Dear parents and carers,

All Scouts are invited to our annual **XXX Camp** next year from 7pm on XXX to 1pm on YYY at site ZZZ at **Campsite Name**.

The cost of the camp will be **£NNN** per head. This fee includes groceries and activities andtransportation to and from the site. The Scouts will engage in a number of activities including target shooting, high ropes, archery etc.

This is a popular camp. We cannot take all the Scouts; not all of them want to attend. For practical reasons we will have to limit spaces to around N young people; a place for your son or daughter will be secured **only by receipt** of a cheque for £ payable to the XXX before DATE.

Again to reiterate: spaces on the camp are secured **only by payment of the fee**, *not by* email or written, texted or verbal agreement.

*(Subject to our usual caveat that no Scout should be excluded from camp on the grounds of cost. If cost is an issue please email or phone to discuss this in confidence – particularly if you have more than one youngster to send to camp. You can also discuss this in confidence directly with the treasurer.)*

Because we will be outdoors in the winter months it is important that the young people have

1. Adequate sleeping equipment. Sleeping bags normally considered adequate for use in the summer months in the UK may not keep children warm enough when the outside temperature at night could be freezing. Your generic rectangular zipped nylon sleeping bag will not be sufficient. A “three-season” or “four-season” mummy-shaped sleeping bag is best.
2. Adequate winter weather clothing including a **waterproof coat, gloves, scarf and hat**.

A person sleeping on the ground will lose most heat downwards through the ground, rather than upwards through the air. All Scouts should, in addition to as good a sleeping bag as is obtainable, should bring a roll-up foam mattress or similar to lie on. We will also provide blankets and further insulation.

**If you need advice on sleeping bags, and particularly if are considering buying a sleeping bag for this event, please discuss this with a uniformed leader**

In the unlikely event of weather conditions rendering driving unwise or unsafe on the Friday evening, the camp may be cancelled at short notice; likewise if weather conditions deteriorate over the weekend whilst we are at Broadstone we may need to call you back at short notice to collect your youngsters. If the camp is cancelled or shortened due to the weather, a refund may not be possible.

Regards

Nick Hough (Group Scout Leader)