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| Adult leaders | There will be four male uniformed leaders, one female uniformed leader, and a number of *non-uniformed adult helpers* on camp. | |
| **Nick Hough 07851 001940**  **Amanda Doran**  **Richard Moore**  **Frankie Butler** | **Ron Bochard**  ***Catherine Hough***  ***Nathaniel Hough***  ***Catie Harley*** |
| Allergies | Please let us know on the medical form if your Scout has any allergies we should know about, for example to common over-the-counter medicines or first aid treatments, or common foods. | |
| Bullying | Bullying or abuse of any form will not be tolerated. | |
| Cake | If you can, please send a cake along with your Scout when you bring the luggage down on Saturday 25th July. These will be shared out to the Scouts in the evenings at cocoa time. | |
| Camp site | We are going to **Beaudesert Scout & Guide Camp**, Beaudesert Park, Rugeley WS15 4JJ, Staffs. Phone:01543 682278 | |
| Contact | Please ensure you do not leave the country or place yourself out of phone contact during the week. We may have to contact you by phone. In extreme circumstances of poor behaviour, homesickness or illness you may have to come and collect your Scout from the camp. | |
| Cutlery | Scouts should bring their own knife, fork and spoon, cup, bowl and plate. These should be identifiable, and made of plastic or metal: not breakable pottery. | |
| **DEPARTURE** | **FROM SCOUT HUT 0700 Sunday 26th July. Please arrive promptly before 0700. We will depart on time.** | |
| Digital cameras | These are welcome *at your discretion and your risk*. We can look after such equipment if Scouts ask us. | |
| Fires | Scouts will spend some time near open fires. Scouts will need to be wearing proper footwear – boots or decent trainers - at such times. Scouts who are barefoot or wearing sandals/flip-flops will not be allowed near the fires. | |
| Flag ceremony | As with all Scout meetings, at camp there will be a Flag Break every morning and Flag Down every evening. All Scouts and uniformed leaders will take part in uniformed shirt and scarf. | |
| Flint and steel | Scouts are welcome to bring their own flint and steel fire lighters to camp, but if they are found misusing them, they will be confiscated and returned when it suits the leader or after the camp. | |
| Food | Scouts on camp are outdoors and active for 15-16 hours a day and will need to eat properly. They will be able to eat a cooked breakfast every day, a packed lunch, and a full cooked dinner, and also cocoa with biscuits or cake in the evening. Some of this food they will prepare for themselves, working in patrols, using open fires or portable gas stoves. | |
| Free time | Scouts will have plenty of free time in addition to planned activities. | |
| Girls | Male and female Scouts will sleep in separate tents. Boys and girls are not generally allowed in one another’s tents. There will be a female leader and female adult helpers available at all times throughout the week. | |
| Inspection | Tents will be inspected daily (as far as reasonably practical, girls’ tents by female leaders) and the patrols will take part in a marked competition lasting all week, winning points for tidiness, smartness, innovation, initiative, helpfulness etc., and losing them for lacking these important qualities. | |
| Knives | Scouts are welcome to bring their folding pocket knives to camp. However, if they are found misusing them, the knives will be confiscated and returned when it suits the leader or after the camp. **Please look after them; ensure they do not get lost.** | |
| Lost property | Every year Scouts leave clothes and equipment behind. The end of summer camp marks the start of a short break from Scouting for leaders. **We will NOT deal with lost property after the camp**; it will have to wait until September! Please encourage your Scout to look after his or her possessions and property – particularly their costly boots and sleeping bag. | |
| Luggage | Scouts’ main luggage – sleeping bag, clothes for the week etc in a rucsac – should be brought to the Scout hut **at 1930 hrs on Saturday 25th July**. Please do assist with loading the vans. | |
| Medical declaration | Please do fill this in and ensure that we are informed if there is anything out of the ordinary, for example allergies or intolerances to certain foods or certain common medicines. | |
| Medicine | Please advise us of any medicine being taken. We can look after it if you or the Scout would prefer this. We will administer “over the counter” pain relief as appropriate on request. | |
| Minibuses | The Group is responsible for the safety of the young people whilst away from home, and as such, it is our policy always to source safe and reliable minibuses. This year we are renting minibuses from St Bedes’ School. Please remind your youngsters to treat these buses with the same respect you treat your family car. | |
| Moaning | Young people are sometimes tempted to moan when confronted with hard work, particularly washing up. On summer camp, as with the real world, some hard work, and some washing up, is necessary for continued enjoyment of life. Youngsters are encouraged to keep moaning to a minimum. See “Promotion” and “Work”. | |
| Mobile phones | Young people should not bring mobile phones or electronic devices to camp. All such devices remain the responsibility of the Scout. If mobile phones are found they may be confiscated by leaders and returned after the camp. Please ensure you and your Scout understand this. | |
| Numbers | There will be 25 uniformed young people on camp, of whom six are girls. The young people: | |
| Packed lunch | Scouts should bring a small rucksack on the journey itself. This should contain a drink or bottle of water and a packed lunch. A comfort stop will be made on the journey as much for the drivers’ benefit as for the Scouts. | |
| Patrols | Scouts will form mixed gender patrols during the camp and in these patrols they will take part in both gas hob and open-fire cooking, including safe handling of raw food, kitchen knives, fire, boiling water, hot pots & pans, and doing the washing-up afterwards. Scouts will be preparing meals for grown-ups as well as themselves. The Patrols will be chosen by the leaders for the benefit of the Scouts. Young people need to learn to work in teams with others who may not be their closest friends. | |
| Permission forms | These are essential and it is your responsibility to provide a printed filled in copy before departure. | |
| Pocket money | Scouts are welcome to bring pocket money *at their and your own risk*; we believe £20-£25 should be plenty. We can look after this money if Scouts ask. Please do not send your Scout with much more money than this. Please note that the safety of this money remains the responsibility of the Scout. | |
| Promotion | Scouts will show more of their character on camp than at any other time of year, and it is on camp that decisions may be made regarding promotion of Scouts within the Troops. We do look for Scouts to be positive, cheerful and willing to assist when asked. See “Work”. | |
| Rain | The activities of camp will continue regardless of the weather. All Scouts should have a waterproof coat and walking boots – **not wellies.** | |
| Return | We aim to return to the Scout hut **at approx. 1700 hrs on Friday 31st July.** We would ask Scouts and parents to assist with unpacking of equipment. | |
| Risk | Risks **WE** manage: We will, as far as is reasonably practical, ensure the personal safety and dignity of the Scouts. Please see here for a written risk assessment for camp <http://1stoxted.scoutsites.org.uk/files/2015/06/risk-assessment-Beaudesert-2015.xls>  Summer camp involves inherently risky activities such as gas hob and open-fire cooking, knife, axe and saw work, handling hot pots and pans and boiling water, hot fat or oil, building and maintaining open fires, and unsupervised play out of sight of adults. At camp Scouts can learn how to manage risk in a relaxed environment. But some risk remains and cannot be completely eliminated without rendering the camp worthless.  Risks **YOU** manage:   1. Damage to or loss of, your sons’ or daughters’ clothes, equipment or cash money at camp. 2. The possibility that your son or daughter will behave in such a way that they cannot remain on camp and you will be asked to come and collect them at 24 hours notice. | |
| Sweets, chocolate & fizzy drinks | These are allowed – **but not in the Scouts’ tents**. We will strongly discourage the Scouts from keeping sweets, fizzy drinks or foodstuffs of any form in the tents. Young people may like sweets and midnight feasts but they dislike ants and creepy-crawlies more! Sweets, chocolate and fizzy drinks found in the Scouts tents will be confiscated and binned. The Scouts will not be compensated for this. Please ask your Scouts to bear this in mind, and also that you as their parents have paid good money for us to feed them properly! | |
| Tents | Scouts will sleep in canvas patrol tents, one of which will be reserved for female Scouts. Which Scouts go in which tent cannot be a free-for-all but has to be controlled to a degree to ensure a mix of experienced and younger Scouts.  We use canvas patrol tents in summer because these tents by their very nature reward **teamwork, following instructions, attention to detail** and other important Scout-like qualities. Also they are more robust and reliable, cooler inside in hot weather, and better in high winds and heavy rain than nylon tents. | |
| Texting | If you wish to contact leaders during the week it may be best to text rather than phone.  You may be contacted by text message from “**ScoutsOxted**” advising you if return time is subject to change. | |
| Uniform | Scouts should travel to and from camp in **FULL uniform** – shirts, trousers and scarves with woggles. Please bring an old coat hanger to keep the uniform tidy. | |
| Water sports | Scouts will be involved in some form of water sports. This may involve swimming – for this reason, your **written permission** has to be sought. Please ensure you give this if you would like your Scout to do this activity. | |
| Waterproofs | Scouts should bring a raincoat to camp and should ensure that a raincoat and alternative clothing is readily available near the top of their kit on the Sunday. | |
| Work | Whilst the Scouts are of course on holiday, this is Scout camp, and all Scouts will need to assist with house-keeping work, including loading and unloading, pitching and striking tents, collecting wood, cooking and washing up. Some of this work, particularly loading, unloading and the pitching and striking of camp, must continue regardless of the weather. See “Promotion”. | |