

Irish Girl Guides press release  
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## **Irish Girl Guides count down days until international Guide camp**

**- IGGNITE2017 will be the biggest ever Girl Guide camp to take place in Ireland –**

Members of Irish Girl Guides are counting down the days until the start of the biggest ever Girl Guide camp to take place in Ireland.

There are 17 days to go until IGGNITE2017, which will see 1,800 Girl Guides from 12 different countries camp under canvas in the grounds of Rockwell College, Cashel, Co Tipperary (from 30 July to 6 August 2017).

There will be 10-16 year-old girls in attendance from all corners from Ireland as well as 250 Girl Guides from overseas - from the US, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, Malaysia, Georgia, Zimbabwe, the Philippines and St Vincent and the Grenadines as well as England, Scotland and Finland.

“After two years of planning, we’re excited to be in the final days of the countdown until camp takes place,” says IGGNITE2017 Camp Chief Jenny Gannon. “We can’t wait to welcome all the girls and introduce them to the different kinds of fun and adventurous activities they’ll be taking part in during the camp.”

Activities will include kayaking, horse-riding, water obstacle courses, building rafts and rockets and playing quidditch as well as drama, music, body confidence, yoga, meditation and coding workshops. “The girls will also learn how to advocate for gender equality and to stand up for refugees and, by learning about the Sustainable Development Goals, it is hoped they will be enthused to make a difference in their local communities and overseas,” says Ms Gannon.

“Guiding aims to ignite a social and environmental conscience in our members from age five-plus while they take part in team-building and problem-solving games and challenges. They learn how to speak out on issues that concern them and how to inspire others to take action too.

“Our overall aim is to see our members become responsible citizens of the world; that is part of our ethos. Guiding is also a wonderful place to make friends for life!”

*Irish Girl Guides welcomes new members from age 5+ and adult volunteer leaders from age 18+. See [www.irishgirlguides.ie](http://www.irishgirlguides.ie) for further information or tel: 01 6683898.*

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### **Notes for editors:**

**Irish Girl Guides** has approximately 12,000 members. Guiding started in Ireland in 1911 and operates throughout the 26 counties with 1,800 volunteer leaders providing an informal educational programme of fun and challenging activities that foster confidence and leadership skills in girls and young women, enabling them to develop to their full potential and to become responsible citizens. Girls from age 5+ can choose to earn a wide range of badges, including Community Action, Cultural Diversity, Disability Awareness, Drug Awareness, Online Surfer, Science Investigator and Global Traveller.