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Dear unit member,

Firstly, can I say a big thank you to all those who attended the bag pack at Sainsbury's, Castle Boulevard. We raised a massive £1601.00 for our slush fund. This is a fantastic amount to raise in a day. Please pass on my thanks to parents and siblings who also helped. I have also been able to arrange a second bag pack at Sainsbury's in Beeston on Sunday 12th September 11am – 3pm. I would appreciate it if all unit members attend this day and give as much time as they can. Please feel free to bring family and fellow scouts to support us by helping bag pack. If you cannot make it I would welcome you sending someone to represent you even if it is only for a short period of time.

Secondly, I would like to say thank you for my birthday card which so many of you signed. It was a lovely surprise to get it and I had a great day.

Some members of the unit still need to send me their Unit Information Gathering Forms which I need to send to the UK Contingent Office and/or the two clear photocopies of your passport. (black and white copies are fine) This form was posted out to you before the recent camp. Please do your best to send these forms and photocopies to me as soon as you can. Some of the unit also need to send me their media form which gives parental permission to take photos of you during Jamboree activities. This form is on the website, please complete it and return to me as soon as you can. Thank you to all those who have already done this.

You may have heard of Young Spokes Person scheme, which is when scouts are trained up to become spokespeople for scouting. They are trained to speak to the media and to tell people about scouting and its positive aspects and spread the word of Scouting. Each unit has been asked to nominate three unit members to become Young Spokes People and tell the world about the Jamboree. To be a YSP for the Jamboree you must be enthusiastic about scouting, prepared to talk to the media, work with others and be able to attend a training weekend sometime in October or November. (date to be confirmed soon.) This weekend is free but you will need to arrange your own transport there and back. If you are interested in being a YSP please let me know at our next meeting so the leadership team can decide who to nominate.

Our next Unit meeting is Sunday 27th June at Southwell Scout Hut, Bishops Drive, Southwell, NG25, 10am-4pm. Directions to this venue are as follows:

From Nottingham take the A612 towards Southwell. On approaching Southwell you will pass Brackenhurst campus of Trent University on the right and see the Minster with its twin spires. Carry on down the hill, past Minster School and Leisure centre (where sponsored swim is) on the right.

At the T junction turn right. Bishop's Drive is first right about 400m after the T junction. Turn into Bishops Drive and follow the road all way to end. The Scout hut is on the left. There is lots of car parking.

From Oxtou roundabout you meet the A612 at the T junction. Carry straight on and Bishop's Drive is on the right. If you pass the Minster on the right and reach a mini roundabout you have gone too far! Turn right at roundabout and do a U turn in minster car park. If you hit the one way system keep turning right and you will eventually get back to the mini roundabout.

Thank you to Mary and her mum who supplied these directions. Please arrive in uniform (shirt, two neckers and name badge) and bring your lunch with you – you will not be able to go off site. We plan to spend most of the day outside so please bring appropriate clothing. Don't forget sunscreen if it is sunny.

Yours in Scouting,

Ali Taylor.
Nottinghamshire Jamboree Unit Leader.