

FAMILY CAMP 40th Greenwich Scout Group

30 Sept. to 2 Oct. 2022

Dear Parents

Our annual family camp is being held on the weekend of 30th Sept. to 2nd Oct. at the Eleven Acres, the Greenwich District Campsite at Downe (nr Biggin Hill). We hope that as many families as possible will join us there for a fun weekend. On the Saturday evening we will be repeating the hog roast as this was very well received last time.

This camp is arranged as a family camp, so that parents retain responsibility for their children at all times. Some leaders will attend but will not be acting in loco parentis.

Where children wish to attend, but their parents cannot make it, we suggest you speak to other parents to see if they will take your child and that you formally give them permission to act in loco parentis for the weekend (incl. medical matters).

Arrangements

- Meet at the campsite from 6pm on Friday 30th September; aiming to have all tents pitched by 7.30pm where possible (darkness falls!). A light supper (e.g. hotdogs) will be provided for those who would like it, along with hot drinks before bed.
- Please look at the 'directions' page of the website for access maps.
- Please park in the car park as you enter the site, or if that is full to the left as you pass the second gate and carry (or push by trolley) your equipment onto the site, as policy is that we should have no cars on the site itself due to the number of children about. As tents begin to be erected there is less space to manoeuvre.
- Please check with leaders before you pitch your tent in order to ensure we all fit in sensibly.
- We will have an optional programme of activities throughout Saturday and Sunday morning, all designed to be undertaken by family groups.
 - Draft Programme
 - Sat am – various activities on site
 - Sat pm – games on site or a hike – with optional visit to animal farm or a playground
 - Sat night – campfire
 - Sun am – activities in the field – for both adults and children
- There will be group catering, unless there are specific requirements as to diet or timing when individual catering may be best. **Please discuss this with Conway.**
- On Saturday evening, rather than group catering over the fire, we will arrange for a Hog roast to be served with trimmings.
- For the other meals the food will be prepared group by group, on a rota system by those attending the camp, so please look out for the rotas and make yourself known to Conway at the end of the meal before.
- Everyone does their own washing up, so bring a tea towel or two!
- We will strike camp at 1pm on Sunday, after an early light lunch. In the past some have left before lunch so please let us know your plans.

Dogs

We are sorry but dogs are not allowed on Scout Campsites.

Camp fee

Adults

- £36 per head,
- Arriving Saturday morning, the cost is £30.
- And for a day visitor on Saturday, the cost will be £18

Children

75% of the adult fee

This covers site fees, food (including the hog roast) and activity costs.

Things to bring

Each family should supply their own equipment as listed below.

Hopefully your cubs and scouts can help you with a full kit list. If there are any problems, please speak to the leaders and we may be able to assist on a limited basis.

- Tents, sleeping bags, pillows and mats
- Crockery & cutlery – e.g. picnic sets & tea towels (we have a number of sets available)
- Clothing suitable for warm or cold weather, including changes to allow for the outdoor nature of the activities
- Waterproofs
- Footwear that can withstand a day in long grass – ie waterproof trainers, hiking boots, wellies
- Adults – any alcohol you consider appropriate for after the youngsters bedtime, around the campfire (water and soft drinks will be provided for all)
- **Scouts/Cubs/Beavers should arrive and leave in their uniforms (tops only if not invested will be fine but not expected)**

Replies

An invitation will be sent out via OSM for you to confirm your attendance and make your payment online.

Meanwhile:

Every person aged 18 or over on the camp site after 9pm at night must have a valid CRB check under the Scout Association (TSA) rules. An application can be arranged by me either by email or you could download an Adult information Form via this link -

https://cms.scouts.org.uk/media/12453/vo-adult-information-form-jan2019_print-friendly-final.pdf

Due to the requirement for DBS checks, we will not be able to accept an application to camp as final until a DBS clearance has been received. To avoid disappointment, apply for a check as soon as possible. If you think that you might want to attend apply for one now and do not leave until you are certain. They cost nothing and are valid for five years.

Those who do not have their DBS check can still come as a day visitor.

Deer & ticks

Finally, we have to warn you that there are deer who regularly visit the site so we must expect to find the occasional tick. If someone does find they have a tick please speak to one of the leaders as they need to be removed carefully. We strongly recommend that no one goes barefoot but always wears boots, shoes or trainers with long socks. Insect repellent is also useful and according to the NHS ones containing DEET are best.

Yours,

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