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From: Family Values

Sent: 15 January 2020 18:27

To: admin@churchdown-pc.gov.uk

Subject: Re possible sponsorship JM - Girl-guiding

Dear Sir/Madan,

I am writing today to talk to you about an exciting unique opportunity given to me by the Girl Guiding movement.

In the summer 2020 I have been Invited to volunteer as part of a service team at a Jamboree called Euro Jam in Poland. Euro Jam is the largest jamboree in Europe with over 20,000 Guides and Scouts attending as participants and many more such as myself as part of the service team, this allows members to meet up from across the continent and to experience 11 days of activities with members from other countries.

The aim of Euro Jam is to encourage and inspire young people to make a change in the society that they live in as well as improving their individual skills. The theme of the 2020 jamboree is ACT , which corresponds with the educational goals of the jamboree as well as creates a foundation for an exciting program for the participants. The aim of the event is put across in a way that engages and involves the young people, using typical Guiding and Scouting methods such as team activities, community work, games and more amazing events. Not only will this help young people to find their value and voice in the community, but it will also encourage personal growth such as building confidence , leadership , teamwork , organisation and many other important life skills. However, for this to be possible there needs to be a large amount of people organising and running the event. With services needed from activity presenters , health assistants to camera men and reporters.

Due to girl-guiding and scouting being a charity we aim to make the trip costs effective in order to offer the opportunity to more young people .As a result of this, all members of the service team are volunteers and unpaid. This is something I am interested in doing as i feel it will give me an opportunity to improve myself and my skills in a way that I have not been able to do before. I have been a member of girl-guiding for 14 years and I am currently doing my leadership qualification with the 10-14 years age range, Although, during this time i have worked with all ages in girl-guiding , volunteering in various units over the past 4 years. I also feel that this opportunity will allow me to go further into girl-guiding as a volunteer and give back to a charity that has done so much for me. Though my years in guiding it has helped me develop many life skills and experiences , such as a huge boost in confidence and my leadership , teamwork , organisation and communication skills . This has then allowed me to have many other experiences such as the charity work, I have carried out for various organisations. More examples of this are things like the ability to work in my schools committee doing various leadership qualifications with other organisations like the Rotary when I took part in their RYLA leadership qualification in 2019 and to volunteer in a school and girl-guiding setting. The main positive i have found from this is that I am now able to make a difference in other young people's lives, the way other volunteers did for me. This is something that I am truly passionate about and wish to Continue to progress with throughout my school and work life.

I feel Confident that I Can make a difference in working as a part of this large service team as it is something that I am feel strongly about and that my years in girl-guiding has built me up too. I also have experience of an international girl-guiding trip when i attended a jamboree as a ranger in 2018, although I went as a participant that time i feel i have an understanding of how the trips work and i feel up for the challenge to push myself into a new situation.

The cost of the trip is expected to be around 900 however we do not have a set price yet as not everything has been booked. This cost covers, food, travel, accommodation, some kit, insurance and some necessary training such as safeguarding and first aid and DBS However as a student currently doing my A levels am not able to cover all of the costs.

To overcome this, I will be doing fundraising activities such as guiding activity days, raffles and stalls in festivals. I am also hoping I am able to get some grants and financial help with the cost as well as fundraising. As this is such an amazing opportunity for myself to grow as an individual and for the participants, I would be very grateful for any help you could give me either in a possible sponsor with funds towards the trip or a raffle prize I can use to raise funds. I will if you are able to help Publicly thank You on our Girl-guiding Facebook page.

Thank you for reading and considering me, I look forward to hearing from you, Please see European jamboree 2020 on Facebook or visit <https://ej2020.org> for more information about the event.

As girl guiding is a registered charity the number should you need it is: 306016

Yours faithfully
JM