

FAMILY CAMP 16th – 18th September 2022

Mapledurham Lock, Purley on Thames.



Dear Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts, Scouts, Explorer Scouts, parents, and brothers and sisters,

Thank you for applying to join us for the weekend; Family Camp is fast approaching so here are a few more details about our exciting event.

Arrival: Campers will be able to arrive at the site from 17.00 on Friday evening. If you can't get there that early, it should still be light enough to put up tents until around 19.30. Please note that camping must be in tents – campervans and caravans are not permitted; please contact us if this is a problem. **Please come and check in at the welcome desk when you arrive.** Please note that we will only be providing hot chocolate on Friday evening we will however have 2 catering vans available for you to purchase food from should you wish.

If you are joining us for the day on Saturday, you are welcome any time from breakfast onwards. Breakfast will start at 8.00 am and will be finished by 9.30 am. **Again, please come and check in at the welcome desk when you arrive.** Those not camping are welcome to join us for the evening social on Friday night.

The Site: We are camping on private farmland, which we will need to look after on behalf of the farmer. Limited toilet and washing facilities will be provided. **Please note: we are near to the river with limited fencing between the tents and the water.** There is also a public footpath running between the site and the river, which is well used by the public.

Directions: We will be camping at the end of Mapledurham Drive, Purley on Thames, RG8 8BD. To find us, come into Purley down New Hill. Turn left at the bottom, where the road bends sharply to the right, and then turn right immediately into Mapledurham Drive. This is a single track road and a one way system will be in operation. **Please obey the speed limit as the road is used extensively by pedestrians and passes a well-used children's playground.** Parking will be available in an adjacent field, but traffic must be kept to an absolute minimum so, once you are on site, car movements will be limited.

If you are coming for the day on the Saturday, or need to regularly come and go, please park your car in Purley Village and walk down to the campsite.

Paperwork: You will have been sent a link to an online Permission to Attend & Health Information Form. Please ensure you complete this including information for each member of your family attending. It is important that you complete this by Friday 9th September 2022.

Equipment: Attached is a suggested kit list. If you need any help or assistance with regard to equipment for the weekend, the Group has a small supply of camping items, as well as plenty of tents, so please ask. We are happy to offer help and advice wherever possible to help make your weekend an enjoyable one.

Programme: The details are still being worked on, but we will provide the opportunity to undertake a variety of activities ranging from water activities to traditional outdoor Scouting, and from crafts to games! An outline timetable is detailed below.

<u>Friday</u>		<u>Saturday</u>		<u>Sunday</u>	
		07.00	Breakfast Preparation	07.00	Breakfast Preparation
		08:00	Breakfast	08:30	Breakfast
		09:30	Activities	10:00	Break Camp
		11:30	Lunch Preparation		
		12:30	Lunch		
		13:30	Activities Re-start		
		17:00	Clear up & Free time		
		18:00	Group AGM		
17:00	Campers Arrive	18:45	BBQ		
20:00	Briefing & Social	20:30	Camp Fire		
21:30	Hot Chocolate	21:30	Hot Chocolate		

DBS Checks: A reminder that all adults staying overnight will need to have successfully submitted and received back a completed Scout Association Disclosure (DBS) check. This is the Scout Association's policy (and legal requirement) which we have to adhere to. Whilst every effort will have been made to get this done before the Camp, if circumstances beyond our control result in this not being processed in time, we regret that you will not be able to camp.

Photographs: Due to the nature of the event a lot of photographs are likely to be taken over the weekend. The Scout Group will use these after the event in publicity, on media including but not limited to Twitter, the Group's Facebook page and Scouting websites. If anyone in your party *must not* appear in photographs, please inform us in writing prior to the camp. Photographs may be shared on the 1st P&P Facebook page, but we do ask you to refrain from posting on personal pages unless you have consent from all recognisable individuals.

Contact Details: If a friend or relative needs to contact you urgently over the weekend and are unable to contact you, please ask them to call Richard Goodyear (07786 285045) or Chris Hughes (07917 352511).

Animals: Please note that no pets of any variety are allowed on the camp site.

Whilst we hope to offer as many activities as we can to all members of families taking part, it will ultimately be at the discretion of the instructors and will depend on weather and river conditions. Requirements and policy of The Scout Association regarding activities will need to be met (e.g. wearing of buoyancy aids etc) and it may be considered that some activities are not suitable for young children.

We hope this gives you enough information for you to plan for the weekend. We appreciate that there is a lot of paperwork and are grateful for your help with this. Now we just need to hope for good weather!

If you have any problems or questions, please don't hesitate to contact us, either by e-mail to familycamp@1stpandp.org.uk, or by using one of the phone numbers above.

We look forward to seeing everyone for a great weekend on 16th September!

Best regards

Richard Goodyear

On behalf of 1st Purley and Pangbourne Scout Group Executive.