

Family Camp 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This year we will again be holding a Family Camp where the whole of the Pinkneys Green scouting family can join together for a fun-filled weekend of camping and activities!

Last held in 2016, these camps are always a huge success, and we hope that as many Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Young Leaders will join us with their parents/guardians, brothers, sisters and wider family for a weekend that really shows the strength of our Scout Group.

Key Details

- Where:** Stubbings Nursery (field opposite Nursery car park)
- Dates:** Friday 6th September - Sunday 8th September 2019
- Start Time:** Family Groups - may start to arrive from 2.00pm (activities start after 6.30pm)
Beavers - arrive with their Family Group
Cubs - from **6.30pm** (or from 5.00pm with older Scout siblings)
Scouts - from **5.00pm**
- Finish Time:** Closing ceremony will be at **3pm** on Sunday 8th September
- Cost:** £30 per Family Group (incl. Beavers) if paid by 23rd June (£35 thereafter)
£30 per Cub if paid by 23rd June (£35 thereafter)
£30 per Scout/YL if paid by 23rd June (£35 thereafter)
- Reply by:** Friday 19th July (or Sunday 23rd June to qualify for the reduced camp fee)

What will we be doing?

The weekend programme will include:

- setting up camp on Friday evening;
- family-friendly activity bases on Saturday morning;
- camp games for all on Saturday afternoon;
- a **Hog Roast**, Group AGM and campfire on Saturday evening;
- more activities on Sunday morning;
- striking of camp on Sunday afternoon; and
- having lots of fun! For Beavers, Cubs and Scouts attendance will also count towards their Campers badge and their next Nights Away stage badge.

What are the camping arrangements?

- **Beavers** may only camp with a family group i.e. sleep in the family tent/caravan/camper.
- **Cubs** will camp with their Pack in single-sex patrol tents and will be catered for by Leaders.
- **Scouts and Young Leaders** will camp with their Troop in single-sex 2/3 person hike tents (max. 2 Scouts/YLs per tent) and will be catered for by the Leaders.
- **Family Groups** need to provide their own tent/caravan/camper, catering equipment and food for them and their Beavers. We will try to assist if you need any camping equipment.
- Drinking water and portaloos toilet facilities will be provided for all.

Camping's not my thing... do I have to camp if my Beaver/Cub/Scout wants to camp?

- If **Beavers'** parent(s)/guardian(s) do not want to camp then Beavers and their parents(s)/guardian(s) are welcome to join Family Camp at any point during the weekend as 'day visitors'.
- **Cubs, Scouts and Young Leaders** may camp with their Pack/Troop even if their families do not wish to attend or camp.

We want to attend! What do we do next?

This information pack contains the following forms which should be **returned to your child's Section Leader** (along with payment) if your family and/or your Cub/Scout/YL would like to join us:

1. **Family Group Reply Slip** (white sheet)
2. Cub/Scout/YL **Permission to Camp, Medical & Shooting Permission Form** (yellow sheet)
3. **Hog Roast Ticket Form** (pink sheet)
(**Note:** Hog Roast tickets are included in the camp fee for Cubs, Scouts and YLs – a separate ticket is not required)

Please make cheques payable to 'Pinkneys Green Scout Group'.

IMPORTANT: DISCLOSURE & BARRING SERVICE CHECKS

Scout Association rules state that all adult campers (18+) must have completed a Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) criminal record check through Pinkneys Green Scout Group. Unfortunately, we are not allowed to use checks undertaken via other organisations (e.g. schools). Checks are valid for 5 years, so some camp attendees will already have a valid DBS from previous PG activities.

The process to complete these checks will be as follows:

- When you return the Family Group Reply Slip, your Section Leader will confirm whether any adult attendees require a DBS check and, if so, will provide a "Identify Checking Form" for each adult to complete.
- Please complete this form with the relevant information for **three** forms of ID/address validation and return it **with the three original documents** to the Section Leader to validate. Passports, driving licences, birth/marriage certificates, council tax bills and utility bills are the most common ID used, but other ID/address validation is acceptable - full details are on the form.
- The data will be keyed into the DBS system by a Leader and you will receive an email to log in and consent to the check being undertaken. Please also keep an eye on your junk email.
- Once consent is granted and the check is complete, you will receive a copy of the DBS certificate in the post and Pinkneys Green Scout Group will be formally notified of the outcome.
- If you anticipate there being any issue with the check result, please speak to Erica Hunter in confidence in advance.

Final Information

Final information about the camp arrangements will be circulated during August. In the meantime, please raise any questions with your child's Section Leader.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Erica Hunter
Group Scout Leader
Pinkneys Green Scout Group