and one providing a view of the Bow River in Alberta.

If you have found chairs in your region, send in your photo sitting in the chairs and we will publish the photo and location so other members will get out on a hike and explore more of Canada!



**“Keep the Shiny Side of the Canoe Down”**

**John Kirby McCuaig  
6<sup>th</sup> Willowdale Venturer/Rover Scouts**

# Keeping It Fresh, Engaging and Fun

## Trivia and A Tower of Blocks to review Outdoor Skills and other Trivia

To keep things fun when reviewing outdoor skills, knots, Leave No Trace principles, etc. we have developed twist on combining two traditional games trivia and a tower of blocks game. We have developed a set of index cards with true or false, multiply choice and skills testing questions to help hone our skills and a few trivia cards thrown in for fun.

We have found that when moving the blocks is easy the team choses to move a block but as the game becomes harder they often chose an opposition player to move a block to put the pressure on the other player when they have answered correctly.

Keep building your deck of index cards as your group builds new skills while achieving their Activity Awards. Add a few trivia questions to keep it fun.

### Required:

1. Deck of Index Cards and an imagination
2. Tower of Blocks or better yet make your own (a giant version using pieces of 2" x 4")
3. Rope or any other materials/equipment to complete the requirements on the cards (more hands on the better)

### The process:

1. Divide your company or crew into teams, or play individually if there is just a few of you.
2. Select someone to read the questions or take turns.
3. Each Team or Player answers the question or performs the task required within a given time.
4. If the Team or player answer correctly they choose to either move a block or ask the other team or player of their chose to move a block. If they answer incorrectly they must move a block from below the top two layers to the top of the tower.
5. Keep going around until the tower of blocks falls.

Share your ideas for [keeping it fresh, engaging and fun](#) and help improve the Venturer/Rover Scout programme.

J Kirby McCuaig  
Venturer/Rover Scouter  
6<sup>th</sup> Willowdale

## Ontario Events

**Genesis Ventmoot**

Camp Bel  
Dorchester, Ontario  
November 9-11, 2018  
[joel@genesiscamp.ca](mailto:joel@genesiscamp.ca)

**International Moot – Brazil**

Camp Shegaraynou  
Princeton, Ontario  
November 30 – December 2, 2018  
[International.moot@gmail.com](mailto:International.moot@gmail.com)

**Focus Youth Leadership Training Workshop**

Camp Samac  
Oshawa, Ontario  
December 7-9, 2018  
[Brian.wick@hotmail.com](mailto:Brian.wick@hotmail.com)

**Section Specific Training Weekend**

Camp Samac  
Oshawa, Ontario  
November 17-18, 2018  
[Clare.mike.ford@sympatico.ca](mailto:Clare.mike.ford@sympatico.ca)

**Rube Goldberg Machine Contest  
(S.T.E.M.)**

Bruce Sprigs Scout Reserve  
Video Deadline December 31, 2018  
[wiebedavid66@gmail.com](mailto:wiebedavid66@gmail.com)

**Scouters Con**

Bowmanville High School  
Bowmanville, Ontario  
January 19, 2019  
[Brian.wick@axouts.ca](mailto:Brian.wick@axouts.ca)

**Badge Swap & Auction**

Spencer Lodge  
London, Ontario  
January 26, 2019  
[gmargison@outlook.com](mailto:gmargison@outlook.com)

**Snow Moot – Mardi Gras**

Mount Nemo Scout Reserve  
February 15-17, 2019  
[www.1sthamiltonrovers.ca](http://www.1sthamiltonrovers.ca)

**Llama Moot 2019**

**Escape from Alpaca-traz**  
Barber Scout Camp  
Guelph, Ontario  
March 22-24, 2019  
[llamamoot@hotmail.com](mailto:llamamoot@hotmail.com)

**Auto Moot**

Cobourg Scout Reserve  
Cobourg, Ontario  
April 26-28, 2019  
[automoot@outlook.com](mailto:automoot@outlook.com)

**RSVP Camp 2019**

Camp Opemikon  
Maberly, Ontario  
May 3-5, 2019  
[Rsvp.narc@gmail.com](mailto:Rsvp.narc@gmail.com)

**Vent Company-Toronto Scavenger Race**

Toronto, Ontario  
May 4, 2019  
[Companyrace.weebly.com](http://Companyrace.weebly.com)

**JOTT**

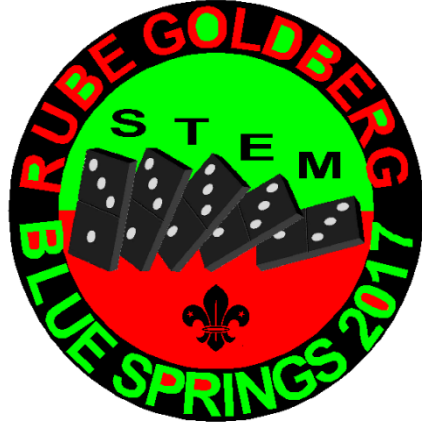
May 11, 2019  
Hike Anywhere You Want!  
[jotthikechief@gmail.com](mailto:jotthikechief@gmail.com)

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rover Moot**

Camp Opemikon  
Perth, Ontario  
May 17-20, 2019  
[tricouncilmoot@gmail.com](mailto:tricouncilmoot@gmail.com)

**Redneck County Venturee**

Everton Scout Camo  
Rockwood, Ontario  
May 31 – June 2, 2019  
Facebook: Redneck County Venturee



## Attention Venturer Scouts and Rover Scouts

Blue Springs Scout Reserve is hosting its annual (free) Rube Goldberg Machine Contest as a S.T.E.M. event

Register: Send an email to David Wiebe [wiebedavid66@gmail.com](mailto:wiebedavid66@gmail.com) by November 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 and then send a video of your machine in action to [wiebedavid66@gmail.com](mailto:wiebedavid66@gmail.com) by midnight 12/31/2018 Eastern Time (all submissions will receive a confirmation email)

Bonus Points if your machine includes

- 1) Base Ball
- 2) screwdriver
- 3) painting of a river
- 4) car jack
- 5) Popcorn Machine
- 6) The Avengers

Super extra bonus points if your machine includes a Swiss Army Knife

The video/machine must be at least 2 minutes long and must end with a balloon popping.

Find inspiration anywhere but all video must be 100% created by contestant team.

Judging will take place in January of 2019 and prizes will be awarded by January 31<sup>st</sup> 2019

If you have any questions feel free to email [wiebedavid66@gmail.com](mailto:wiebedavid66@gmail.com)

or text or call 289-439-1024



**7TH ANNUAL  
LONDON  
BADGE SWAP MEET & AUCTION**

**Spencer Lodge 531 Windermere Road London, Ontario  
January 26th, 2019**

**SWAPPING: 9:00-12:00  
SILENT AUCTION: 9:00-12:00 LIVE AUCTION BEGINS AT 12:30.  
Auction proceeds to benefit camps in London Area**

*Scouting youth are encouraged to attend either as a Group or with a Parent or friend.  
All youth in uniform will receive a free bag of badges.  
Get excited about collecting. Swap extra Crests & Badges. Discover the infinite varieties of Apple Day and Scout Trees Crests. See displays of Uniforms from a hundred years ago. Learn how to store and display your treasured badges*

**LUNCH WILL BE AVAILABLE. (FREE WILL DONATION).  
NO ENTRY FEE**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO MAKE A DONATION TO THE AUCTION CONTACT  
GLENN MARGISON 519-473-7377 OR EMAIL [gmargison@outlook.com](mailto:gmargison@outlook.com)**

**DAVE ROBAK 519-672-3146 OR EMAIL [wendyanddave@rogers.com](mailto:wendyanddave@rogers.com)**



Nepean Area Rover Crew

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# RSVP CAMP 2019

*Bring your own theme!*

**When:** May 3 - 5, 2019

**Where:** Camp Opemikon, 530 Hanna Rd., Maberly, ON

**Who:** Rangers, Scouts, Venturers & Pathfinders

**How Much:** \$35 for Youth, \$15 for Scouters / Guiders

\$5 off for Early Registration (closes 5PM EST January 18, 2019)

## ***What can we do?***

Archery

High & low ropes

Tug 'o War

Canoeing

Badge Trading

Tomahawk

Rope Bridge

Slackline

Field Games

*such as*

Giant Jenga,

Kubb tournament

& Lawn Darts



**Saturday night activities include a  
Campfire, Dance & Chocolate Fondue.**

We provide the melted chocolate, you provide the fruit.

For more information, or to request a registration package,  
please email: [RSVP.NARC@gmail.com](mailto:RSVP.NARC@gmail.com)

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# Vent Company - Toronto Scavenger Race

6 HOURS - 200+ POSSIBLE CHALLENGES  
MAY 4 – 2019 (MAY 25 RAIN DATE)  
COURTESY OF... THE OSHAWA ADVENTURE GROUP



- Phone App Based** (about 400Mb data used per team)
- Scoring & Leaderboard – REAL TIME
- Videos & Photos on the fly
- Text & GPS challenges. REAL TIME
- Teams of 3 to 6
- \$25 per team entry fee + transit passes
- Plan your strategy
- Stay together as a team
- Compete against other teams in an all out race that is won using strategy and the willingness to take on the craziest of challenges.

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All challenges take place in major Toronto Landmarks  
Kensington Market, St. Lawrence Market, Toronto Island, The Necropolis and  
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[companyrace.weebly.com](http://companyrace.weebly.com)  
or text Steve Lines  
Oshawa Adventure Group  
905-706-1183



Planning for the Tri-Council, 100th Anniversary Rover Moot to be held at Camp Opemikon in May 17-20, 2019 is underway. We are looking for Youth interested in joining the planning committee. Positions are now open

If you are interested in helping us plan this Moot, please email [tricouncilmoot@gmail.com](mailto:tricouncilmoot@gmail.com)

Thanks

John Buffman



### Canada Wide

#### **JOTT-Jamboree On The Trail**

May 11, 2019

Hike Anywhere you want!

[jotthikechief@gmail.com](mailto:jotthikechief@gmail.com)

### Eastern Canada

#### **Atlantic Jamboree 2020**

##### **Volunteers Needed!**

Camp Nedooae

Elderbank, Nova Scotia

[Aj2020@scuts.ca](mailto:Aj2020@scuts.ca)

### Western Canada

#### **Rainbucket**

Popkum Nature Reserve

Bridal Falls, British Columbia

November 16-18, 2018

[rainbucketcamp@gmail.com](mailto:rainbucketcamp@gmail.com)

#### **Pie Iron Challenge**

Rowan's Ravine Provincial Park

Strasbourg, Saskatchewan

November 24-26, 2018

Tyson Goebel at 306-526-5805

#### **Regina Pats Scout Night**

Brandt Centre

Regina, Saskatchewan

December 1, 2018

[h.awebb@sasktel.net](mailto:h.awebb@sasktel.net)

#### **Scouts Con 2019**

The Scout Con Strikes Back!

Chinook Council

Calgary, Alberta

January 19, 2019

#### **Rovent 2019**

E C Manning Provincial Park, Alberta

February 15-28, 2019

[www.Rovent.ca](http://www.Rovent.ca)

#### **Venturers Artic Challenge**

Camp Alloway, Manitoba

February 16-18, 2019



## **Highway to the Danger Zone**

[Where - Popkum Native Reserve](#)

[When - November 16, 17 and 18, 2018](#)

## **Off Site Scavenger Hunt**

### **Scavenger Hunt List:**

Dog tags

Missiles

Jet fuel

Mini gun

Volleyball

The light thingies that airstrip ground crews have (need to find actual name)

Goose

Aviators

Mardi Gras' R

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Contact: [rainbucketcamp@gmail.com](mailto:rainbucketcamp@gmail.com)

# Jamboree on the Trail (JOTT)



## Join the World Wide Scouting Hike

On Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 2019

Cost of badge is \$2.00

\*Jamboree on the Trail is a world hiking event held every year for ALL scouting sections at <http://jamboreeonthe-trail.org>

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For more information contact:

Dave Wiebe: [jotthikechief@gmail.com](mailto:jotthikechief@gmail.com)

Twitter - @jotthike #jott2019

Instagram - @jotthike

Facebook – Jamboree on the Trail

## JOTT - Night Hike



Cost of badges is \$5.00 and this is geared toward Venturer Scouts, Rover Scouts and Senior Scouts

We suggest that you do a night hike on Friday night May 10<sup>th</sup>

Contact [jotthikechief@gmail.com](mailto:jotthikechief@gmail.com)

For more details

## International Events

**Illuminate 2019 – 14<sup>th</sup> New Zealand Venture**

Kaiwaka, Northland, New Zealand  
December 31, 2018 – January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
[admin@illuminate2019.com](mailto:admin@illuminate2019.com)

**24th World Scout Jamboree**

Hosted by US, Mexico & Canada  
Summit Bechtel Family Nat'l Scout Reserve  
Beckley, West Virginia, U.S.A.  
August 2019  
[www.2019wsj.org](http://www.2019wsj.org)

**13<sup>th</sup> Asia-Pacific Region Moot &  
21<sup>st</sup> Australian Rover Moot**

Camp Cottermouth  
Canberra, ACT, Australia  
December 30, 2019 – January 10, 2020  
Facebook: CBR Moot

**16<sup>th</sup> World Scout Moot**

Larch Hill, Ireland  
July 22 – August 1, 2021  
[Worldscoutmoot2021@scouts.ie](mailto:Worldscoutmoot2021@scouts.ie)

**30 Dec - 10 Jan**

Canberra, ACT



Looking for another summer adventure? Enjoy the next major Australian Rover event - [CBR Moot](#) in 2020!

Join the 21st Australian Rover Moot in the Nation's capital as [CBR Moot](#) takes you on a journey to expand your horizons, challenge yourself, and encourages you to experience new and fun activities.

Your adventure begins on Monday 30th December 2019 with the opening ceremony. Embark on expeditions from 1st – 5th January 2020, and enjoy onsite and offsite activities until closing ceremony on the 10th January 2020. Participants will depart on Saturday 11th January 2020.

Facebook: [CBR Moot](#)



World Scout Moot 2021, July 22 – August 1, 2021, Larch Hill, Ireland