



West Lancashire Scout County Activity Centres  
**Voluntary Summer Staff 2008 Application Form**

Please complete and return to:  
 County Office,  
 Waddecar Scout Activity Centre  
 Snape Rake Lane  
 Goosnargh  
 Lancashire PR3 2EU

<b>Name</b>	
<b>Date of Birth</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>Postcode</b>	
<b>Telephone</b>	
<b>E-mail Address</b>	
<b>Scout/Guide Group</b>	

Which centre would you prefer to be at?

- Waddecar
- Great Tower
- Moor Crag

<b>Date available from</b>	
<b>Date available to</b>	
Do you have any special dietary requirements, allergies, illnesses or special needs?	
Do you have any activity instruction qualifications? (Please detail)	
Have you been Summer Staff before?	
Do you have any activity instruction qualifications? (Please detail)	
Please sign to confirm that you will follow the rules set out in the Summer Staff Handbook	..... (Summer Staff Applicant)

Parental Consent to you joining the Summer Staff Team at a West Lancashire Scouts Activity Centre  
 ..... (Parent/Guardian)  
 (Under 18s only)

WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE YOU FOR THE WHOLE PERIOD THAT YOU ARE AVAILABLE.  
 PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE WRITTEN CONFIRMATION FROM US BEFORE SETTING OFF!



## Introduction

West Lancashire Scouts operate three activity centres, Waddecar, Great Tower and Moor Crag Water activities centre. Each centre has support from a few paid staff but is mainly staffed by volunteer teams who operate the centres all year round.

Our busiest times are Spring Bank holiday and the main 6 weeks of the summer season each year and we rely on a dedicated team of young people to help out for some or all of that period.

We do have a small number of posts that are paid for those people with the right qualifications but the remaining positions are voluntary.

## Why should I get involved?

Many of the people who have taken part in our summer staff in previous years have commented that if it wasn't for joining us, they'd have "wasted" their summer by doing nothing. They also found that when applying for jobs, they were questioned about what they did during the Summer and they were proud to talk about their experiences as members of our Summer Staff. Employers look favourably upon those who use their spare time wisely and our summer staff also gain and improve skills in team building, communication, dealing with customers, organisation and many practical skills.

But above all that serious stuff, our summer staff also have a lot of fun and meet many new friends, people who are like them and who they tend to stay in touch with for many years to come.

## What do I get in return?

Although most of our summer staff are unpaid, we do try to make their stay with us as pleasant as possible. Food and accommodation are provided, there is plenty of time off for recreation and access to e-mail and a phone to keep in touch with those folks at home.

You'll also get a great feeling of having been of some use to people and proud of your achievements instead of just doing nothing.

## How do I apply?

First of all decide on which centre you'd like to be based at and whether you would like to be considered for a paid job. Complete the form on the back page and send it in to the County Office ASAP.

We will then send you a complete pack of information and pencil you into a slot for your chosen dates. Part of the pack will require both parental permission and permission from your leader to come on Summer Staff.

## Waddecar

Waddecar is a grassy open camp site with a river flowing through it located in the Forest of Bowland just North of Preston. The campers here tend to be younger (Beavers, Cubs and Scouts) and take part in any evening programme we put on in big numbers. Camp fires are popular and on a hot day, building dams in the river is very popular.

## Great Tower

GT is a huge (250 acre) site situated half way up Lake Windermere in the glorious Lake District National Park. The site is very rocky and heavily wooded and is more popular with older visitors from Scouts, Explorer Scouts and Network members. Popular activities are climbing on our natural crags on-site and although many people go off site for visits and expeditions, there's still a thriving evening programme for those on-site.

## Moor Crag

Moor Crag is our water activity centre based on the shore of Lake Windermere a short drive away from Great Tower. Our resident summer team are very busy providing water activity instruction for a seemingly never ending stream of visitors in canoeing, sailing and much more. Summer staff here need to be keen on water activities even if they're not qualified in any of them.

## What is involved?

Every day is different, there are the usual jobs of keeping the centres clean and tidy, assisting cleaning the toilets & showers, leaf blowing in the camp centre and so on but much more. Showing visitors around and to their buildings and camping areas, serving in the shop, running an evening programme of activities for people to join in with and generally ensuring that our visitors have the best experience ever. Depending upon which site you're at, you'll also have the opportunity to take part in activities yourself.

### What's the Cost?

We don't charge anything for taking part but we do ask for a contribution each week towards the food of £10. This can be paid in advance or collected each week when you arrive.