

Tuesday 15th June 2004

BROWNIES SLEEPOVER WITH SHARKS

The Deep, Hull's £45.5m Millennium Commission lottery project is hosting a sleepover with sharks for 130 Hull brownies on Friday 18th June. This special event is being held to commemorate the 90th anniversary of brownies in the UK.

The Hull North Division brownies will have a cavalcade of night time fun including lively games and activities around the tank displays, and finally they will snuggle into their sleeping bags just inches away from the sharks. The brownies will be escorted by a team of 30 adult helpers who will ensure that the Deep sleepover is a night to remember.

Next morning, the children will enjoy a slice of a giant 90th birthday cake specially produced by Skeltons of Hull.

Guider Hilary Stephenson said,

"The girls are really excited about the forthcoming 90th birthday party at The Deep. We were keen to come up something really special that the brownies would remember forever. We are most grateful for the funding from Hull Community Investment Fund which has made this event possible."

Susan Hornby, The Deep's Marketing Director said

"We're thrilled to be able to host this special birthday event at The Deep. It's great to see children being so enthusiastic about the marine environment from such an early age. The sleepover will give them with an amazing opportunity to see our animals in a way that people never normally experience."

Background

The Deep is the world's only submarium – a unique blend of stunning aquaria and hands-on interactives telling the story of the world's oceans. Highlights include a massive fossil wall and a lift ride through the waters of one of Europe's deepest tanks, bringing visitors face to face with sharks, rays, and many other exotic marine creatures. The Deep is housed in a dramatic building, designed by Sir Terry Farrell, which juts out over the River Humber.

The Deep is an educational charity.

Websites: www.thedeep.co.uk and www.girlguiding.org.uk

Photocall – press are welcome between 7.30pm and 9pm on Friday or between 7am and 8am Saturday morning, by prior arrangement with Linda Martin, PR Manager, The Deep 01482 381090, mobile 0796 3463690 . Alternatively, pictures can be emailed after the event.