

# ROVERWAY 2009 NEWSFLASH

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## From the editor!

Here we go again. Newsletter 4 is here, telling you that you can finally sign up for Roverway 2009. You do not have to wait any longer. There are only about 250 days until Roverway starts with all its exciting activities.





## Registration is open

After some technical problems with our homepage we have opened the registration. Please read the Rules of registration through before registering. If you have any questions about the registration please send us an email at [roverway@scout.is](mailto:roverway@scout.is)

### Rules of Registration

Registration opens 1 November 2008 and closes 1 February 2009. If you register after 1 February the Registration fee is 50 Euros higher.

### Age of participants

Roverway is a joint event offered by WAGGGS and WOSM Europe to young scouts and guides from 16 to 22 (born 1987-1993) and the target participants are European citizens but the event is open for scouts and guides from all over the world if the age is right.

### Teams

Participants must enrol in teams of between five to fifteen persons; each team is set according to its NSO reality. After the enrolment, the teams will be grouped in tribes, made up of about 50 people.

Participation as individuals is not allowed.

Every team must have a person in charge, which must be eighteen years or older - Team leader. Team leader can either be one of the team or an older leader.

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## Payments

When registering you have to pay a registration fee of 100 Euros. The remainder of the fee should be paid before 1 April.

If you register late, the registration fee is 50 Euros higher, or 150 Euros. These 50 Euros are an addition to the total fee.

### FEE IF REGISTERED AFTER 1 FEBRUARY:

EUR 499 (first level)

EUR 389 (second level)

EUR 345 (third level)

### PLEASE NOTE!!!

Registration is only valid after a confirmation from your National Scout/Guide Association. After you have registered we will contact your Association. When we have their confirmation we will validate your registration and send you an email with bank information for the registration fee.



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## Sightseeing

The sightseeing tours are on the website now. We are offering a lot of tours from Reykjavik and as some of you will be staying at Ulfljotsvatn after the camp we will also be offering

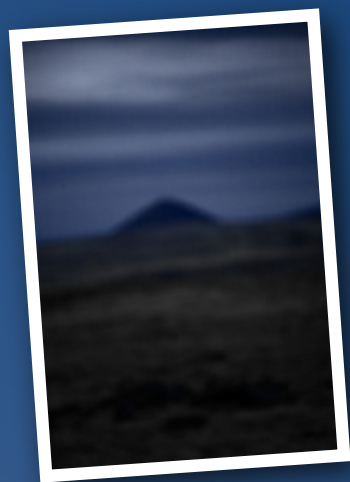
tours from there. As the tours from Ulfljotsvatn are organized by us and not by the excursion company we will be offering one tour a day from Ulfljotsvatn.

<http://www.skatar.is/roverway2009/default.asp?ItemGroupID=223&ItemID=1180>

## Souvenirs

You can order some souvenirs online in the registration system. Unfortunately we do not have prices for these souvenirs but we are working on that. Some of the souvenirs will only be available online.





## Economic situation in Iceland

The current economic and financial crisis, resulting in a period of instability and uncertainty, not only in Europe but all over the world, has also some impact on our daily activities in Guiding and Scouting. We realise that some of you may have concerns about how this is affecting the organisation of Roverway 2009 in Iceland.

At the moment we don't foresee that any significant changes will happen, namely on the Roverway fee. All prices in Iceland are certainly increasing, resulting in higher costs for travelling, food and services once you have arrived on the Island. However, the exchange rate of the Icelandic krona is working with us since the Roverway fee is in Euros. As long as those factors are linked together we will keep our fee as it is. The Planning Team continues to work hard to build an exciting and challenging programme for our Rovers and Rangers at what is promising to be a fantastic event.

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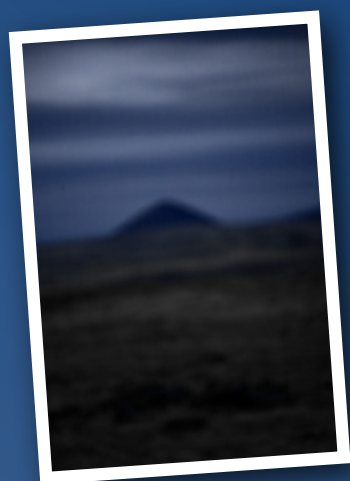
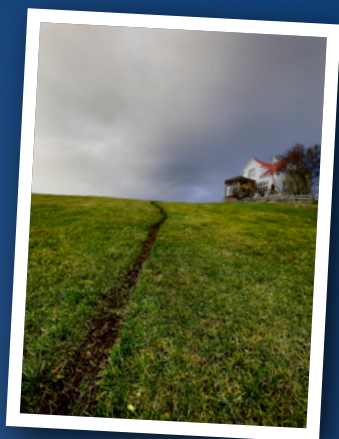
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## Althingi at Roverway

Do you like to get very very wet and very very muddy all at the same time? Then you should challenge other Roverway tribes, scout groups from other countries to participate in Roverway Bog Ball tournament. This game originates from Ireland but is played all over. Rules are simple, and the most important thing: It's loads and loads of fun. The game is hard work so you better start practicing in every muddy hole you find or mire/bog. Champions will be presented to the rest of Althingi ... only after showering though!

If you don't like being wet and muddy you can participate in more quiet activities that are just as exciting. You can come to the Herbal centre. Here you can learn how to recognize Nordic herbs and plants. How to make dyes and dye your socks or home made yarn. Make potions for everything, and other remedies. Icelandic people also like to eat and often use Icelandic herbs in their cooking. And if you are really into plants and stuff you can take one of the hikes around Lake Úlfljotsvatn and collect them yourself and make your own concoction and invite your tribal members to try out your new remedy.





## Description of a Journey

### REY16 – Videy

Reykjavík's inhabitants often boast of only having to drive for mere ten minutes in order to be outside the city's limits and in the embrace of pure nature. But there's another way to relax between grassy hills and birds singing melodies than hopping into a car and driving out of the capital. Just north of Reykjavík is a little island, Videy, only 10 minutes away using the service of a small ferry. It somehow seems utopian, sitting during sunset on the little dock of Videy, looking at the silhouette of low roofs, wannabe skyscrapers and Hallgrím's Church and feel the energy from the bustling city collide with the tranquillizing energy from the nature.

Videy is also historically important, for its two main buildings: Videyjarstofa, the former residence of Sheriff Skuli Magnússon, the frontrunner in making Reykjavík modern and Videyarkirkja Church, the second oldest building still standing in Iceland.

During this Journey the tribe will camp on Videy Island and have sessions discussing how Scouts and Guides can contribute to make it easier for immigrants to join free time activities. Iceland has relatively few immigrants compared to its neighboring countries and the Icelandic Scouts and Guides would benefit greatly from the inputs of their foreign colleagues to the discussion. Make a common platform on how to integrate youth for the synergy of experience.

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# BALDUR ÁRNASON

**NAME:** Baldur Árnason – Journey team

Started scouting relatively late in a Reykjavik suburb when he was 14 years old. The next summer he started working for Úlfljotsvatn scout centre during the summer. Baldur is still working at Úlfljotsvatn when not in school/university and has mostly been working on maintenance and building up the centre along with welcoming many groups, both Icelandic and from abroad.

Baldur has done some leaders' training within the Icelandic Boy and Girl Scout Association, patrol leaders' course and troop leaders' course. He also earned the Presidential award in 2006.

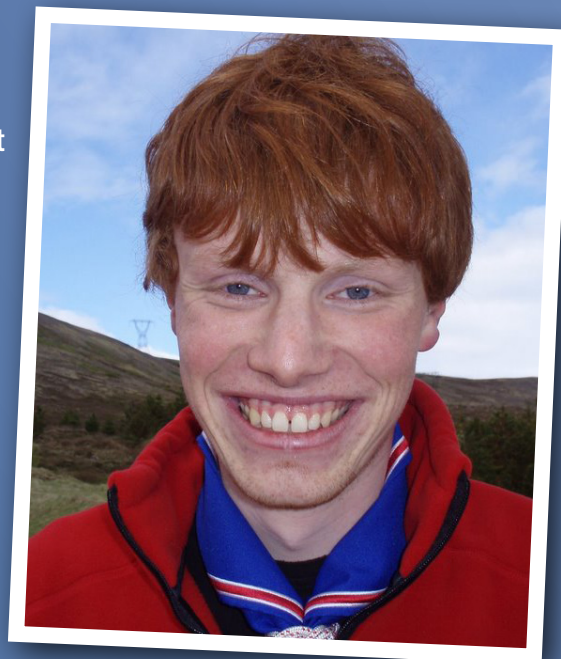
He has some experience of international scouting too. He took part in Flam-boree in Belgium, Blaa sommer in Denmark and Dare to Dream, an event for Rovers in Kandersteg in 2007.

Baldur has work hard in organizing activities for his own scout group and recently also for the national association.

Baldur has also other interests besides scouting. He likes outdoor activities, taking photos and astronomy as well as doing graphic work for the media.

**MOTTO IN LIFE:** "If you don't know it, Google it!"

**FAVOURITE PLACE IN ICELAND:** "Of course it's Úlfljotsvatn scout centre but I also like Skaftafellsjökull a lot."



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