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## Roverway Infoletter # 5 – How many days to Roverway 2012?

As the registrations have started and the autumn is all over Finland, Roverway 2012 gets closer with full speed. We have representatives in the district meetings all over Finland; the committee is organizing an “event simulation” on their seminar weekend to notice the points that need special care; we know who will provide the sanitary facilities – just to mention a few details of all the arrangements. The committee with their managers and teams are preparing with tons of energy and good spirits that will keep us going through the approaching inevitable cold winter time. In just a few months, the Roverway 2012 tribes get to know each other and start preparing for the great adventure! We also had a team at the Scout Academy 2011 in Paris, meeting with the advisory group, promoting and spreading the Roverway spirit!



*Asta and Hermann from Iceland visited the Tribe Leaders' meeting 9.-11.9. in Finland. Posing with Juho and Jukka, the Project Directors*

### The Prime Minister of Finland Jyrki Katainen will act as Honorary Patron of Roverway 2012

The Honorary Patron for Roverway 2012 is the Prime Minister of Finland, Jyrki Katainen. Last summer, Prime Minister Katainen visited the 22<sup>nd</sup> World Scout Jamboree in Rinkaby, Sweden, with his colleagues Frederik Reinfeldt of Sweden and Lars Lökke of Denmark. At the Jamboree, Katainen stated that he greatly respects the values represented in Guiding and Scouting such as internationality, tolerance, responsibility and environmental sustainability. These values are central to Roverway 2012 with its educational objectives of “understanding self, understanding others, understanding society and understanding nature”.

### Rover Representatives met online

The Rover Representatives had their second meeting, on line, on the 6<sup>th</sup> of October. The meeting happened in different on line platforms, and was not only lots of fun but also produced several pages full of answers to questions, ideas to be spread and hopefully also answers to the contingents. The Rover Representatives are an active group of participant aged Rovers and Rangers from all over Europe who give an important input to the project organization plans with their feedback, ideas and reflection, and also get information and tools for the contingent. The Rover Reps will meet again online in December.

*Rover Rep Shauna from Ireland at the Rover Representatives meeting, August 2011  
Picture: Alexa Hamblett*



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### Paths – What are they?

Every patrol gets to choose their Path from nearly 60 different options under the themes art and culture, challenge, nature and society. The Paths are the first half of the experience in Finland, and during the 4 day hike everyone gets to take part in nature experience, intercultural learning, service project, sauna experience and meditation. And for the rest, the options are numerous from cable gliding to river rafting, castle adventures, exploring Finnish cities and culture. If you want to know more about the Paths, visit the Path finder at <http://www.roverway.fi/pathfinder/finder.html>!



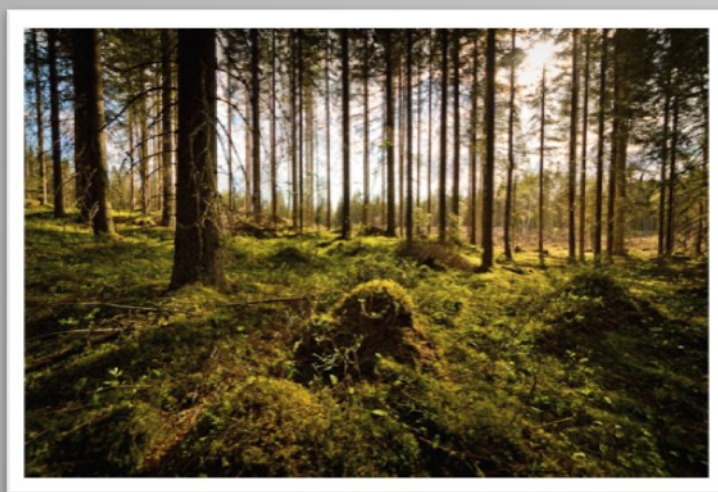
At some Paths, it is very likely to come across Finnish reindeer, the helpers of Santa Claus! Picture: Annika Rajala

### Registrations

The registrations have opened all over Europe and further as well. The event becomes more and more concrete through every registration! The registrations will be handled through contingents, thus if you would like to know more about the registrations, please contact the Head of Contingent of your association/organization at <http://www.roverway.fi/general/heads-of-contingent> , or [office@roverway.fi](mailto:office@roverway.fi) .

### Arriving in Finland

The opening ceremonies will be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> of July in 3 different locations, Helsinki, Tampere and Rovaniemi. The starting time for the opening ceremonies is 10am, which means that the contingents are warmly recommended to arrive on the 19<sup>th</sup> of July. The organizing committee will do their best to help with the practicalities of the overnight!



The Finnish Forests are waiting for Roverway 2012! Picture: Heikki Laurila



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