

Melleray 2010

No Name Club's Melleray Weekend (Nov 19th -20th -21st 2010)

This November No Name Club members from all over Ireland have a unique opportunity to meet and mix with other Hosts and Hostesses at the 2010 weekend break at the Scout Centre in **Mount Melleray, Co. Waterford**. If your club intends travelling to Melleray they will need to order their tickets as soon as possible. Tickets will be allocated on a first paid for basis, there are only a limited number of tickets available. Further details are available from John Donovan on 087-2782825.

The cost per person for the weekend is €50. This includes accommodation, meals and activities that we will organise. There may be a separate charge for transport depending on where you are travelling from. Mt. Melleray Scout Centre lies within the Knockmealdown Mountains with many forest and river walks nearby. Originally a Boarding School attached to the Cistercian Abbey of Mount Melleray it was acquired by Scouting Ireland C.S.I. in 1975 and opened as a Scout Centre. The No Name Club has exclusive use of the centre for our weekend. We are grateful to Scouting Ireland for this opportunity as the centre is not usually available to non scouting members.



Accommodation is dormitory style with room capacity varying from 4 to 24 people per room. We will provide the bunk beds but all those attending will need to bring a sleeping bag and a pillow. Although the building is old, it is clean and there is central heating and double glazed windows. Despite this however the rooms are large and not easily heated. Please bring plenty of warm clothes especially for sleeping. This is not a 5 star hotel so don't expect en-suite facilities. There are separate toilet facilities and shower blocks but these are quite remote from some of the dorms. Everyone has to bring his or her own toiletry supplies. Guys will stay in Guy's Rooms and Girls will stay in Girl's Rooms – No Exceptions.

Meals are provided for the duration of the weekend. Remember this is a scout centre and while we don't have to do the cooking there is a degree of self-sufficiency required. Everyone has to bring their own knife, fork, spoons, mug, bowl and plate. You are expected to bring these to each meal with you and wash up your own delph and cutlery. Meals are served as follows:-

Friday: Supper (Soup, hot dogs). at 21:00 or later if we're waiting for late arrivals.

Saturday: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner (Times for all meals to be advised later)

Sunday: Breakfast & Lunch (shortly before departing for home at 14:00)

For those who are still hungry there is a shop adjacent to the centre, this sells groceries and serves as a tuck shop for the scouts. You will get anything you are likely to need here to get you over the weekend. We will also run an in-house tuck shop over the weekend.

Activities: The centre has a large games room that is reasonably well equipped. There are two pool tables, a dartboard, table tennis and two air hockey tables. Use of these is free and we expect to organise some competitions over the weekend. The Scout Centre also has a large screen TV in a dedicated room. The number of TV stations is limited but there is a DVD player. The centre also has a huge recreation room known as the "Half Acre". We will use this room for several activities. We will hold a Disco on the Saturday night.

If the weather is good (remember this is November) there are options for outdoor activities. There are some great walks in the hills and there is an orienteering course. There is an outdoor amphitheatre where a campfire can be lit. There are playing fields nearby also as well as outdoor squash/handball and basketball. There is a small obstacle course with a zip line.

A very short walk from the scout centre is Mount Melleray Abbey. This is a Cistercian Monastery with a thriving community and large numbers of people throughout the year visits here. The Monastery itself is well worth visiting with its churches, tea rooms, shop and heritage centre which shows an interesting slide show of the history of Mount Melleray.

All attending members have to be from a club that has affiliated to No Name Club Ltd for 2010/11 and therefore are adequately insured. The scout centre reserves the right to refuse admission to any club that does not produce a current insurance certificate. **Each club that has Hosts and Hostesses attending has to supply sufficient Adult members to supervise.**

All Hosts and Hostesses attending have to supply written consent from their parents/guardians. Such a form should be provided to your local club leaders before departure. Please indicate also any medical issues that may need to be considered and provided for. All payments for this trip have to be paid in full to each club's nominated officer prior to departure.

The most important thing about this weekend is that it is about friendship and fun. This should be the best *Weekend Away* ever! Over 100 No Namers away together for a full weekend – How can it fail? Participation in all activities is optional but we ask you to please join in and make this event a success. Act responsibly and follow your Leader's instructions. A full List of Activities will be posted in the main entrance hall. We have planned much to do, but we have also left plenty of chill out time. This is a wonderful opportunity to mix and make new friends which is what this trip is all about.

Have a great time and enjoy your stay at Mount Melleray,

John Donovan (Dungarvan No Name Club)

Further information can be found at
www.mtmellerayscouts.com & on
www.mountmellerayabbey.org

REMEMBER TO PACK THE FOLLOWING

- Knife, Fork, Table Spoon & Tea Spoon
- Mug, Bowl & Plate
- Tea Towel & Dish Cloth
- Pillow & Sleeping Bag
- Pair of Walking Boots
- Pair of Runners
- Spare socks
- Hat & gloves
- Rain Gear
- Pyjamas or Old Track bottoms/Sweat shirt to sleep in – don't turn up with frilly nighties pleeeeee !!
- Pocket Money
- Prescribed medications (inform adult member of your club if you do so)
- Plenty Comfortable, warm clothes
- Clothes for Disco (don't go over the top)
- Towel & Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste etc.)



YOU MAY WISH TO BRING SOME OF THE FOLLOWING

- Musical instrument
- Small games (playing cards etc)
- Camera & batteries
- Mobile phone /MP3 player.

KEEP VALUABLES TO A MINIMUM AS THERE IS VERY LITTLE SECURE STORAGE.