

# Celebrate 100 Years of Scouting in Wokingham

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Finchampstead to hold a **Wokingham District Gang Show**

**Venue** - Finchampstead Community Centre, Gorse Ride

**Date** Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October has been provisionally booked

## Event outline:

1. We have been for a site visit and the venue is large enough to hold an event which could have an audience of 500 plus. Numbers to be checked when centre opens in April
2. There is a purpose built stage, (we need to get measurements for this), lighting and sound systems in place. A technician is available for hire to operate.
3. There is a Café area on site for interval drinks.
4. There are additional areas for the cast to assemble, change into costumes, etc.
5. Each group within the district will get a 15 minute slot to entertain us. This gives each section -Beavers, Cubs and Scouts only 5 minutes to fill.
6. There may be an option for all the Leaders to do 15 minutes , depends how many groups want to participate.
7. We may also wish to offer the Explorer scouts a time slot.
8. Show length approx 2 hours (8 x 15 minute slots) but consider add-ons for Leaders and Explorers.
9. Interval after first hour.
10. There is enough space for the cast of performers to sit and watch whilst not on stage.
11. The date suggested allow all leaders to build this into their programme planning from Sept onwards so no extra time is required for preparation.
12. There are many short sketch ideas on the scouting web site. All groups will be asked to register their plans with a central co-ordinator to avoid duplication of acts.
14. All of the above is subject to negotiation and approval except the date Please discuss as a group and get back to me if you are interested, if only part of your group is interested, this will be fine but we need to know

## **ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY YOU**

1. Discuss with your Leaders and advise if you want to join in, replies by end of April please.
2. Advise how many sections from your group will participate.
3. Discuss and decide what you will perform. Advise Nancy Savage who will keep a list of all acts. If you register first then you can have your first choice of act. We will try to avoid any repeats on stage so a clear description of your plans please. There is no deadline for this but book early to get your choice.
4. You will need to provide your own props and costumes, all of which need to be portable and removed at the end of the evening.
5. The administration and paperwork will be done for you but you will have to help with ticket sales. Tickets will probably not be available until mid September.

## **ACTION BY GANG SHOW TEAM**

Decide on maximum numbers on stage

Decide on maximum numbers in audience

Co-ordinate programme and timing of event

Book facilities

Produce tickets

Interval refreshments if we are allowed

Help with ideas if you are stuck

Risk assessment

Technical advice on sound system and music (we know a man who can)

There is a lot of fine detail to add to this as and when we are able, please send any questions our way and we will endeavour to answer.

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