

14-year-old suffering from cerebral palsy must raise £5,500 for South America journey

Gutsy teen in cash plea for trip of lifetime

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A SECOND row rugby player is trying to raise as much money as he can as he looks to embark on trip of a lifetime.

Despite daily difficulties caused by cerebral palsy and a hearing impairment, Delwyn Rose, from Langley, is a keen sportsman and plays second row with Drifters RFC under 13 B team in Farnham Common.

The Langley Academy pupil, identified as a future Paralympic hopeful, has been offered a place on the 2012 Journey of a Lifetime, a trip through South America organised by the Journey of a Lifetime Trust.

The 14-year-old, with the help of friends and staff at the school in Langley Road,

as well as his identical twin brother, Delroy, are hoping to raise £5,500 to fund his place.

Delwyn, who was born in Zimbabwe, said: "I am excited about it, it will help with my self-confidence. I am trying to raise as much money as I can."

The year nine student will go on the journey - which takes in Peru, Bolivia, Paraguay and Brazil - in July. He was selected after a rigorous application process including an interview.

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Arbour Vale School, Delwyn has also been identified as having athletic potential and it is hoped that he may be able to get extra coaching to help realise his dream of one day taking part in the Paralympic Games.

Fundraising has already started for his four-week trip to South America and more activities are being planned including a sponsored PE event and cake sales.

Head of the sensory resource base team at Langley Academy Gillian Clegg said: "It is a once-in-a-lifetime trip. It is all to do with raising participants' self-esteem and making them believe in themselves and be able to overcome their disabilities."

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