

Explore Canada Scout's 2005



CN Tower



Network at Niagara Falls



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Taking three weeks off work to travel is a dream many people have, but few pluck up the courage to take the plunge, that's exactly what Scout Network Members Jenny Taylor (23), Gareth Johns (22), Lee Dunnett (23), Mark Glendinning (24), Gareth Williams (24) & Laura Collins (21) have done.

They recently participated in the Explorer Belt Expedition along with 19 other Scouts aged 16-25 from around the UK to travel 160km by foot through the state of Ontario in Canada as part of the Explorer Belt Challenge.

In their groups of 2 or 3 they were dropped off at various places around Ontario, given an envelope containing a list of minor projects to complete, with a budget ranging from of \$95 (£45) - \$120 (£56). They were left to fend for themselves for the next 10 days all working their way to the finish point at a Scout Campsite in Orangeville. The purpose was for them to achieve home hospitality from locals and learn as much about the Canadian culture as possible, ready to present their findings back in the UK.

During their visit they had to complete a major project of their choice and participate in minor challenges such as undertaking destruction work with locals, cooking & pitching a tent in an unusual place, creating an art attack Canadian Flag and many more.

Gareth Said "It's a great opportunity to improve your confidence and open your eyes to the rest of the world, Britain pioneered The Explorer Belt Challenge and over the years hundreds of Scouts have had the opportunity to do this in many other countries".

As well as the expedition the group visited many of the famous attractions, experiencing the Maid of the Mist at Niagara Falls, watching the sun set from the CN Tower and went back in time at the Black Creek Pioneer Village.

If you would like to register as a member of the Network or would like to receive more details, or if you have any questions or comments on the Network, please contact me:

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