

ITS YET ANOTHER BEN RHYDDING ADVENTURE

**2011 Scout Summer Camp
Ratlingate Camping Centre, Carlisle**

23rd to 30th July 2011

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

SUMMER CAMP 2011, 23RD TO 30TH JULY 2011 RATLINGATE, CARLISLE

INTRODUCTION

As our time to depart on our annual summer camp approaches, we hope that all the Scouts are eagerly looking forward to the week in Cumbria with a sense of anticipation and excitement.

Whilst we wouldn't want to spoil the element of surprise, we have been working hard behind the scenes to create an exciting and adventurous programme. Some highlights of the week will include:

- An expedition along Hadrian's Wall
- Exploring Carlisle
- Backwoods activities
- Climbing
- And quite a few surprises

And of course, we will be joined by our Dutch friends from the De Mohicanen Group in The Hague, and indeed some of you will be playing host to them during the second week in Ilkley.

So, as we conclude the final preparations, the purpose of this document is to give you all the details you need to know about the camp, make you aware of some important dates and times and clarify some points about personal equipment.

Included in here are:

1. Campsite and emergency contact details
2. Personal equipment
3. Pocket money
4. Health information and medications
5. Timetable of events

1. CAMPSITE AND EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS

We are camping at the Ratlingate Camping Centre near Carlisle. This one of the main camp sites for the Cumbria County Scouts and provides us with a mix of field and forest – excellent Scouting terrain.

The address of the camp site is:

1st Ben Rhydding Scouts
c/o Ratlingate Camping Centre
Ratlingate Lane
Mr Kirkandrews-on-Eden
Carlisle
CA5 6DW

In the event of emergency only, you may contact the camp on 07504 268018. If you are unable to contact us at camp, an alternative is to contact Robin Beaumont on 01943 603279.

2. PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

A suggested kit list has been provided previously, and is available to download from the Summer Camp 2011 page of our web site at www.1stbenrhyddingscouts.org.uk. Please ensure all kit is packed in a rucksack and that the rucksack is clearly marked with your child's name, and the name of their section.

Please note the restricted items that are not allowed on camp, namely electrical items such as mobile phone, iPod, MP3 player, digital camera. Camp is an active place, and we will be off site on a number of occasions therefore it cannot be guaranteed that items will remain safe. If any of these items are taken to camp the leaders will not be responsible for them. It is great if your child wants to take photographs, but we recommend a disposable camera or an old digital camera which doesn't matter if it gets lost or broken.

Please resist the temptation to let your child take their mobile phone. Mobile phones can be counterproductive if your child occasionally feels homesick. It is far better that you encourage your child to speak with one of the leaders if they are concerned. That way we are aware and can help your child.

3. POCKET MONEY

There will be an opportunities during the week for the children to spend some pocket money. It is up to you how much you send your child with, but we do not recommend they have more than £10.

Any money in their possession is their responsibility.

When you drop off the personal equipment on Thursday 21st July, there will be the opportunity to deposit into the Camp Bank where the leaders will look after it. There will be opportunities to draw money out, in line with the programme, so please provide the money in two £5 notes.

To deposit money into the Camp Bank, please see Pudsey on 21st July.

4. HEALTH INFORMATION AND MEDICATIONS

As we are taking your child away for a full week, it is important that we have up to date health information. For this reason, we require you to complete a Nights Away Permission form.

Please complete this form, which can be downloaded from the Summer Camp 2011 page of the web site, and bring along with your personal equipment to the Scout Hut on 21st July. It is important that all current medical conditions, medications and allergies are documented on this form.

If your child needs to take medication then this should be provided to them and be noted on the Nights Away Permission Form.

If you wish, the leaders can look after your child's medication during camp, but please provide full instructions for it's use, including dosage and frequency. These instructions should be noted on the Nights Away Permission Form. If medication remains with your child, then it is their responsibility during camp.

If there is anything that you want to talk to us about concerning your child's medical needs, then please speak to a leader.

5. TIMETABLE OF EVENTS

Thursday 21st July – Personal equipment

All personal equipment will be travelling on the coaches from Ilkley to Ratlingate, however, to ensure a smooth loading and quick departure from Ilkley, it must be dropped off at the Scout Hut on Thursday 21st July between the following times:

18:30 to 20:00

A suggested kit list for personal equipment can be found on the Scout Troop web site at www.1stbenrhyddingscouts.org.uk. The kit list also makes suggestions for how it should be packed, and please make sure that your bag is clearly labelled with your name and Section.

When you bring your personal equipment, please report to Graham Ramsden so that you can be marked off on the list. Please also bring your completed Nights Away Permission Form and give it to Graham Ramsden. If you wish to deposit into the Camp Bank, please see Pudsey.

As you can imagine, with everyone bringing their personal equipment down on that evening it is going to be very busy. Therefore, for safety reasons there will be no cars allowed into the Scout Hut car park, and can you please not park at the bottom of the drive as it causes a bottle neck close to the one-way section under the railway bridge.

Saturday 23rd July – Outward journey

We will be departing from Ben Rhydding at 08:30 on Saturday 23rd July.

Please arrange to arrive at the **Scout Hut at 08:00 on Saturday 23rd July** at the latest.

Full uniform must be worn, and wear your walking boots. Please also bring a packed lunch and a drinks bottle in a daysack. You should also have your waterproofs in your daysack.

Upon arrival at the Scout Hut, please report to Spider (Michael Ackroyd) so that you can be ticked off as 'present'.

Saturday 30th July – Return journey

We will be arriving back in Ben Rhydding at **16:00 on Saturday 30th July**. Please collect from the Scout Hut at that time. If you have offered hospitality to some Dutch Scouts, please collect them at this time also.

If for any reason the return journey is delayed, a message will be posted at the Scout Hut with our expected time of arrival.

...AND FINALLY

All the leaders are really looking forward to a great camp and hope that all the Scouts are too. Scouting is all about Everyday Adventure, and how better to enjoy that than an action packed week under canvas.

We look forward to you hearing all about the fun and adventure your children have had, when they return from camp.