



Dear Parents

Year 5/6 Adventure Holiday to Bude – 2017

Last July we took a group of 52 Year 5&6 boys to Bude, Cornwall on a multi-activity adventure holiday with 'Outdoor Adventure'. It was a very successful trip and we would like to run this again next summer. The proposed holiday will run from **Sunday 9th July to Friday 14th July 2017**. We will depart by coach on the Sunday morning and return on the Friday afternoon/early evening.

The holiday is open to all boys in Y5 and 6, and I have negotiated more places this year, but need to finalise the numbers as soon as possible and pay a deposit to ensure that we secure the booking.

We have had responses from parents of more than 35 boys already expressing an interest in the holiday. We are hoping to take up to 48 so that we can have sole occupancy at the centre. **The deadline for applying for a place will be Friday 25th November**. If we have an overwhelming response then names will be 'drawn from a hat'.

Activities

The boys will be involved in a range of activities such as - *surfing – body boarding - kayaking - climbing - abseiling - archery - coastal walking - coastal traversing - problem-solving – team building challenges*.

There are also other more general benefits to be gained

- **Forging new friendships for the year ahead**
- **Bringing out hidden strengths and talents**
- **Boosting self-esteem and confidence**
- **Developing social skills**
- **Becoming part of a team**
- **Building independence**

All the instructors hold nationally recognised qualifications for the activities they lead. The teacher ratio is 1:6 for water based activities. Although it is important that the boys are prepared to accept a challenge and are willing to have a go at the various activities offered, nobody (including members of staff!) will be made to do anything they feel unhappy about.

During the evenings there are a variety of supervised activities such as beach games, films, quizzes and a Campfire with a BBQ etc.

The activities all take place within the immediate vicinity of the Outdoor Adventure centre in Bude, Cornwall, which provides accommodation for the boys and all of the necessary equipment needed for each of the activities.

Meals and Sleeping Arrangements

The boys will sleep in small dormitories, with approximately 4-8 boys in a room. The dining room provides three meals a day and there is a good choice of hot and cold meals. All special dietary meals can be catered for.

Cost

The cost of the holiday, which includes all activities and insurance, will be **£560**. If you would like your son to take part, you will need to complete the slip below and enclose a deposit cheque for **£180**. Could these be placed in an envelope clearly labelled "Y5/6 Bude Trip" and returned to Mrs Johnson. All cheques should be made payable to '**Bedford School Trust Central Bank**'. The deadline for applications is Friday 25th November. The second instalment of £190 will be due by February 1st 2017. The third and final instalment of £190 will be due by May 2nd 2017.

Insurance

We will be using the School's travel insurance scheme. (You should already have a copy of the School's information booklet for parents, but please let Mrs Johnson know if you do not.)

If you have any questions about the trip please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Michelle Aldridge -Trip Organiser
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I would like my son whose tutor is to join the Bude Adventure Holiday between Sunday 9th July and Friday 14th July 2017. I enclose a deposit cheque for **£180**, made payable to **Bedford School Trust Central Bank**.

Signed Date.....

This must be received by Bedford Prep School by Friday 25th November by 4.10pm.