

Update 4 – Sent 30th August 2025

Dear Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Siblings, Parents and Grand Parents,

Two weeks today we will be enjoying the many activities we have arranged for you for Family Camp! With this in mind, we wanted to share with you some more information to help you with your final preparation.

Arrival: You will be able to arrive at the site from 17:00 on Friday evening. If you can't get there that early, don't worry, it should still be light enough to put up tents until around 19:30. Please come and check in at the welcome desk when you arrive. Please remember that we will only be providing hot chocolate on Friday evening, but we will have two catering vans available on site for you to purchase food from should you wish; see further down for more information on this.

If you are joining us for the day on Saturday, you are welcome any time from 07:00 for breakfast onwards. Breakfast will start at 08:00 and will be finished by 09:00. 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 starting at 20:00.

Welcome Briefings: We will run a welcome briefing on Friday night at 20:00, and we would ask everyone who is onsite at that time to please join us. We will run a further briefing at 09:15 on Saturday on all the activities. Both of these will be held in the main marquee, so please come and find out how to get the most out of the weekend.

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 10mph 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.

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

Kit List: We shared in our last update a kit list:

<https://1stpandp.org.uk/family-camp-2025/#KitList>. Our biggest suggestion for both night and day is to bring layers, and consider it could get cooler overnight, so think about blankets / extra sleeping bags or even duvets overnight, and t-shirt, jumpers and coats for the day.

Tent pegs: we've once again had a warm summer and therefore the ground is likely to be hard. You may wish to consider bringing different tent pegs to those which were supplied with your tent depending on the size and strength of the pegs. Some of the more light-weight pegs are likely to bend when you try to put them into hard ground. A couple of suggestions of more suitable pegs are: <https://www.halfords.com/camping/camping-accessories/halfords-groundhog-tent-pegs-8-pack-290103.html> or <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Blue-Diamond-Hard-Ground-Orange/dp/B00BQZDL0Y>

Friday night catering: with all the work to set up camp and run activities for the weekend, we just don't have time to get set up and then feed everyone an evening meal on Friday as well, especially with the staggered times you will arrive. Repeating something we did in 2019 and 2022, we have arranged two catering vans to come to site. They are giving a donation to the Group based on their sales, so by getting fed you are also supporting the Group!

- **Pizza Tomodoro:** serving freshly cooked pizzas, their menu and prices can be seen at - <http://1stpandp.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2025/08/PizzaTomodoro-scaled.jpg> - they will also be selling peperoni pizzas.

- **Fink Street Food:** serving wraps, mezze bowls and loaded fries with your choice of topping, their menu and prices can be seen at - <http://1stpandp.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2025/08/FinkStreetFood-3.jpg> - they are also looking at doing a kids chicken and chips meal.

You are, of course, welcome to bring your own food, and / or eat before coming to site should you wish.

Programme: you can find out the rough plan of the programme for the weekend online at <https://1stpandp.org.uk/family-camp-2025/#Programme>. We will share much more on all the activities in our welcome booklet.

Permission forms: there are a few outstanding forms and reminders were sent this morning. Please complete these as soon as possible.

Payments: we are still awaiting payment from a small number of families. Please check OSM by visiting [PAYMENTS] and ensure you have made your payments.

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, and will need to leave site by 22:00 each night, and not return until 07:00 the following day, but we would encourage you to join us for all the rest of camp. Anyone this may impact was emailed on Friday 29th August as a warning.

Activities: 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 will do all we can to offer as many activities as possible to everyone. Parents - we actively encourage you to have a go at everything yourselves.

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/X, Instagram, 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.

Emergency Contact Details: if a friend or relative needs to contact you urgently over the weekend and are unable to contact you, you can ask them to call Richard Goodyear (07786 285045) / Katharine Handley-Archer (07796 545466) / Graham Green (07305 320963)

Questions: If you have any questions / concerns about camp, please get in touch with us via familycamp@1stpandp.org.uk and we will be happy to answer any questions to help you get the most out of the weekend. Don't forget our frequently asked questions at <https://1stpandp.org.uk/family-camp-2025/>

We are looking forward to a great weekend of fun and activities with you. We hope you are also, and we look forward to seeing you on the 12th September! (And sorry this email is a bit long!)

Thanks,

The 1st P&P Family Camp Team