

WINGS 2026 themed evenings

As the Kingdom of WINGS comes together, everyone is invited to take part in our themed celebrations throughout the week. These are a chance to show your creativity, have fun with your friends, and make even more memories together.

Opening Ceremony Saturday 25 July - colours of the Kingdom

The gates of WINGS are open, the Kingdoms are gathering, and a new adventure is about to begin.

The Opening Ceremony is your chance to celebrate the start of an unforgettable week and proudly show where you belong. Each Subcamp forms its own Kingdom within WINGS, bringing together Scouts and Guides from across the UK and around the world. For one incredible week, you'll share experiences, make new friends, and create memories that will last long after the campfires have gone out.

Wear your Subcamp colour with pride and show your connection to your Kingdom. Whether you choose costumes, face paint, banners, flags, accessories or a fully coordinated group outfit, this is your opportunity to make a bold first impression and help your Kingdom stand out from the crowd.

Come together as a Unit, Patrol or friendship group and think creatively about how you'll represent your Kingdom. You might create matching outfits, design a Kingdom crest, carry handmade banners or simply find imaginative ways to bring your Subcamp colours to life.

As we gather for the first time, we'll celebrate not just the Kingdoms themselves, but the spirit of friendship, adventure and international Scouting and Guiding that brings us all together. This is the moment to pledge your support to your Kingdom, meet fellow adventurers and begin your WINGS journey as part of something truly special.

The more colour, energy and teamwork you bring, the better. Let the arena become a sea of colour as every Kingdom shows its pride and welcomes the world to WINGS 2026.

Theme ideas:

- Wear your Subcamp colour with pride
- Show your connection to your Kingdom
- Celebrate Kingdom spirit, friendship and belonging
- Make a bold first impression

Suggestions:

- Face paint in your Subcamp colours
- Matching Unit or Patrol outfits
- Handmade Kingdom banners or flags
- Kingdom crests, shields or tabards
- Colour-themed accessories
- Coordinated group costumes
- Creative ways to represent your Kingdom's identity

Medieval storytelling Tuesday 28 July - Heroes, Villains, Legends or simply your favourite character

Across every culture and every generation, stories have been told around campfires, in great halls and beneath starlit skies. Tales of brave heroes, cunning villains, fearless adventurers and magical creatures have been passed from one storyteller to the next, inspiring people to dream bigger, travel further and believe in the impossible.

For one evening at WINGS, those stories step off the page and into the Kingdoms.

Whether you choose a beloved character from a book, film, TV show, fairy tale, folklore, myth or legend (it can be whoever you want). Medieval Storytelling Night is your chance to become part of the tale. Perhaps you'll arrive as a courageous knight on a noble quest, a clever outlaw, a legendary king or queen, a daring explorer, a mysterious sorcerer, a dragon rider, a pirate captain or a hero from your favourite fantasy world.

But why stop at one character?

Gather your group and friends to bring an entire story to life. Recreate a famous scene, assemble a fellowship of heroes, gather a band of villains, or retell a legendary tale through your costumes and creativity. Whether your inspiration comes from classic folklore, modern fantasy, ancient myths, or fairy tales you loved as a younger child, this is your opportunity to share the stories that have captured your imagination.

As the evening unfolds, the Kingdom of WINGS will be filled with characters from every corner of storytelling. You might encounter famous heroes on epic quests, mythical creatures roaming the pathways, legendary rulers holding court or groups recreating some of the greatest adventures ever told.

Storytelling has always been about bringing people together, and this evening celebrates the power of imagination, creativity and shared experiences. It's an invitation to step into another world, tell your story and discover the stories of others.

So, dust off your cloak, polish your crown, ready your sword, gather your companions and prepare to bring a little magic to WINGS.

Theme ideas:

- Bring stories to life
- Become part of a legendary tale
- Celebrate imagination and creativity
- Share the characters and stories you love

Suggestions:

- Characters from books, films or TV shows
- Fairy tale heroes and villains
- Kings, queens, knights and adventurers
- Wizards, witches and magical creatures
- Pirates, explorers and mythical beings
- Characters from folklore, mythology and legend
- Coordinate as a group to recreate a famous story or scene

Closing Ceremony Friday 31 July - Glow: light up the Kingdom

As our WINGS adventure draws to a close, it's time to shine.

But when we say Glow, we don't just mean glow sticks. Think festival glamour, glowing royal courts, sparkling crowns, illuminated capes and a medieval party with a modern twist. Take inspiration from theatre, fantasy, music, light and colour to create an outfit that helps you stand out from the crowd.

Gather your group and get creative. Coordinate your colours, become a constellation of stars, or create a glowing Kingdom ready for one final celebration. You might draw inspiration from a royal court dressed for a grand ball, a troupe of dazzling performers, celestial explorers travelling between the stars, or a kingdom where every knight, queen and adventurer shines brighter than the last.

Think bold colours, glitter, sequins, LEDs, fairy lights and show-stopping costumes that celebrate everything you've experienced during your week at WINGS.

As darkness falls, the arena will begin to sparkle. Tiny lights, flashes of colour and glowing costumes will appear across the crowd until, together, they create something magical; a sky full of stars brought down to earth. Every Scout and Guide becomes part of the constellation, shining alongside friends old and new as we celebrate the end of an unforgettable WINGS adventure.

Throughout the week, each of us has brought something unique to WINGS: our stories, our talents, our laughter and our spirit of adventure. On this final evening, those individual sparks come together to create something extraordinary. Thousands of Scouts and Guides, united in celebration, friendship and pride, illuminating the night as one.

So be bold, bright and brilliant. Whether you're channeling festival glamour, a glowing royal court, a light-up knight, a sparkling queen or your own unique style, this is your chance to shine.

*Please note: if you are using glow sticks whilst on site please ensure they are disposed of responsibly and safely.

Theme ideas:

- Shine bright and celebrate your WINGS journey
- Think festival glamour
- Create a sky full of stars brought down to earth
- Celebrate friendship, memories and togetherness
- Be bold, bright and brilliant

Suggestions:

- Fairy lights and LEDs
- Glitter, sequins and sparkle
- Neon colours and glowing accessories
- Illuminated crowns, capes and cloaks
- Festival-inspired outfits
- Glowing royal courts and celestial kingdoms
- Stars, constellations and cosmic themes
- Light-up knights, queens and adventurers
- Coordinated group colour schemes
- Show-stopping costumes that shine after dark