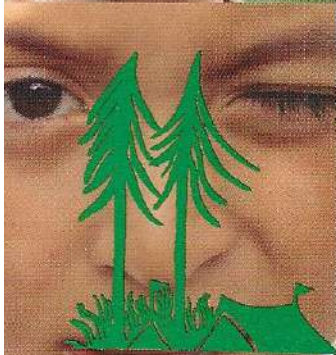
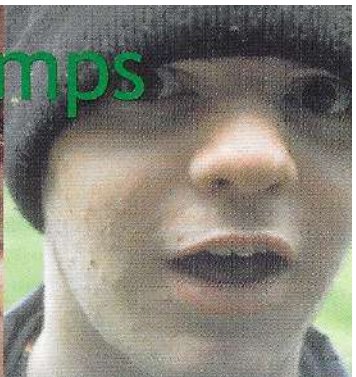
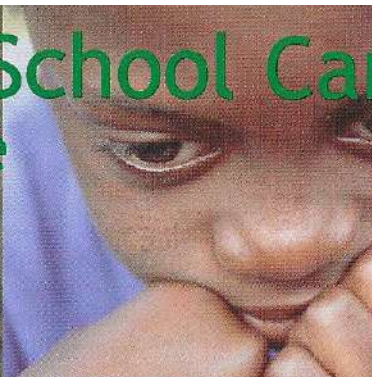


Forest School Camps Programme 2001



An Adventure In Education

FOREST SCHOOL CAMPS

FSC is not a commercial holiday company, it is an educational charity, and a voluntary organisation. All our officers and staff are unpaid volunteers.



Forest School, which ran in the 1930s, drew its philosophy from progressive educators, from the Woodcraft movements and the Native Americans, from Quakers and others. Special importance was attached to the experience of boys and girls, children and adults, learning to work and play together close to nature.



FSC began in 1947 when former pupils and staff came together, anxious to develop and pass on the ways and values of Forest School which by then had closed.



Our education is about discovering for oneself how to do something, rather than being told in the abstract. Children and staff find themselves in situations that encourage this, the outdoors demands and encourages learning.



We remove unnecessary authority and, with due regard for safety and legality, encourage children to take responsibility and to reach their own decisions on small and not-so-small issues, individually or as a group.



At camp we aim to teach ourselves how to live with independence and responsibility; concern and care for ourselves, other people and the environment; resourcefulness and self-confidence; tolerance and respect. FSC is determined that all people be treated equally regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, ethnic origin, religion and disability. These are high ideals - we don't always succeed.



A Native American belief is that you will only be in touch with nature if you 'sit and sleep on the earth'. Their feeling for the wholeness of life on our planet is expressed in some of our rituals and the names we give things at camp.



The philosophy developed at camp is practised throughout the administrative organisation of FSC. When you enrol your children you become a part of FSC and this approach. Many staff members begin their association with FSC as parents or campers.



Camp is great fun, though at a practical level it can also be cold and wet, and is often dirty. Despite this, many people camp again and again and again. Join us to find out why!

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AID FUND

Every year FSC subsidises places on camp for children of parents who cannot afford the full fees (students, parents on income support, or those with a low income or whose circumstances change). We do sometimes have to turn down children but this is due to a lack of places, not the financial circumstances of parents. We can also lend equipment where necessary (e.g. sleeping bags, waterproofs, boots, etc).

If you would like to discuss this further please write to:


• **Aid Fund Secretary**
Ruth Illingworth
39 Slad Road
Stroud
Gloucestershire GL5 1QR


Alternatively, if you would like to help other children enjoy the experience of FSC, please send donations - cheques payable to 'FSC (Aid Fund)' to the treasurer (address on page 33).


If you would like to make your donation more tax efficient through use of the Gift Aid scheme, or would like to make a regular donation by standing order, please let the treasurer know and he will send you the appropriate form.

HOW TO ENROL



 Early application is strongly recommended. While we do deal with applications as they arrive, we also place children to ensure that camps are balanced by age, sex, and experience. Therefore, children are not allocated places in strict order of receipt of applications, and some early applicants may be disappointed. We will not normally accept applications for summer camps after May 31st.

 All children who camp with us are youth members of FSC until they reach the age of 18, when we hope to welcome them as staff.

 Members are placed first. New applicants may be placed on a waiting list for one or more years.

•Please apply for summer camps on yellow enrolment forms and for all other camps on blue enrolment forms.

•Please send a separate form for each child and camp; if necessary photocopy extra forms.

•Please send completed forms to the appropriate enrolment secretary. A full list of addresses appears on page 33.

•Please send a separate deposit for each child and camp:

•For camps of 7 nights and longer, send £30. This is not returnable once you are offered a place on a camp of your choice.

•For camps of 6 nights and shorter, send the full fee. Of this, £10 is treated as a non-returnable deposit, once you are offered a place on a camp of your choice.

•Please write the camper's name on the back of your cheque/P.O./money order and make it payable to 'Forest School Camps'.

•We require two stamped addressed envelopes (DL size (21x11 cm) or larger) per application form. One is used to give confirmation of our receipt of your enrolment fee and the second to offer a place at camp.

•For the main summer camps only, the remainder of the fee may be paid in three installments; please indicate on your enrolment form if you wish to use this method of payment.

•Family discount - for families where three or more children attend summer camps there is a reduction in fees of £15 per child.

•All fees for summer camps must be paid in full by May 31st. Fees for Whitsun camps must be paid in full six weeks before the camp.

• Fees printed in the programme include return fares from London. For camps of 6 nights and shorter, a deduction of £5 may be made by those travelling separately where this is indicated in the programme. For camps of 7 nights and longer, those travelling separately usually receive a rebate.



If a child misses the escorted party it is the parent or guardian's responsibility to arrange his or her transport to the site at their own cost.



Because we try to provide a continuous experience for children, priority for membership is given to siblings of existing members.



New campers are not normally accepted after their fifteenth birthday. There is great demand for older child places, and these are given in preference to existing members. We also may not be able to place all new thirteen and fourteen year-olds due to demand for places.



Children are not normally enrolled on activity camps until they have attended two standing camps, i.e. when they are experienced FSC campers. This applies even if your child has camped with other organisations. The standing camps impart the basic FSC philosophy essential for activity camps.



Please do not ask for more than two children (other than siblings) to camp together as this restricts our ability to offer them a place on their choice of camp. This may reduce the chance of children being placed at all.



At camp, children join their own age group: Elves 6.6 to 7.11, Woodlings 8.0 to 10.11, Trailseekers 11.0 to 12.11, Trackers 13.0 to 14.11, and Pathfinders, 15.0 to 17.11 (ages on 1st September). Each group camps separately from the others. Therefore unless siblings or friends happen to be in the same group, it will not be possible for them to share a tent.

PARENTS' MEETINGS

There will be two Saturday meetings in central London for parents, guardians and sponsors whose children are enrolled on this year's camps: Saturday 28th April, for those attending spring, Whitsun or the early summer camp, Saturday 30th June for those going to summer camps. These are opportunities for you to meet some of the staff of the camps and to find out more about FSC. Full details of the meeting will be sent to you by your camp organiser. If you do not have a child enrolled, but would like to attend the June meeting, details may be obtained from the General Secretary after 1st June.



CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

FSC runs some camps suitable for active children with special needs due to learning difficulties or physical disabilities (Camps 5, 11, 13 and 20). We also integrate these children into other camps wherever possible. We can advise parents, guardians or sponsors which camp would be the most suitable for a particular child. We realise that children with disabilities may need a dedicated staff member at camp. If parents or sponsors feel that their child with disabilities would enjoy camping, we ask them not to let the cost deter them from applying, as FSC may be able to arrange financial assistance. Camp 20 is substantially subsidised by FSC and run specifically for members with learning difficulties.



Parents or sponsors of children with learning difficulties should apply directly to:

• **Vic Daggart,**
69 Charles Rowan House,
Merlin Street,
London WC1X 0EJ

Parents or sponsors of children with physical disabilities should apply directly to:

• **Trevor Rawcliffe,**
17A Ariel Road
London NW6 2EA

SPECIAL ENROLMENTS

Social workers, teachers, care workers, foster parents, and others wishing to enrol children who would benefit from our camps, should contact:

• **Joan Wilmot,**
19B McGregor Road,
London W11 1DE

CANCELLATION

If you have to cancel a place at a camp, please write to the camp organiser, giving the reason, as soon as possible.

The enrolment fee is not returnable.

If a place is cancelled within eight weeks of the start of camp it will not be possible to enrol another child and. It is therefore unlikely that we will be able to make a refund. FSC does not insure you against cancellation. Holiday insurance (available from most travel agents and banks) would cover you against this risk. Such insurance could also cover loss or damage to a member's equipment, for which FSC cannot accept responsibility.

Please note that the final decision on refunds rests with the Children's Secretary.

CAMP LIFE

Most of our Summer, Whitsun and Easter camps are standing camps. This means that they are based at one site. Small camps may have between 25 and 35 children on them, and large camps between 60 and 70. At standing camps we impart the basic camping skills. The children learn to pitch a tent, to look after their possessions, and to keep them dry. They learn to gather and cut wood, to make fires, and to cook food. Groups of campers from across the age range form clans to take turns in the kitchen preparing the food for the camp.

All this knowledge is consolidated by the two to four-day hike which takes place during the camp. Each age group goes with its staff for a distance suitable for the age and strength of its members. During the hike the children usually plan, buy (with camp funds) and cook their own meals, with help when needed.

Other activities during the camp may include swimming, exploring, night walks, country dancing, campfires, and various FSC games. The end of camp is marked by two major events: Merrymoot and Lodge Common Council. At Merrymoot the whole camp gathers round a roaring fire to entertain each other with a mixture of songs, sketches and improvisations. At Lodge Common Council the campers gather around a more formal fire and review the camp, suggesting changes in activities or emphasis for the following year.

After a few standing camps, many children are ready to try an activity camp. Most of these camps are semi-

mobile or mobile, travelling on foot, by bicycle, or by canoe. The campers buy their food (with camp funds) every few days and cook in small groups.

Activity camps are generally smaller than standing camps, usually with 15 to 25 children. Some mobiles are strenuous, others are easier. The descriptions of the camps give more information. Most activity camps are for experienced FSC members only, i.e. those who have attended 2 standing camps, and are marked with an * on page 35.

NEW CAMPERS

Going to camp for the first time can seem scary. Camp life is very different from the lifestyle most of us are used to, but children fit in very quickly and enjoy the experience of living in an FSC community. Both staff and children are learning all the time. Every camp has its own good and bad times for everyone.

Each year there are some children who are camping for the first time. Staff make every effort to ensure that new children feel at home and secure. Camp is a caring community where everyone tries to be alert to each individual's hopes and fears.

The camp starts on the escort journey, and it is a good idea for children to travel with the escorted party if at all possible. This is where people first start to get to know each other.

- Further information and advice will come by post with the 'pre-camp circular' a couple weeks before camp starts.

EASTER AND EARLIER

There are often more places available on Easter camps than on Whitsun and Summer camps. The weather at Easter is sometimes challenging but the result is often a particularly close and enjoyable camp.

1 SPELEOLOGISTS STOMP

CAMP CHIEF: ALEX (FLO) STONE
ORGANISER: HELEN GROVE-WHITE
THIS IS A CAVING AND WALKING CAMP

Once again we shall stride out across Dartmoor into a winter night, with only the waning crescent moon to light our way. In the morning we may wake to sparkling frost, blazing sunshine, torrential rain, or a howling gale. Whatever the weather, we'll need warm friendly people to create a strong community that will keep our spirits high.

We'll leave our hut in Buckfastleigh to walk across Dartmoor for 2 days, sleeping in our tents, then return to spend the next 2 days exploring caves full of thick sculpted red Devon mud, big chambers, small holes, and an underground lake. See you there!

All potholing equipment will be provided by FSC. New cavers especially welcome. This camp is for experienced FSC campers only.

DATES: SATURDAY 17 FEBRUARY TO
THURSDAY 22 FEBRUARY
TRAVEL: TRAIN FROM LONDON TO TOTNES
AGES: 8.0 TO 17.11 FEES: £170.00



our story

50 years under canvas with Forest School Camps

Most of our stories of Forest School Camps are passed on by word of mouth.

This book is a collection of memories, anecdotes and photographs.

If you would like to order a copy of *Our Story* please send your name and address together with a cheque for £3.50 (made payable to Forest School Camps) to:

Our Story,
c/o 40 Miles Avenue,
Leighton Buzzard,
Bedfordshire, LU7 8LG

Please apply for the above camp on BLUE forms and send them to:
Juliette Flower, 168 Landells Road, London SE22 9PN

2 RIBBLESDALE UP AND OVER

CAMP CHIEF & ORGANISER:

MARCOS GUILLEN

THIS IS A CAVING AND WALKING CAMP

Is a glorious two day hike through the Yorkshire Dales, followed by two days walking on the limestone paving found to the west of Ribblesdale and exploring the caves beneath, your idea of paradise? If it is, then join us in Yorkshire the week before Easter. We hope to have two goats for company who may agree to help carry our food and equipment. We expect to spend two nights camping and three in a caving hut.

All potholing equipment will be supplied by FSC. You will need good boots, rucsac, waterproof waterproofs and lightweight equipment. The amount of caving may be affected by very wet weather. This camp is for experienced FSC campers only.

DATES: SATURDAY 7 APRIL TO THURSDAY 12 APRIL

TRAVEL: TRAIN FROM LONDON TO HORTON IN RIBBLESDALE

AGES: 8.0 TO 17.11 FEES: £170.00

3 EASTER IN CORNWALL

CAMP CHIEF: ROGER BRADSHAW

ORGANISER: BRON FELD

Come and join us on this stunning stage. Flanked by tributaries to the Hereford, the plentiful beech forests and tidal estuary will set a breathtaking scene where we can come together as strangers and build a thriving community of friends. Lighting will be courtesy of skies of stars and of sun, bright or brooding. The farm's cows are practising their cameos now - so help us make it the highlight of their year.

DATES: SATURDAY 14 APRIL TO SATURDAY 21 APRIL

TRAVEL: TRAIN FROM PADDINGTON TO TRURO

AGES: 8.0 TO 17.11 FEES: £160.00

4 FIVE GO SHAKIN'

CAMP CHIEFS:

FRANCES RAINFORD & DAVE MONK

ORGANISER: CAROLINE WHALLEY

168 hours of extremes in Danbury Woods. Can you spend your time hanging around in trees and surfing in the net? Will you shelter in a creation of string, wood, and plastic and then make breakfast on a fire of rock and steel? It will be T-shirt, shorts or four jumpers, and woolly socks. Magic, mayhem and more, through exhausting days and starry nights. Bring energy, laughter, two sleeping bags and an exploring mind.

DATES: SATURDAY 14 APRIL TO SATURDAY 21 APRIL

TRAVEL: COACH FROM LONDON

AGES: 8.0 TO 17.11 FEES: £160.00

Please apply for the above camps on BLUE forms and send them to:
Rod & Julie Gritten, Traian Llanfrothen, Penrhyndeudraeth, Gwynedd LL48 6SW

SPRING CAMPS



5 THE GROUNDHOG GURN

CAMP CHIEFS:
VIC DOGGART & LUCY JAFFÉ
ORGANISER: MARILYN HULL

Once again, sisters and brothers, we will be gathering together to make o' so very merry in the marvellous, mystical magical woods of enchanted Essex. Let us make some noise with our voices, some fire with hands, and some friends from our hearts. Join us to create a colourful community in the secret blue-belled enclave amongst wise trees and fabulous folk where we will celebrate magnificent Mayday. So kick off your winter shoes, don a wicked outfit, and buss some crazy moves bounding tigger-like in the spring. Shall we have some fun? Yes let's!

Pathfinder helpers are welcome to join the staff group at a reduced fee of £25.

DATES: FRIDAY 4 MAY TO MONDAY 7 MAY
TRAVEL: COACH FROM LONDON
AGES: 6.6 TO 17.11 FEES: £80.00

6 VENICE

CAMP CHIEF & ORGANISER: RODDY BROOKS

A long weekend walking and cruising with the narrowboat Grindelia through the Smestow valley from Stourbridge to Wolverhampton. We will camp traditional-style near Swindon (Staffs) and spend Monday at the 'living' Black Country Museum before returning home. Please come with effective waterproofs and footwear.

Deduct £5 if travelling independently to Stourbridge Town and from Tipton.

DATES: SATURDAY 5 MAY TO MONDAY 7 MAY

TRAVEL: TRAIN FROM EUSTON TO STOURBRIDGE TOWN, RETURN FROM TIPTON TO EUSTON

AGES: 8.0 TO 17.11 FEES: £70.00

7 GREAT OUSE CANOE WEEKEND

CAMP CHIEFS:
HAZEL POWELL & JULIAN BROWN
ORGANISER: JENNY WIGSTON

Come canoeing with us and learn how to control twin 'engined' canoes in fast moving water. We will paddle to Newport Pagnell, shop in small groups (using camp funds), work out how to keep our food dry on the return journey, and later cook it (wet or dry!) on Primus or Trangia stoves. This will be just as on a mobile camp, though we will not move our tents from our site beside the Great Ouse, some miles north of Milton Keynes. Expect to get wet, but perhaps not as

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often as the staff training group which will be camping alongside us, and joining us for campfires and tall stories in the evenings.

Beginners to canoeing are welcome, but everyone must be able to swim 50 metres. This camp is for experienced FSC campers only.

DATES: FRIDAY 18 MAY TO SUNDAY 20 MAY

TRAVEL: TRAIN FROM EUSTON TO WOLVERTON

AGES: 8.0 TO 17.11 FEES: £50.00

8 LAZY CYCLING WEEKEND

CAMP CHIEF & ORGANISER: ANNA MALOS

A gentle introduction to having fun on bikes in the Essex and Suffolk countryside. There will be rolling

roads, leisurely stops and great company! No cycle experience necessary. All you need is a touring or mountain bike, rack, panniers and a love of the open road with the wind (and occasionally rain) in your hair.

For information about borrowing or buying bicycles and equipment call Anna on 020 8985 8940. Deduct £5 if travelling independently to and from Colchester.

If you want to attend cycle camp 28 in the summer it is recommended that you come on this camp. This camp is for experienced FSC campers only.

DATES: FRIDAY 18 MAY TO SUNDAY 20 MAY

TRAVEL: BY TRAIN FROM LIVERPOOL STREET TO COLCHESTER

AGES: 12.0 TO 17.11 FEES: £45.00



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WHITSUN CAMPS

9 WHITSUN AT HODORE

CAMP CHIEF: JULIAN WELSH
ORGANISER: JUDE CARROLL

You don't need to go far to find brilliant places: there will be a stream where we can splash, or watch the tiny, glistening fish; a bluebell wood carpeted with moss and shaded by wide hazel leaves; grand trees to lean against; wide fields to lay down in. We have the simple aim to feel happy for seven days in this brilliant place.

DATES: SATURDAY 26 MAY TO SATURDAY 2 JUNE

TRAVEL: COACH FROM LONDON

AGES: 6.6 TO 14.11 FEES: £190.00

10 SPRING THING

CAMP CHIEFS:
DANIEL JACKS & CORINNE HOWELLS
ORGANISER: JAYNE JENKINS

Spring thing is here again,
Lots of fun in sun and rain,
Camping in the open air,
Go on hike, have pea fair,
Lots of lovely food to eat,
Lots of gorgeous friends to meet,
Playing night game, get a scare,
It might be wet but we don't care,
Tie some knots and play with clay,
Carve a stick to give away,
So light the camp-fire, sing a song,
Everybody come along,
Sign up when you get the chance,
And join us in our merry dance.

DATES: SATURDAY 26 MAY TO SATURDAY 2 JUNE

TRAVEL: COACH FROM LONDON

AGES: 6.6 TO 14.11 FEES: £190.00



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Mary Brown, 32 Castellain Road, London W9 1EZ



11 WHITSUN AT STOCKTON

CAMP CHIEF: DAN BRANDENBURGER
ORGANISER: MARIAN ARMITAGE

Come to this wonderful site, with views over Salisbury Plain, on the site of a Roman-British settlement. This will be a traditional FSC standing camp but will also be brimming with the new ideas and activities brought by all members of the camp. We shall have roaring campfires, rousing singing, intriguing games, stomping walks, gastronomic cooking, frantic dancing, but above all we will go home with magical memories.

DATES: SATURDAY 26 MAY TO SATURDAY 2 JUNE

TRAVEL: COACH FROM LONDON
AGES: 6.6 TO 17.11 FEES: £190.00

12 RIBBLESDALE ADVENTURE

CAMP CHIEF: STEVE FLETCHER
ORGANISER: LORNA KENNEDY

From a base camp near Horton in Ribblesdale, we will set out for a five day hike exploring the surrounding area. We will carry our equipment with us, buy and cook food in small groups, and stop overnight at different sites. We will then return to base camp for a relaxing couple of days with Merrymoot and Lodge Common Council.

This will be a small camp, particularly suitable for children new to mobiles, but who are experienced campers.

DATES: SATURDAY 26 MAY TO SATURDAY 2 JUNE

TRAVEL: TRAIN FROM LONDON TO HORTON VIA LEEDS
AGES: 10.0 TO 17.11 FEES: £185.00

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EARLY SUMMER CAMP

13 WEEKEND AT HODORE

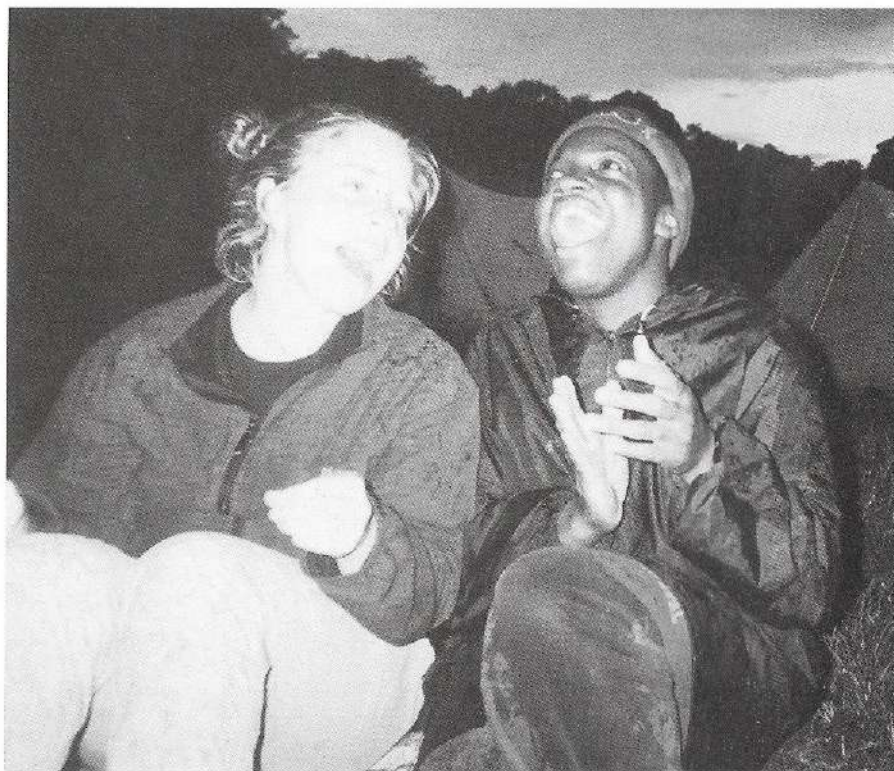
CAMP CHIEF: JESS MACE
ORGANISER: JO CASS

All are welcome for a weekend of sunshine and fun. This site is suitable for children with physical disabilities.

DATES: FRIDAY 6 JULY TO SUNDAY 8 JULY

TRAVEL: COACH FROM LONDON

AGES: 6.6 TO 17.11 FEES: £60.00



Please apply for the above camp on BLUE forms and send them to:
Juliet Flower, 168 Landells Road, London SE22 9PN

MAIN SUMMER CAMPS

Unfortunately, because of the large number of applications for children's places for these camps, and a shortage of staff to meet this demand, we regret that we cannot guarantee a place for all applicants wanting to go on main Summer camps.

20 HEYDOWN AT HODORE

CAMP LEADERS:
VIC DOGGART & SARAH DAVIES
ORGANISER: CHLOE OSTMO

Hodore 2001 will be 10 days in rural splendour, offering one to one care, fun, frivolity, and frolicking in the field. We aim to provide a learning and laughing experience full of activities, music and woodcraft, friendly fires, stupendous storytelling, dynamic discos, and riveting river play. Staff with little or no experience of children with special needs are very welcome to come, being assured of support from the hard core. Look forward to seeing you there for a fab and groovy time.

This camp is only for children with learning difficulties.

Pathfinder helpers are very welcome to join the staff group at a reduced fee of £60

DATES: WEDNESDAY 25 JULY TO FRIDAY 3 AUGUST

TRAVEL: COACH FROM LONDON
AGES: 6.6 TO 17.11 FEES: £205.00

**Please apply for camp 20 on YELLOW forms and send them to:
Vic Daggart, 69 Charles Rowan House, Merlin Street, London WC1X 0EJ**

21 BORROWBECK ONE

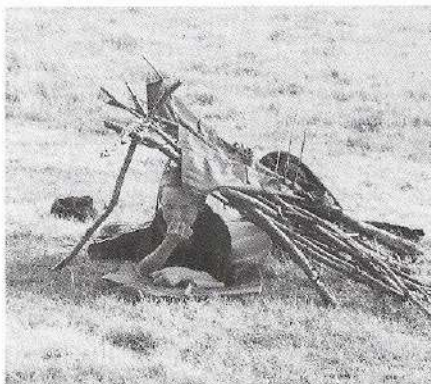
CAMP CHIEF: ANDY FREEDMAN
ORGANISER: JUDY STOKER

Living as a lodge, we'll be listening to the mountains, trees, streams and each other. Daisy Heath will share the running of the camp with Andy Freedman, while everyone will share making decisions and plans. We'll do the things that make camp special and learn lots about ourselves and living in fantastic surroundings. The rest will be up to us.

DATES: WEDNESDAY 25 JULY TO TUESDAY 7 AUGUST

TRAVEL: TRAIN FROM EUSTON TO OXENHOLME

AGES: 6.6 TO 17.11 FEES: £275.00



**Please apply for camp 21 on YELLOW forms and send them to:
Ruth Steed, 14 Highfields, Forest Row, East Sussex RH18 5AJ**



22 FARNDALE ONE

CAMP CHIEFS: DAVE MONK & JAN BINNIE
ORGANISER: THELMA JONES

At the edge of the beautiful North York Moors we shall have a full standing camp with days full of activity. There will be plenty of woodcraft, construction, swimming, singing and music making. Clear skies and star-lit nights round the campfire, following action-packed days, are guaranteed. If you want to get involved, Farndale's the place to be.

DATES: WEDNESDAY 25 JULY TO TUESDAY 7 AUGUST

TRAVEL: TRAIN FROM KING'S CROSS TO YORK

AGES: 8.0 TO 17.11 FEES: £275.00

23 HARLECH ONE

CAMP CHIEF: WILL COPPOLA
ORGANISER: KATH MCQUAIL

Join us for a delightful fortnight of fun, frolics, and flippancy. We will laugh, sing, talk, and learn from each other. Camp is special because of the enthusiasm and energy we bring with us. Bring yours!

DATES: WEDNESDAY 25 JULY TO TUESDAY 7 AUGUST

TRAVEL: TRAIN FROM EUSTON TO LLANDUDNO

AGES: 6.6 TO 17.11 FEES: £275.00

24 RADNOR ONE

CAMP CHIEFS:
ANDY DOYLE & LESLIE HOLDEN
ORGANISER: MIKE COASE

A full range standing camp set in the beautiful landscape by the river Ithon. We will aim to make an active, creative and caring community from the skills and spirit everyone can give. Come prepared to enjoy the summer, mud, flood or sunshine, and to live in harmony with ourselves and our neighbours.

DATES: WEDNESDAY 25 JULY TO TUESDAY 7 AUGUST

TRAVEL: TRAIN FROM PADDINGTON TO WORCESTER

AGES: 6.6 TO 17.11 FEES: £275.00

25 SOUTH CORNWALL ONE

CAMP CHIEFS:
GILES VELLACOTT & HELEN SPENCER
ORGANISER: JUDITH COOKE

Return to Forest School for your fortnight in the real world of sun and rain, fire and earth, song and dance. We will embrace tradition and innovation, looking for challenges in woodcraft and walking. We will work hard together, overcoming difficulties to create our caring community.

DATES: WEDNESDAY 25 JULY TO TUESDAY 7 AUGUST

TRAVEL: TRAIN FROM PADDINGTON TO TRURO

AGES: 6.6 TO 17.11 FEES: £275.00

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Ruth Steed, 14 Highfields, Forest Row, East Sussex RH18 5AJ**



26 TEIFISIDE ONE

CAMP CHIEF: ZIGGY MELAMED
ORGANISER: MARGARET FLETCHER

We will be helping each other learn and grow with each one of us having things to teach and things to learn. We will be using our heads, our hearts, and our hands to make our own community. We can experience nature in all its glory and make things out of wood, make music, make fire, make shelters, and make each other laugh. The challenge is to make this camp what we really want an FSC camp to be and to do it together.

DATES: WEDNESDAY 25 JULY TO TUESDAY 7 AUGUST

TRAVEL: TRAIN FROM PADDINGTON TO SWANSEA

AGES: 8.0 TO 17.11 FEES: £275.00

27 SEVERN RAFT

CAMP CHIEF: JOHN HARRISON
ORGANISER: JANE PINNER

We will build and prove six rafts beside and on the river Severn near Welshpool, during the first couple of days, then cruise this remote and unspoilt stretch of the flow downstream to Shrewsbury. There will be numerous standing camp style activities as we go. This rafting is a pretty relaxed way of life!

Participants must be able to swim 50m clothed. This camp is for experienced FSC campers only.

DATES: WEDNESDAY 25 JULY TO TUESDAY 7 AUGUST

TRAVEL: TRAIN FROM EUSTON TO WELSHPOOL, RETURN FROM SHREWBURY TO EUSTON

AGES: 13.0 TO 17.11 FEES: £320.00

**Please apply for the above camps on YELLOW forms and send them to:
Ruth Steed, 14 Highfields, Forest Row, East Sussex RH18 5AJ**

28 TO BANTRY BAY BY BIKE

CAMP CHIEF & ORGANISER: ANNA MALOS

Come sample the joys of the road and cycling in groups in delightful south-west Ireland. From beginners to the experienced we aim to please with quiet roads, breaks for gambolling or whatever comes our way.

We'll be cycling from Cork sampling all those places in the songs we are bound to sing, come rain or shine. Whilst moving on most days, like footloose folk, we will be creating an FSC community complete with campfires and merrymoot.

All you need is a touring or mountain bike, panniers and a spirit of adventure - for advice on buying or borrowing bikes, or equipment call Anna on 020 8985 8940.

No previous cycle-touring experience is necessary. There will be a cycle weekend in May (Camp 8) which is very strongly recommended for all attending. This camp is for experienced FSC campers only.

DATES: TUESDAY 24 JULY TO TUESDAY 7 AUGUST.

TRAVEL: TRAIN FROM LONDON TO SWANSEA, FERRY TO CORK

AGES: 13.0 TO 17.11 FEES: £305.00

32 FARNDALE TWO

CAMP CHIEF: RAD WAGON

ORGANISER: JEAN NAPIER-FORD

Crows Wood on the edge of the medial moraine begs a tribe to descend. We will discover the vitality of the wood and fields surrounding, sustaining our connection with it. In our view will be the valleys and scarps of the North York Moors. They will provide a natural backdrop to develop our group spirit, inner strength, and peace of mind. Come prepared to join in with all that we, as a camp, want to do.

DATES: THURSDAY 9 AUGUST TO WEDNESDAY 22 AUGUST

TRAVEL: TRAIN FROM KING'S CROSS TO YORK

AGES: 6.6 TO 17.11 FEES: £275.00

33 HARLECH TWO

CAMP CHIEFS:

PHILIPPA HEDGER & TINA USHERWOOD

ORGANISER: ANNE HARRISON

This will be a small camp based in the beautiful Snowdonia National park. It will be packed with full on and exciting activities, night vigils, sweat lodges and lots more. Come with ideas of your own, prepared to let yourself go, to face challenges old and new, and to experience new things in the supportive atmosphere of an FSC community.

DATES: THURSDAY 9 AUGUST TO WEDNESDAY 22 AUGUST

TRAVEL: TRAIN FROM EUSTON TO LLANDUDNO

AGES: 6.6 TO 17.11 FEES: £275.00

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34 RADNOR TWO

CAMP CHIEF: FRANCIS COOPER
ORGANISER: RUTH HALLGARTEN

It's dark, cold and raining. My sleeping bag hangs lonely in the wardrobe and the box in the corner hides my tent, karrimat and torch. Every time I eat my Sugar Puffs with that special camp spoon I know that it longs for the challenge of porridge and the camaraderie of the cutlery tree. Fast forward to that same sleeping bag airing on top of that same tent, Karrimat ripped, torch flat and spoon last seen in someone else's porridge - a perfect summer's day. A home for fun, friendship and simple pleasures in the arms of the Ithon and the shadow of the sheep.

DATES: THURSDAY 9 AUGUST TO
WEDNESDAY 22 AUGUST
TRAVEL: TRAIN FROM PADDINGTON
TO WORCESTER
AGES: 6.6 TO 17.11 FEES: £275.00

35 SOUTH CORNWALL TWO

CAMP LEADERS:
GWYNNIE GRIFFITHS & HELEN CAMERON
ORGANISER: PENNY WILES

Laugh, sing, run and shout
See the sun rise over misty woods
Talk, chatter, grin
Explore ancient pathways
Get muddy, get grubby, get wet
Snuggle in a cosy tent
Survive the storms, enjoy the sun
Live the tradition
Hear your own voice
Grow strong
and never want to leave the magic
we'll make

DATES: THURSDAY 9 AUGUST TO
WEDNESDAY 22 AUGUST
TRAVEL: TRAIN FROM PADDINGTON
TO TRURO
AGES: 8.0 TO 17.11 FEES: £275.00



Please apply for the above camps on **YELLOW** forms and send them to:
Ruth Steed, 14 Highfields, Forest Row, East Sussex RH18 5AJ

36 TEIFISIDE TWO

CAMP CHIEFS:

GILLIAN EMERSON & HILARY CHIVALL

ORGANISER: ALI COMPTON

Come and join our community in the beautiful Welsh countryside. We will transform our site with paper lanterns and natural sculptures, creating an atmosphere in which we can play, talk, walk, make things, do things and share our collective experience. Come prepared to learn and to teach, to sing and to dance, whatever the weather throws at us. This camp is definitely for the active and fun loving.

DATES: THURSDAY 9 AUGUST TO

WEDNESDAY 22 AUGUST

TRAVEL: TRAIN FROM PADDINGTON

TO SWANSEA

AGES: 8.0 TO 17.11 FEES: £275.00

37 KERRY KAPERS SEMI-MOBILE

CAMP CHIEF & ORGANISER: PETER TAYLOR

We return once more to the beautiful south-west corner of Ireland with its mountains, bogs and miles of sandy sea shore. We will move on every three days or so depending on the weather and the strength of the campers. In between there will be swimming and sand sculpture, mountains to climb and fires to build, a night game and a feast.

DATES: THURSDAY 9 AUGUST TO

WEDNESDAY 22 AUGUST

TRAVEL: TRAIN FROM PADDINGTON

TO HOLYHEAD

AGES: 9.0 TO 15.11 FEES: £285.00



38 PEMBROKESHIRE COAST MOBILE

CAMP CHIEF: ALEX STONE

ORGANISER: JOEL SMITH

Let's romp along the Coastal Path - there are cliffs and birds, beaches and boulders, rock pools and blue skies. Will the Witch scare us away from her Cauldron? Will we reach the Blue Lagoon? The deer park beckons and the sand dunes await. The kit list will include bathing gear, a sense of fun, sunshades, waterproofs and the need to know what lies behind the next headland, as we take our lodge through this enchanted place. For those who have camped at least twice before, this will be a great introductory mobile.

This camp is for experienced FSC campers only.

DATES: THURSDAY 9 AUGUST TO

WEDNESDAY 22 AUGUST

TRAVEL: TRAIN FROM PADDINGTON TO

PEMBROKESHIRE

AGES: 12.0 TO 17.11 FEES: £285.00

Please apply for the above camps on **YELLOW** forms and send them to:
Ruth Steed, 14 Highfields, Forest Row, East Sussex RH18 5AJ

AUTUMN AND OTHERS

39 MUD, ROCKS, HILLS AND WATER

CAMP CHIEF: GILLIAN EMERSON
ORGANISER: LIZA BRUML
THIS IS A CAVING CAMP

The world under our feet is full of beauties that are hard to imagine so come and see them for yourself when we explore the Mendip hills from below and above. Whether we are new to caving or passionate pot-holers we will all be able to share our skills and experiences on this small camp. we will have the use of a hut, but will be camping in tents and enjoying many, more traditional, FSC activities. We expect mud and rain so bring your waterproofs and old clothes.

Caving equipment will be supplied by FSC. Caving absolute beginners are absolutely welcome, whether they are campers or staff. This camp is for experienced FSC campers only.

DATES: SUNDAY 21 OCTOBER TO THURSDAY 25 OCTOBER
TRAVEL: COACH FROM LONDON
AGES: 8.0 TO 17.11 FEES: £170.00

40 AN ENVIRONMENT WEEKEND

CAMP LEADER: DAMIEN PARROTT
ORGANISER: MARTIN LEVY-ANDERSON

Born from the fire in our bellies, this camp sets out to establish an ecological group within FSC with the aim of improving our practices and awareness of environmental issues. We hope to

combine discussion and experimenting on how to make our camps more eco-friendly, with some sharing and spreading of our knowledge and skills. We might have a chat with mother nature, try out some radical lats, and see how we can best give everyone on camp some ecological education. Come and help start FSC's very own ecological collective. The more the merrier.

For more information call Martin on 020 7607 9847 / 020 7609 9665 or email fscecology@wholesome.co.uk

DATES: FRIDAY 30 MARCH TO SUNDAY 1 APRIL
AGES: 18+

41 EXPLORING CONSENSUS

CAMP LEADER & ORGANISER:
DAMIEN PARROTT

Consensus is a word we use lots on camp, but rather take for granted. This weekend will look at group dynamics, discussion and decision-making processes, staff cuppa and child democracy. Lets teach each other to listen, express ourselves and reach consensus better. We'll talk (about talking!?) but above all share ideas, activities, games and processes that we can take straight onto camps this summer and do. This weekend is born of last year's Fire In The Bellies.

For more information call Damien on 020 8458 1731.

DATES: FRIDAY 13 JULY TO SUNDAY 15 JULY
AGES: 18+

**Please apply for camp 39 on BLUE forms and send them to:
Juliette Flower, 168 Landells Road, London SE22 9PN**

HADDENHAM STORES CENTRE



All the equipment used on our camps is stored and maintained at our centre near Ely in Cambridgeshire, where enthusiastic working parties gather monthly throughout the year to repair any damage and to pack the equipment for the camps. Additional pairs of hands are always needed, both to deal with the camping equipment and to improve the

structure of the buildings. Transport can usually be provided from London, Sheffield or Ely.

For further details of maintenance weekends please contact:

• **Dave Monk,**
178 Upland Road,
London SE22 0DQ

If you have any drawings or photographs from your camp why not send them in for the next programme.

**Mark them clearly for a safe return and send to:
Ben Harris, Flat 3, 45 St John's Villas, London N19 3EE**

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP OF FSC

Parents and supporters who become Associate Members of FSC receive news of FSC's activities in two newsletters a year, and a copy of the FSC magazine when it is published. There are weekend camps especially for Associate Members and their families. The annual subscription is £5. The Associate Members' Secretary will send you a form and further details on request. Associate Members and FSC staff are all welcome at associate camps, with or without their children. To apply for an associate camp please use the form sent to all Associate Members, or write directly to the appropriate organiser. There is no age limit, upper or lower, and these camps are particularly suitable for very young children who may be camping for the first time. Supervision of the children is the responsibility of their parents, and there is no organised travel, allowing us to keep the fees to a minimum. Parents and children share in the communal cooking, with food and

equipment provided by the camp. There will be many of the usual FSC activities like rally, singing around the campfire, games, walks, and whatever the site and our ingenuity can produce.

Associate Members' Secretary

• **Margaret Fletcher, 61
Grosvenor Avenue,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne NE22NP**

Organisers

Southern camps

• **Lorna English c/o 61
Grosvenor Avenue,
Newcastle-upon-Tyne NE22NP**

Northern camps

• **David and Hilary Hughes,
Malkin House, Brow Lane,
Holmfirth, West Yorkshire HD7 1RJ**

A parent who becomes an Associate Member or attends an Associate camp does not give their child any priority on the waiting list to attend any of our main camps.



43 RUSHALL ASSOCIATES

CAMP LEADERS:
GARRY SAUNDERS & ANNIE HANSON
ORGANISER: LORNA ENGLISH

It's spring, and birdsong will abound as will the bluebells. The facilities are good but discrete. Our family camp will be aimed at younger children, the upper age limit will be 13 years. We will create structures – architectural, emotional and routine. You are invited to participate and listen. Our community will grow – doing what it can with what it has.

DATES: FRIDAY 4 MAY TO MONDAY 7 MAY

44 RIBBLESDALE ASSOCIATES CAMP

CAMP CHIEF: STEVE FLETCHER
CAVING LEADER: PETER KEATE
ORGANISERS: DAVID & HILARY HUGHES

This camp will offer all campers the opportunity to experience the subterranean delights of potholing under the nearby limestone slabs. There will also be good fell walking including a walk up nearby Pen-Y-Ghent. The emphasis will be on building the community and enjoying ourselves, no previous caving experience is required.

DATES: FRIDAY 4 MAY TO MONDAY 7 MAY

45 NEWPORT PAGNALL ASSOCIATE CAMP

CAMP LEADERS: TOM BROADHURST & HAZEL POWELL
ORGANISER: LORNA ENGLISH

From our campsite, a field or two away from the River Great Ouse, we will explore this tranquil river valley

and offer campers the chance to try canoeing.

DATES: FRIDAY 22 JUNE TO SUNDAY 24 JUNE

46 TEVIOTDALE ASSOCIATES CAMP

CAMP CHIEF: STEVE FLETCHER
ORGANISERS: DAVID & HILARY HUGHES

We are returning to this beautiful site in the Scottish Borders where we can explore the surrounding countryside by day and observe the stars by night! We will build a close and caring community with plenty of new and traditional activities including Lodge Common Council and Merrymoot.

DATES: THURSDAY 23 AUGUST TO MONDAY 27 AUGUST

47 SHINING CLIFF ASSOCIATES

CAMP LEADER: ADRIAN MATTHEWS
ORGANISERS: DAVID & HILARY HUGHES

Outside is the place to be to celebrate the summer. What better place than Shining Cliff wood in the Derbyshire Dales. The long weekend will give us time to unwind and explore the magnificent and varied countryside from our home in the woods. Suitable for children of all ages, but note that we shall be catering for the needs of older children as well as those more dependent on their carers.

DATES: FRIDAY 24 AUGUST TO MONDAY 27 AUGUST

WORK CAMPS



At camp we may take the fabric of the countryside for granted, but work camps give us the chance to redress that balance a little. Work camps involve all kinds of tasks: coppicing, hedging, path laying, and repairing or reconstructing traditional farm buildings. FSC work camps are cheap, convivial and confidence-building. The camps are generally planned for the over-eighteens, with no upper age limit of course. They are run on similar lines to small standing camps. There are no special qualifications for volunteers. Everyone can contribute to ensuring that a workcamp is an enjoyable and memorable experience. In fact it's a great opportunity to try your hand at glee or catering as well as woodcraft.

There are no fees charged or expenses paid. You travel independently to the camp site or collection point and will be asked to contribute the appropriate amount for the running costs of the camp. This is usually at least £3.00 per day. You need a tent, very old clothes and waterproofs.

Week-long camps may qualify for the residential requirement of the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme (Gold). Volunteers from abroad and older campers new to FSC are especially welcome.

Information and enrolment forms may be obtained from the FSC Work Camps Secretary (an A5 Stamped Addressed Envelope is appreciated):

• **Unity Stack,**
1 Church View, Church Hill,
Lydbrook, Glos. GL17 9SN

51 GREYHILL FAMILY WORK CAMP

CAMP LEADER & ORGANISER:
STUART PEACHEY

Greyhill is a beautiful site near Chepstow that consists of woodland, hay meadows pasture and orchards overlooking the Severn Estuary. It is being (re)developed by the living History Conservation Group (reg. charity 1069967) into a 17th century smallholding for educational use. Come and help us do carpentry on the roof timbers, build pig gates, dig gardens, stonewall and 101 other bits and pieces. Come and learn in a relaxed atmosphere with warm evening fires, talk and singing.

DATES: FRIDAY 2 FEBRUARY TO SUNDAY 4 FEBRUARY
AGES: 18+

52 GREYHILL SPRING WORK CAMP

CAMP LEADER & ORGANISER:
UNITY STACK

Answer the call of the rising sap and the dawn chorus at Greyhill this spring. Be amazed by the progress made on this unique 17th century smallholding. Work tasks for mind and muscle of all ages, in or out of doors. Come prepared for Easter frolics and a big 60! Cost will be a minimum of £4.00 per day to cover food and incidentals. If you are under 18, please bring a responsible adult.

DATES: WEDNESDAY 11 APRIL TO WEDNESDAY 18 APRIL
AGES: 18+

53 GREYHILL WORK CAMP

CAMP LEADERS: STUART PEACHEY & COLIN MUTTY
ORGANISER: STUART PEACHEY

We will continue the restoration of the 17th Century landscape with an international team. This is a two week work camp, with the opportunity to take part in a historical interpretation of the period for local children in the week after camp.

DATES: SATURDAY 16 JUNE TO SATURDAY 30 JUNE
AGES: 18+

54 GREYHILL WORK CAMP

CAMP LEADER & ORGANISER:
MARTIN BUCKLE

Go back 350 years, up 800 feet, into the woods, past some rare breeds of farm animals, enter the farm, and you're at Greyhill. Help restore the building to 17th century condition, to make hay, tend the livestock and enjoy the beautiful location overlooking the Bristol Channel. Bring your sunblock, your strongest boots, working gloves and any musical instruments – be prepared to enjoy working and good company.

DATES: SATURDAY 4 AUGUST TO SATURDAY 11 AUGUST
AGES: 18+

FSC REGIONAL GROUPS

Over the years, FSC staff have set up informal regionally based groups which meet and run occasional weekend camps. If you wish to join in the activities of one of these groups please contact the relevant person. SAEs are appreciated.

WESTERN REGION

We plan to run occasional camps in the Gloucester, Somerset and Monmouthshire area and are looking for campers and staff alike, to take an active role. If you are interested please contact:

• **Andy Freedman,**
39 Slad Road,
Stroud, Gloucs. GL5 1QR

EASTERN REGION

For the more discerning, learning, caring and sharing clanmembers, night navigators and spelunkers, gastronomes and whittlers. If you are interested please contact:

• **Colin Muttly, c/o 10 North Parade,**
Southwold, Suffolk IP18 6LP

PEAK REGION

We hope to run at least one camp in the Derbyshire Peak District this summer.

If you are interested please contact:

• **Rosemary Casserley**
141 Southleigh Road
Leeds LS11 5XR

**CLOTHING WITH THE DISTINCTIVE
FSC LOGO
T- SHIRTS
SWEATSHIRTS**

For a price list please
send an SAE to:

Ro Ogle
13 Castle Dore
Swindon
SN5 8PQ

01793 878605
dozyroogle@hotmail.com



NEW STAFF



If you are over eighteen and you think FSC sounds like your sort of organisation, do give us a try. We can't offer much by way of money – just expenses – but the good company of like-minded adults of all ages keeps many people coming back time and again.

Some of our best staff are recruited by children returning from camp and urging their parents to join in the fun. We provide training in practical camping skills and also make sure that each camp has a balance of new and experienced staff so that each person can continue 'learning by doing'.

If you enjoy the open air, the company of children and being part of a community, come along to a weekend training camp, find out

what's involved and see whether you enjoy it. Parents often have much needed experience in child care, younger staff have more energy for boisterous games and activities. Whether you're zany and imaginative or dull and dependable, we need your talents! Training camps last for two to three days.

Information is sent out in reply to queries in the Spring.

For those new to FSC, write to:

• **Ellie Tallis, Flat 3,
45 St John's Villas,
London N19 3EE**

For those who have camped with FSC before, write to:

• **Leslie Holden
21 Dukes Avenue
London N10 2PS**

PREPARING FOR CAMP

EQUIPMENT

- You probably already own most of the things you need for a standing camp. Warm, well-worn clothing is required. The only essential extras are a sleeping bag and really effective waterproofs; we don't always take shelter when it rains. We ask that families who continue to camp with us try to supply at least one two-person tent. Full details of what to bring to standing camps are given in the kit list on page 31. For mobile camps some more specialist equipment may be required; a few notes appear on page 32, but full details will be sent to you by your camp organiser.

TETANUS

We ask that all campers are fully protected against tetanus well before camp. The pre-school tetanus course lasts for ten years and the school-leaving booster lasts until 25.

LIFE JACKETS

We make it a firm policy that life jackets or buoyancy aids are worn when children are canoeing, sailing or rafting with FSC. We will provide them. Our policy is not to wear buoyancy aids when narrow-boating.

TRAVEL

Escorted parties travel between London and our camps. The expected departure and destination stations are listed under each camp. Final details of times and meeting places will be sent in a pre-camp circular a

few weeks before camp. Campers may arrange to join the escorted party at any station at which the train stops, but those doing so will be asked to purchase their own tickets to and from the destination.

INSURANCE

Forest School Camps takes responsibility only for the activities listed in this programme.

Forest School Camps insures for its liabilities at law. While all possible care is taken to avoid accidents, Forest School Camps does not insure for personal accident or for loss or damage to personal property. Those who are not already insured for personal accident and for all risks in respect of personal effects, may wish to make their own arrangements.

Children and staff of camps which travel to foreign countries, including the Republic of Ireland, are covered by a comprehensive travel policy which includes medical treatment as well as loss and damage to personal effects, subject, of course, to the usual limitations and exclusions. The cost of this insurance is included in the camp fee. Details of the insurance scheme can be provided on request. Forest School Camps is not able to insure you if you have not been permanently resident in the United Kingdom for 12 months prior to effecting the insurance. In such cases you must provide us with evidence of suitable cover effected in your country of residence and you will receive a refund equivalent to the insurance premium that would have been paid on your behalf.

STANDING CAMPS KIT LIST

On camp we will be living in the elements. Being warm and dry on a wet day, or not suffering from sunburn after a hot one, can make a big difference to a child's enjoyment of camp. Please make sure your child is prepared for both.

CLOTHING

- rainwear¹
- footwear²
- 3 warm tops (sweatshirts etc)
- 3 pairs of trousers/jeans
- 2 warm woollen jerseys or fleeces
- thick socks, two pairs
- pyjamas/track suit
- swimming costume
- sunhat
- woollen hat and gloves
- handkerchiefs/tissues
- shorts/dress/skirt*

And depending on the length of camp, an appropriate number of...

- light tops³ (T-shirts etc)
- socks
- underclothing



EQUIPMENT

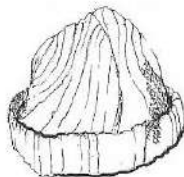
- lightweight tent⁴
- groundsheet⁵ *
- sleeping bag⁶
- rucsac⁷
- Ordnance Survey map (1:25000)*
- compass* (Silva type recommended)

MISCELLANEOUS

- cloth bag containing:
 - plastic mug
 - deep plate
 - knife, fork and spoon
- sponge bag containing:
 - flannel, soap and nailbrush
 - toothbrush and paste
 - comb/hairbrush
- towels, two medium size
- torch and spare batteries⁸
- penknife⁹
- notebook and pencil
- paper and stamps (for writing home)
- plastic bin liners (for keeping things clean and dry)
- sunblock
- insect repellent*
- musical instrument*
- 'dressing up' clothes*
- materials for making things (e.g. embroidery thread)*

(* optional)

for notes see over



UNDER TENS

Our experience at camp convinces us that the under tens need extra underwear, socks and two pairs of pyjamas.

Waterproofs should be large enough for the tops to fit comfortably over several layers, and the bottoms to fit over wellingtons.

Please ensure that every item is clearly marked to assist its safe return.

MOBILE CAMPS

Lightweight tents, cooking stoves, fuel containers and billies are needed. A tent should have a flysheet, a sewn-in groundsheet and should ideally weigh less than 1.5 kg per person sharing it. You will normally be expected to supply at least one of the above items. Your camp chief will supply a complete specialised kit list and can advise you what to buy (or borrow).

When packing for walking mobiles, all your kit (with some space left for food) must fit inside your rucksac. Strong, waterproof walking boots with Vibram soles, or similar, are essential; they must be comfortable and be well walked-in.

For canoeing mobiles, your kit has to be packed into several small waterproof bundles. Kitbags (maximum size 80cm by 30cm diameter) and a small frameless rucksac are best; anything larger will not fit into a canoe.

On cycling mobiles, all your kit must fit inside your panniers and saddle bags (leaving some space for food!)

1 It is **ESSENTIAL** to have thoroughly waterproof rain wear. A PVC or heavy gauge proofed-nylon long anorak, cape or cagoule, with hood is recommended. Waterproof trousers are also useful and should be large enough to put on over boots. Very lightweight proofed-nylon is only showerproof and both this and plastic macs have a very limited life under camp conditions. Waterproofs should be tested under a shower or garden hose – if they leak your child will get wet every time it rains!

2 Even at standing camps we do a lot of rough walking, so footwear must be comfortable. Children under eleven must have strong walking or at least training shoes. The heavier tread of walking boots gives better grip on wet grass. All campers will also need a pair of lightweight shoes for wearing around the camp. As it is often wet underfoot we recommend Wellington boots for all campers on standing camps, and consider them **ESSENTIAL** for the under-tens. Wellingtons should be large enough to accommodate thick socks. All footwear must be well walked-in before camp.

3 At least one light top should be long sleeved with a collar to protect against sunburn.

4 FSC holds a limited supply of small tents which we are prepared to lend to campers at standing camps. Those who wish to go on camping should aim to get a tent of their own. Less expensive traditional A-frame tents offer better protection than similarly priced dome tents.

5 A separate groundsheet is useful for sleeping out and sitting on.

6 The best bedding for camp is a sleeping bag which can be either natural (down and feather) or synthetic fibre filled. The latter is cheaper, can be washed, is heavier and bulkier but is adequate for our camps. All bags should be used with sheet linings. A blanket can provide extra warmth. Good insulation between sleeping bag and groundsheet can be provided by a Karrimat, as there is no room in small tents for camp beds or lilos. We recommend that two sleeping bags be used at Easter and autumn camps. All bedding should be packed into a thick polythene bag.

7 A rucksac does not have to be large enough to hold everything but must be able to hold a sleeping bag, jumper, waterproofs and some food on hike. It must be comfortable and get the load as high and as close to the back as possible. Young children rapidly outgrow a small rucksac and a cheap un-framed pack is a better start than a poorly fitting framed rucksac. For extra kit, a canvas or nylon kitbag or zipped holdall is good; a suitcase is not suitable. Line all luggage with thick polythene sacks.

8 Good lightweight torches are widely available. Torches will need to be carried on hike so don't bring a massive searchlight, and remember the spare batteries.

9 A sheath knife or a single bladed penknife is useful; most other gadgets on a penknife will increase the price more than the usefulness. A lanyard, a chain or a length of string is strongly recommended for attaching the knife to a belt as a safeguard against loss.

USEFUL ADDRESSES

All our workers are voluntary and help Forest School Camps in their spare time. While every effort is made to deal with enrolments and correspondence promptly, some delays are unavoidable. Please write to our officers rather than telephone them.

ENROLMENT SECRETARIES

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OTHER CAMPS

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London SE22 9PN

For Special Enrolments, Learning
Difficulties Enrolments and Physical
Disabilities Enrolments please see page 6

PROGRAMME REQUESTS & NEW MEMBER ENQUIRIES

FSC c/o 42 Payne Avenue,
Aldrington, Hove,
East Sussex BN3 5HD

GENERAL ENQUIRIES

(but please no programme requests)
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Secretary

AID FUND

For Aid Fund Secretary address please
see page 3

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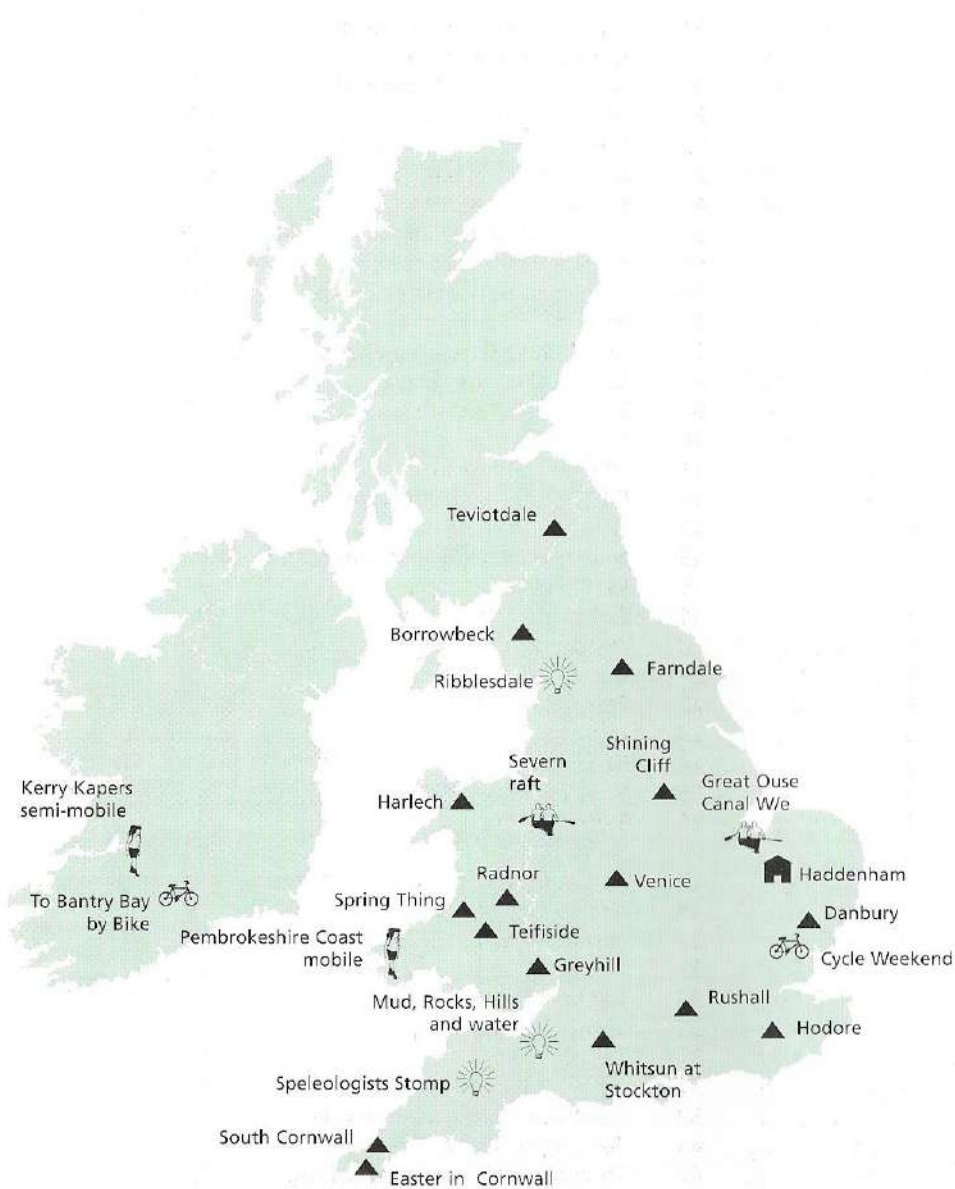
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WHERE WE CAMP...



...AND WHEN IN 2001

DATE	NO.	NAME	AGES	
2 Feb - 4 Feb	51	Greyhill family work camp	18+	**
17 Feb - 22 Feb	1	Speleologists Stomp	8.0 - 17.11	*
30 Mar - 1 Apr	40	An Environment Weekend	18+	
7 Apr - 12 Apr	2	Ribblesdale, up and over	8.0 - 17.11	*
11 Apr - 18 Apr	52	Greyhill spring work camp	18+	**
14 Apr - 21 Apr	3	Easter in Cornwall	8.0 - 17.11	
14 Apr - 21 Apr	4	Five go Shakin'	8.0 - 17.11	
4 May - 7 May	5	The Groundhog Gurn	6.6 - 17.11	
4 May - 7 May	43	Rushall Associates camp	Family	
4 May - 7 May	44	Ribblesdale Associates camp	Family	
5 May - 7 May	6	Venice	8.0 - 17.11	
18 May - 20 May	7	Great Ouse Canoe weekend	8.0 - 17.11	*
18 May - 20 May	8	Lazy Cycling weekend	12.0 - 17.11	*
26 May - 2 Jun	9	Whitsun at Hodore	6.6 - 14.11	
26 May - 2 Jun	10	Spring Thing	6.6 - 14.11	
26 May - 2 Jun	11	Whitsun at Stockton	6.6 - 17.11	
26 May - 2 Jun	12	Ribblesdale Adventure	10.0 - 17.11	*
16 Jun - 30 Jun	53	Greyhill work camp	18+	**
22 Jun - 24 Jun	45	Newport Pagnall Associate Camp	Family	
6 Jul - 8 Jul	13	Weekend at Hodore	6.6 - 17.11	
13 Jul - 15 Jul	41	Exploring Consensus	18+	
25 Jul - 3 Aug	20	Heydown at Hodore	6.6 - 17.11	
25 Jul - 7 Aug	21	Borrowbeck One	6.6 - 17.11	
25 Jul - 7 Aug	22	Farndale One	8.0 - 17.11	
25 Jul - 7 Aug	23	Harlech One	6.6 - 17.11	
25 Jul - 7 Aug	24	Radnor One	6.6 - 17.11	
25 Jul - 7 Aug	25	South Cornwall One	6.6 - 17.11	
25 Jul - 7 Aug	26	Teifside One	8.0 - 17.11	
25 Jul - 7 Aug	27	Severn Raft	13.0 - 17.11	*
24 Jul - 7 Aug	28	To Bantry Bay by Bike	13.0 - 17.11	*
4 Aug - 11 Aug	54	Greyhill work camp	18+	**
9 Aug - 22 Aug	32	Farndale Two	6.6 - 17.11	
9 Aug - 22 Aug	33	Harlech Two	6.6 - 17.11	
9 Aug - 22 Aug	34	Radnor Two	6.6 - 17.11	
9 Aug - 22 Aug	35	South Cornwall Two	8.0 - 17.11	
9 Aug - 22 Aug	36	Teifside Two	8.0 - 17.11	
9 Aug - 22 Aug	37	Kerry Kapers Semi-mobile	9.0 - 15.11	
9 Aug - 22 Aug	38	Pembrokeshire coast mobile	12.0 - 17.11	*
23 Aug - 27 Aug	46	Teviotdale Associates camp	Family	
24 Aug - 27 Aug	47	Shining Cliff Associates camp	Family	
21 Oct - 25 Oct	39	Mud, Rocks, Hills and water	8.0 - 17.11	*

* - for experienced campers

** - work camp

