

**3rd Waterford  
De La Salle  
Scout Troop  
Scouting Ireland  
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## Annual Camp 2007 at Blackwell Court

### Book Soon to secure flights from Waterford!

Blackwell Court is a dedicated Scout and Guide campsite located in the English countryside near the town of Bromsgrove which is a short train journey from Birmingham. It is a safe and secure scout campsite with great onsite facilities such as toilets and showers, swimming pool, all weather accommodation as well as a shop.

Having enjoyed three very successful camps there in the past Annual Camp for 2007 is returning to Blackwell. The dates are from Sunday the 1st of July 2007 to Sunday the 8th of

July 2007. These dates are a day later than previously advertised as we will now be flying directly from Waterford Airport.

The cost of the camp is €380 per scout, this covers: return tickets for plane, bus and train journeys, all food, camping fees and on site activities at Blackwell including swimming, archery abseiling and mountain biking. We will also be visiting the UK's largest and best theme park—Alton Towers as well as Birmingham city.

Due to the change in flights we have been able to extend the booking deadline to Thursday the 18th of January 2007 but



The contingent on Camp 2006 at Larch Hill in Dublin.

we will need a deposit of €100 at that stage. Savings Cards will be available at the next meeting.

Our annual camps in the past 3 years have been a huge success and we really hope to have a good attendance for 2007. An abroad camp is definitely the best trip you will ever make as a scout. Check out [www.dlscouts.ie](http://www.dlscouts.ie) for more information.

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### Don't forget:

- \* Don't forget to get the deposits in for camp.
- \* Bring along a nice cream cake to the New Years Hike on the 6th of January.
- \* PLs and APLs have a great weekend planned for January (we hope).
- \* Be sure to check out our Troop Blog.

## New Years Hike—Saturday 6th of January

Due firstly to bad weather and then to unforeseen circumstances we had to cancel our Christmas Hike. The good news is that this will now take place on Saturday the 6th of January 2007. We will be meeting at the den in

Stephen's Street at 9.30am and the hike will be in the Comeragh Mountains.

Note that scouts may not attend unless they have boots/strong footwear, warm clothes including gloves, a hat and scarf, a

rainjacket and leggings. We will be checking for these before we leave.

Lunch must also be brought (to include a cream cake) and a hot drink is strongly recommended.

## Troop Weekend in January and other Dates for the Diary.

### Troop Weekend

There will be a troop weekend from Friday the 19th to the 21st of January 2007. The Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders are doing most of the organization and the provisional venue is Dunderum in Co. Tipperary. Further details will follow at the meetings in January.

### County Fun Weekend:

This will take place in Mount Mellary Scout Centre from the 23rd to the 25th of February 2007.

### Corran Tuathail Hike:

Weather permitting this will take place on the weekend of the 12th of January 2007 and will be for senior experienced scouts only.

### County Challenge Weekend:

The 2007 Waterford Scout County Challenge Weekend will take place from the 13th to the 15th of

April 2007 which is at the end of the Easter mid term break.

It will be an excellent weekend of Scouting and camping skills at Dunderum in Co. Tipperary and we will

be holding a number of training sessions and activities before the event to ensure that we are well prepared.

### Neckerchiefs:

Remember these must be worn at all meetings and activities.



In the Reeks in Kerry in January 2006.

## News Roundup

### New PLs and APLs

Our PLs are now Cian O'hOgartaigh, Ciaran Purcell, Dean Purcell and Stephen Bailey. Our APLs are Leigh Cheevers, Sarah Kennedy, Brian Haughney and Richard Smith. Well done to the new appointees and hopefully the newly arranged patrols will work very well in the coming year.

### Medical Consent Form

The attached medical consent form must be returned by the 11th of January. This form will cover all activities.

### Registration

Thanks to those who have paid the annual registration fee of €38 which includes insurance and membership of Scouting Ireland. Outstanding

monies must be paid in January.

### A note from the Leaders

Paschal, Ian, Colm, David, Kevin and Deirdre would like to wish everyone a happy new year. We look forward to another very successful year for the 3rd If you ever have any questions, talk to us at any meeting or Paschal can be contacted at 051-853396 (H) or Colm at 0863801867

## Troop Blog at [www.dlscouts.ie](http://www.dlscouts.ie)

In March 2007 the De La Salle Scout Group Website at [www.dlscouts.ie](http://www.dlscouts.ie) will be 10 years old which makes it one of the longest running scout websites in Ireland.. For the past three years we have kept a blog of all of our events on the site and which includes loads of photos of nearly all of our events. Check it out and let us know what you think by signing the Visitors Book. The site also has logs of the various expeditions which

members of the group including the 3rd have taken part in, in the past couple of years. We also do our best to keep upcoming dates of troop, group and county events on the site. Some other websites to check out are [www.blackwelladventure.co.uk](http://www.blackwelladventure.co.uk)

and [www.scouts.ie](http://www.scouts.ie). The Links page on our website has links to lots of other scouting and outdoor websites that are worth checking out.



A view of our Troop Blog which has been active for the past three years.