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# Scouts prepare for centenary celebrations

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SCOUTS in the Grantham area are planning a series of events to celebrate the movement's centenary.

Robert Baden-Powell held the first scout camp in 1907 and since then the movement has spread around the globe.

As part of the centenary celebrations a series of events will take place all over the district to promote scouting.

This week, BBC Radio Lincolnshire's Breakfast Show was broadcast from the 7th Grantham Scout HQ in Earlesfield Lane. Presenter Rod Whiting spoke to scouts and leaders about the movement and how it relevant to young people today.

Sunday's St George's Day parade through the centre of Grantham will be led by the scouts as part of the celebrations.

In May, scouts from all over the district will take part in a centenary camp, which will be centred around an activity day at Prince William of Gloucester Barracks.

Young people will have the chance to take part in activities ranging from crafts to

bouncy castles. There will also be displays from organisations including Network Rail, British Transport Police, Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue, BBC Lincolnshire and Anglian Water.

On Saturday, June 16, scouts plan to have a float in Grantham Carnival, and a day trip to the 21st World Jamboree, at Hylands Park, Essex, has been organised for scouts from the Grantham area in July. About 40,000 scouts and guides from all over the world will be there.

Centenary celebrations will culminate with the Sunrise Ceremonies which will take place all over the world on Wednesday, August 1.

The 8am ceremonies will mark the moment that Lord Baden-Powell opened his first scout camp on Brownsea Island in 1907.

Scouts will gather at St Peter's Hill green, Grantham, to renew their scout promise. A commemorative tree planting and the burial of a time capsule will also take place.

For more details about events in the Grantham area go to [www.grantham-scouts.org.uk](http://www.grantham-scouts.org.uk)

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