



## CHRISTMAS NEWS LETTER 2015.

An update on where we will be going in July. At the last Unit Leader's meeting we were given a little more detail as to what is planned for us over the Jamboree time.

Unit 8 will be flying out on 25<sup>th</sup> July (so the Saturday), full details to come. We land into Tokyo and will then be taken to Gifu prefecture, for our Ho Ho experience. This will mean as soon as we have the unit working together we disperse them to families in the Gifu area. A prefecture is similar to our county. I attach a link to the local government website.

<http://www.pref.gifu.lg.jp/English/>

After this we will be transferring to the Jamboree site near Yamaguchi City. Lots of activities are planned, both by ourselves and the organising committee. As something to show off Bucks we will be taking a number of Paralympic games along, including Goal ball and Blind football and Boccia (a cross between bowls and Boule). Also making some Funky sweets Roald Dahl style....(The trial run went well)

We will be doing some community work near to the site and visiting the Peace Memorial at Hiroshima.

At the end of the Jamboree we will be returning to Tokyo for Mimasu Tokyo.

We will be staying in either a Hotel or the National Youth Centre.... Either way there will be showers I am sure, perhaps even a chance to wash a few clothes, so that we are all sweet smelling for our return....unusual for many camping trips.....

The organised events in Tokyo include:

- Visit to the Sky tree and the Viewing deck, at 350m
- An Earthquake Centre (For the controlled experience... we are not expecting anything else...)
- Joypolis, an indoor Simulator Theme park by Sega....
- Tokyo Live.... A Gala event.

We will also have free time to explore the City on our own..... We are armed with an underground map..... so Simple.....

We will then be returning to the UK 11/12 August... precise timings not known at this point.

A BIG thank you to all of you who have been supporting the Unit so far, we have had Great support from the Scouting community, Groups, Districts, Camp sites and the County. Also the members of the UK contingent team.

We would like to thank:

- The various businesses who have supported us, in so many ways.
- Charitable organisations who have supported us.
- All those individuals who have helped us, of which there are many.
- Parents who have been transporting folk around the County.

We are now into the last 7 months of preparation so no doubt we will be pestering you further.

Don't forget we do have the Japan in a Box resource; this includes activity worksheets and things to look at and touch from Japan. If you would like members of the unit to run an evening please let me know, I apologise for a few glitches, these are being ironed out. If you want copies of the worksheets, I have them in downloadable form, just let me know.

One fun idea that was mentioned at the recent leader's meeting was to try and post as many photos of folk eating their Christmas meal with Chopsticks.... So if any of you are up for a challenge... and you may use other tools for the Soup course.... Please take a photo and we will put up a montage of Bucks at Christmas.....

From the whole of Unit 8 Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

We will be in contact next year also..... You have been warned.....

Unit Leader Team.

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