

26-28th June 09

COUNTY CAMP...



County Explorer Scout Camp 2009 Saturday Activities

A range of activities are available for the Saturday of the camp, so please read the attached descriptions of each activity and then on your unit form indicate your five most favoured activities (1 being the most preferred, 5 being the 5th least preferred) with some indication of your level of experience. We will use your preferences to try and select a full day or two half day activities for you; although we can't promise you will end up doing your preferred activities (but we try our best!). If you would like to take part in any water sports (including ghyll scrambling!), you must be able to swim at least 50m. If you want to do Laser tag then parental approval is required (see form). The cost of all activities is included in your camp fees.

Closer to the camp we will send information out to each unit giving details of who is doing which activity and what you will need to bring for each activity. All specialist equipment will be provided.

Leaders, It is expected that Leaders attending camp will help run one of the activities listed below, whether you have specialist skills or not, Please indicate what you will help with on the booking form. Or contact the organising team, andy.acklam@scoutmail.org.uk.

In addition if you have skills for an activity not listed, let us know, and maybe we can put it on next year.

4x4

This is a half day activity. Take a trip in a Land Rover over terrain you would not want to take your parents car! And perhaps have a tinker under the bonnet! Hopefully there'll be plenty of mud to get stuck in...

BEAUTY THERAPY

Want to learn how to do a pedicure, learn Indian head massage or how to wax your legs. Give this one a try and maybe you'll turn a few heads in the evening. This is a half day activity.

DRY STONE WALLING

Learn a skill for life and build something useful on the GT site. If you choose this and diggers you'll soon be 'Bob the Builder'. This is a half day activity.

CANOEING

This is a half day activity. Again based at the Boat House, you can utilise the Canadian Canoes and set off Hawaii-Five-O style down the Lake with your chosen crew. Plenty of opportunity for fun and games, without the likelihood of capsizing! All equipment will be provided.

CAVING

This is a full day activity exploring the caves of Yorkshire. No experience necessary.

CHOCOLATE MAKING

For all you chocoholics! Learn the art of making good chocolate and a variety of delicious chocolate treats. Watch out Cadbury's! This is a half day activity.

CONSERVATION PROJECT

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A full day activity. An offsite activity working with a national conservation body doing something worthwhile to improve our environment. It might be rhododendron bashing, it might putting up bird boxes but whatever it is you come back feeling very worthy.

CIRCUS SKILLS

This is a half day activity. Learn to juggle and use a Diablo. However if you want the trapeze, you better choose high ropes!

CLIMBING 1/2 DAY

This is a half day activity. This is intended as a session for people who want to try climbing for the first time or have only been a few times. This is not intended for experienced climbers.

CLIMBING FULL DAY SINGLE PITCH

This is a full day activity. This is intended as a session for people who have done a little climbing before, maybe at an indoor wall or on local quarry, enjoyed it and would like to try it some more. This is not intended for experienced climbers.

MOUNTAIN ADVENTURE

This is a full day activity. This is intended as a session for people who have done a bit of climbing before and enjoy walking. Who knows what you'll end up doing, a bit of climbing or a bit of scrambling but will certainly be an adventure!

CRAFTS

This is a half day activity. Not everyone fancies yomping up hills or canoeing down raging torrents so this is something a little different. Who knows what you will be doing this year? Every year it is different but every year this is always a very popular activity.

DIGGERS

Ever fancied a go on those cool little diggers that dig trenches and move stuff from here to there? Well choose this half day activity and you'll be moving stuff from here to there and back again without raising a sweat - if only we had them on environment weekend.

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

This is a full day activity. The idea of this activity is to spend half your time taking photos of all the other activities on the event and then spend the other half day putting together an amazing show of your photos to be shown to the whole camp in the evening

FENCING

No you won't be hammering fence posts into the ground, you will be learning moves like Zorro. This is a half day activity.

FIRE AND FOOD

You've seen Ray Mears on the telly cooking up feasts in the middle of nowhere over an open fire, now it is your turn to give it a go and eat your hard work. This is a half day activity.

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GEO-CACHING

This is a full day activity. Walking with a purpose. You will be using satellite navigation to help you find a network of locations obtained from the internet where there are certain items buried / hidden. We will plan a route suitable to the participants either up hill or down dale.

GOLF - PITCH AND PUTT

For those who want a more leisurely approach to their golf, try Pitch and Putt. This is a half day activity.

GUITAR

Have you ever fancied being on stage strumming your guitar in front of thousands of adoring fans? Well you have to start to learn sometime, and this is the perfect opportunity to learn to play the guitar. Whatever your level of experience, give it a go and you will learn something. This is a half day activity.

GYHLL SCRAMBLING

This is a half day activity. As wet as you can get but great fun scrambling along the bed of a stream and up some small waterfalls. This should not involve such a long walk but you will get seriously wet.

HIGH ROPES COURSE

An 'Aerial Assault Course' at GT with rope bridges, Tarzan swings and Zip slides up to 20 metres off the ground. Not for those who suffer vertigo. This is a half day activity.

HILL WALKING high level

What could be better than a day out in the hills of the Lake District. This is a full day activity.

HILL WALKING low level

Maybe you prefer a valley walk looking up at the mountains rather than walking up them, and there are tea shops in the valleys.... This is a full day activity.

KAYAKING

This is a half day activity. Based at the Scouts own Boat House facility on the edge of Windermere. You will be helped by qualified instructors who can cater for beginners through to advanced paddlers. So if you want to know how to Eskimo Roll, Scull, Ferry glide and all the rest, this is for you. All equipment will be provided.

LASER TAG

This is a half day activity. Let battle commence in the woods of GT, in a friendly non-confrontation way of course...

Parents / guardians must be informed and agree to the Explorer Scouts participation in this event. Selecting this activity as a preference assumes that they have been informed and they agree.

MOUNTAIN BIKING Half day

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This is a half day activity. Based on low level tracks, you will be guided by experienced Mountain Bikers on a mixture of way-marked forest tracks and public bridleways. The activity is suitable for complete beginners or those with some experience, with a variety of trails to choose from. Bikes and Helmets will be provided.

MOUNTAIN BIKING Full day

This is a Full day activity. Based on more demanding trails, you will be guided by experienced Mountain Bikers on a mixture of terrain. The activity is suitable for those who have mountain biked before. Bikes and Helmets will be provided.

ORIENTEERING

Perfect your navigational skills whilst enjoying the sport of orienteering. This is a half-day activity.

SAILING

This is a half day activity. Launching from the Boat House as a novice or with as much experience as Popeye you will be looked after by qualified instructors who will make sure you have a good time. With a range of boats from single seat to four-man available, there is something for everyone as long as the wind blows. All equipment will be provided.

SEA KAYAKING

This is a half day activity. Based on a lake rather than the open sea, this could be your first chance of trying out one of these specialised boats, you may get the bug and be off on exciting trips around the wild Lochs of Scotland. This is aimed at those that can already paddle a kayak in a straight line on flat water.

STRICTLY COME DANCING

After seeing the celebs on Strictly Come Dancing the time has come for you to turn heads on the dance floor and learn how to do it for real. This is a half day activity.

WOOD CARVING

Ever wanted to learn how to make art from wood? Pick this session and let your creativity shine through. Something different for those who enjoy arts and craft. This is a half-day activity.