



BIG CAMP

CAMP INFORMATION

Please read this information sheet as it contains important information about **THE BIG CAMP** which you need to be aware of before your son or daughter attends the camp.

You should read this sheet in conjunction with the web site of **THE BIG CAMP**, which can be found at www.thebigcamp.net. On there, under the 'Campers Info' section you will find out about the programme and how the weekend will work.

Location

THE BIG CAMP is being held at the Yorkshire Events Centre (Great Yorkshire Showground), which is approximately 2 miles from Harrogate Town Centre.

If you need directions, please visit the 'about' page of **THE BIG CAMP** web site at www.thebigcamp.net/aboutwhere.php.

Equipment

Please refer to the kit list on **THE BIG CAMP** page of the 1st Ben Rhydding web site which suggests items of equipment you should take to camp.

This is a suggested list so you may want to consider other items. However you should note that it is not a mistake that plates, bowls, mugs and cutlery are not shown on the list. These are not needed for this camp and will be provided by the leaders.

Also, please note that if any electronic equipment is taken to camp then it is solely the responsibility of the Scout, and not the leaders.

We don't want to stop people taking a camera, and indeed would love to see pictures of the weekend, but please only take one if it doesn't matter if it gets lost or damaged.

We would discourage taking a mobile phone or children making contact with home during the camp. Although it is only a weekend, some children can get homesick and sometimes 'checking in' at home only makes the problem worse. If you think your son or daughter may experience some homesickness please speak with a leader before the camp.

Arrival instructions

There are over 4,000 scouts attending this event, so please follow these instructions carefully and prepare your self to be patient on arrival. Consider providing plenty of time for your journey as the traffic may be congested in the area around the camp.

You must arrive on site at 19:00 on Friday 4th May.

You can only access the site by the entrance to the Yorkshire Events Centre (YEC) by the entrance near Sainsbury's on the A661 Harrogate Road.

When you enter the site, please tell the marshal that you are a parent dropping off a young person, and you will be directed to the 'drop off car park'.



When you have parked your car, please follow the directions to the 'arrivals' area. When you are in the 'arrivals area' locate the area set aside for our District. There will be signs suspended from the ceiling so look for the one that says 'Wharfedale'. There will be a leader from 1st Ben Rhydding there to meet you.

All Scouts must arrive on site in their uniform shirt and necker. Uniform trousers are not required.

Because of the number of people arriving, we suggest that you consider car sharing, but will leave this up to you to organise.

Departure instructions

The camp finishes with a closing ceremony on Monday afternoon, after which you can collect your son or daughter.

You must collect your son or daughter at 14:00 on Monday 7th May.

As with the arrival to site, you can only enter by the entrance near Sainsbury's on the A661 Harrogate Road.

When you enter the site, make your way to the short stay parking area and park up. Follow the signs to the 'Departure' area and again look for the sign for Wharfedale District. You will be able to meet your son or daughter there. Please do not take any children away from the site without informing one of the 1st Ben Rhydding leaders.

When you return to your car, you will be directed to the most appropriate exit so please follow instructions.

As with arrivals, this will be a busy time so please consider car sharing and also be patient.

Pocket Money

There will be an opportunity to spend money at the camp on stalls or snacks, so you may want to send your son or daughter with some pocket money. The amount you send them with is entirely up to you, however, please note that the children will be responsible for their own money and we will not be running a camp bank.

Emergency contact

You will have provided us with emergency contact details so that we can contact you in the event of a problem.

We have put in place an emergency home contact for the duration of the camp, who you can contact in the event of an emergency at home.

Heidi Beardsmore, the Guide Leader, has kindly offered to be our home emergency contact, and you can contact her on 07944 720407. This number is not a general means of contacting the Group whilst we are on camp and must be used for **genuine emergencies only**.

Finally

We all look forward to a fantastic weekend.