

2018 Year 8 Bushcraft Camp Boughton Woods, Northamptonshire

FINAL DETAILS

Dear Parents

I am writing to inform you about the final arrangements for the Bushcraft residential:

Travel Arrangements

Depart from School Wednesday 13th June 9am

Boys should arrive by 8.30am at the latest to allow the coach to be packed.
Meet in the playground in your tutor groups if the weather is dry, or tutor rooms if wet, with your kit.

Arrive back at school Friday 15th June at 4pm.

Boys will be notified of their tribe groupings on the morning of Wednesday 13th June.

Kit List (All items must be **clearly named**)

Below you can find the company's recommended kit list. We do stress that it is not necessary to go out and buy all new and expensive kit. As long as you have a sleeping bag and roll mat, torch, appropriate footwear and some warm clothes you will be fine, but just to be sure, we have outlined the key items of kit below.

ESSENTIAL ITEMS:

- Large rucksack/games/cricket bag (or alternative bag/suitcase)
- **Small rucksack on the coach** & for daytimes away from camp (water bottle filled with water only, spare clothes, alcoholic hand gel & waterproof jacket packed inside.)
- Warm sleeping bag (season 3 recommended) - boys to practise taking out/packing away before trip.
- Roll mat (thin blow up one approx. 3cm thick) - boys to practice inflating and packing away before trip
- Bin liner for wet/dirty clothes
- Tracksuit/hard-wearing trousers
- T-Shirts
- Warm jumpers/fleece & hat – it will be cold at night
- Waterproofs (jacket and trousers if forecast wet)
- Warm socks and underwear
- Wash bag including: toothbrush, toothpaste and face wipes

- Towel
- Water bottle
- Good torch with fresh batteries
- Insect repellent
- Footwear (at least 2 pairs e.g. walking boots/old trainers)

OPTIONAL ITEMS:

- Sleeping bag liner
- Small pillow (named, in a bag, this can be taken on the coach or packed in bag if room.)

WEATHER DEPENDENT ITEMS:

- Wellington boots
- Scarf Warm hat Sun hat Gloves

We kindly ask that boys do not bring electronic devices (mobile phones), sweets or snacks onto camp, particularly those containing nuts.

Communication & Emergency contacts

Regular updates will be posted daily on Twitter usually at the end of the day to reassure you that the boys are fine and having a great time in the woods.

In the event of an emergency while we are away, please contact me on the school mobile (07741 645207) or Bedford Prep School directly.

Behaviour

As the Y8 staff know all the boys going on the trip, we do not have any concerns about behaviour and we are sure they will be a credit to both you and our school. Boys have signed a code of conduct form as part of a discipline contract. Please note that boys who do not reach expectations or become unsafe to others will be sent home: **parents will be asked to collect them from the site in Boughton Woods, Northamptonshire.**

Meals/snacks

Boys will have morning snacks on arrival and will not go hungry with 3 meals a day, snacks in between and after tea around the camp fire before bed. Drinking water is readily available for boys to refill their bottles.

Valuables/money

Mobile phones/electrical devices are not permitted on the trip. As we are in the woods there are no charging points (only staff have access) and there will not be an opportunity to spend any money as the coach journey is only 50 minutes.

Activities/Itinerary

All activities at the centre are aimed at this age group and I am sure that most boys will want to join in with everything. However, this is a fun residential, and nobody (staff included!) will be asked to participate in any activity which is going to cause anxiety or distress to that individual. Click [here](#) for the itinerary.

Health

Please could all medicines be placed in a named container/plastic bag with full instructions as to dosage etc, and handed to your son's tutor or me before we board the coach.

Asthma/Epipens

Please note that if your son uses an inhaler/epipen, he will not be allowed to take part in any activities unless he has his inhaler/epipen with him. If your son requires an inhaler, I ask that he has TWO FULL NAMED INHALERS – one he keeps and one handed to me or his tutor on Wednesday 13th June. Even if your son has not had an asthma attack for some time, if you have listed this on the School Medical form, he will be required to have an inhaler with him unless you specify in writing that this is not necessary.

Staff

Rebecca Russell (Leader)
Kelly Faulkner
Sarah Portsmouth
Jonathan Hooley
Radha Badhan
Michael Roberts
Ian Silk and a Year 9 tutor from the Upper school will be visiting for an afternoon.

Other

We fully understand that for many of the boys this will be their first overnight stay away from home and some will feel a little bit homesick at times. We will all endeavour to ensure that they enjoy themselves so much that these times will be very brief, so please be assured that they will be very well cared for. As there are no phones on site, it will be difficult to make contact except through my mobile phone. We will, of course, contact you should there be any problems at all.

We are all really looking forward to going and I am sure that all 92 boys will enjoy themselves and have a brilliant time. I hope I have included everything that you need to know, but please do not hesitate to contact me through school should you require any further information.

Kind regards

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