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## 'Students chew over gumball rally plans'

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A Team of students has put out a rallying call for cash to help them clock up kilometres for a cancer charity. Croatian-bound Alex Lawrence, Alan Gladding and Karl Pearman will compete with around 150 other teams in the Student Gumball Rally. The adventurous 20-year-old threesome will raise money for the When You Wish Upon A Star charity and the Teenage Cancer Trust. They were all students at Franklin College in Grimsby, and Alex and Karl are now at Hull University studying computing and chemical engineering respectively, and Alan is designing computer games at Huddersfield University. Alex said: "The main reason we're doing it is that we were looking for something challenging to do over our summer holiday period and somebody informed me about the rally over the internet." Raising money for charity while travelling across Europe for a week with my friends seems like killing two birds with one stone to me." They plan to buy a car or van for about £400 and put a sponsor's stickers on the side. On Sunday, September 3, they travel to Dover to start the journey, which takes them through France, Belgium, Holland and into Germany for an overnight stop. The next day is spent driving from Germany, through the Czech Republic with a stop in Prague for the night. Next stop is Budapest, in Hungary, and then on to Zagreb, the capital of Croatia for the night. Final destination is an island off the south coast of Croatia before the return journey. Details of the two charities are on [www.teenagecancertrust.org](http://www.teenagecancertrust.org) and [www.whenyouwishuponastar.org.uk](http://www.whenyouwishuponastar.org.uk) Paul Jackman, of The Book People Ltd, is backing the venture.