



Forest School Camps
Programme 2005


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!

...and When in 2005

No	Dates	Name	Ages	
1	17 Feb - 20 Feb	Mendip Potholes	13.0 - 17.11	*
51	25 Mar - 2 Apr	Greyhill Family Camp	18 +	**
2	25 Mar - 1 Apr	Shake Rattle & Roll(Danbury)	8.0 - 17.11	
3	26 Mar - 2 Apr	Easter in North Pembroke	8.0 - 17.11	
52	8 Apr - 10 Apr	Danbury Wooding	18 +	**
53	29 Apr - 1 May	Spring Brazier's Park	18 +	**
40	29 Apr - 2 May	Ribblesdale Associate Camp	Family	
41	29 Apr - 2 May	Shining Cliff Associate Camp	Family	
5	30 Apr - 2 May	Venice (West Midlands)	8.0 - 17.11	
54	20 May - 22 May	Spring Rushall Manor	16 +	**
6	20 May - 22 May	Suffolk Cycling Weekend	12.0 -17.11	
7	20 May - 22 May	Great Ouse Canoe Weekend	8.0 - 17.11	
8	28 May - 4 Jun	Somerset Levellers	6.6 - 14.11	
9	28 May - 4 Jun	Whitsun In Wiltshire	8.0 - 17.11	
10	28 May - 4 Jun	The Hindhead Shuffle	6.6 - 14.11	
11	28 May - 4 Jun	North Yorkshire Adventure	10.0 - 17.11	*
42	1 Jul - 3 Jul	Suffolk Associate Camp	Family	
12	1 Jul - 3 Jul	Hodore's Bombastic Weekend	6.6 - 17.11	
55	4 Jul - 18 Jul	Greyhill International Work	18 +	**
20	27 Jul - 5 Aug	Red Herrings Are Go	6.6 - 17.11	
21	27 Jul - 9 Aug	Radnor One	6.6 - 17.11	
22	27 Jul - 9 Aug	Harlech One	6.6 - 17.11	
23	27 Jul - 9 Aug	South Cornwall One	6.6 - 17.11	
24	27 Jul - 9 Aug	Farndale One	8.0 - 17.11	
25	27 Jul - 9 Aug	Borrowbeck One	8.0 - 17.11	
26	27 Jul - 9 Aug	Dinas	6.6 - 17.11	
27	27 Jul - 10 Aug	Location, Vocation..(Hebrides)	11.0 -17.11	*
28	27 Jul - 9 Aug	River Severn Canoe Mobile	13.0 -17.11	*
29	27 Jul - 9 Aug	North West France By Bike	13.0 -17.11	*
43	6 Aug - 14 Aug	Hampshire Associate Camp	Family	
31	11 Aug - 24 Aug	Radnor Two	8.0 - 17.11	
32	11 Aug - 24 Aug	Harlech Two	6.6 - 17.11	
33	11 Aug - 24 Aug	South Cornwall Two	8.0 - 17.11	
34	11 Aug - 24 Aug	Farndale Two	6.6 - 17.11	
35	11 Aug - 24 Aug	Sailing By (Norfolk Broads)	11.0 - 17.11	*
44	27 Aug - 29 Aug	Danbury Woods Associate	Family	
56	23 Sep - 25 Sep	Autumn Brazier's Park	16 +	**
57	21 Oct - 23 Oct	Autumn Rushall Manor	16 +	**
36	27 Oct - 30 Oct	Dartmoor Caving	11.0 - 17.11	*

Where we Camp...

Key

-  Caving Camp
-  Cycling Camp
-  Haddenham
-  Walking Camp
-  Standing Camp
-  Water Activity Camp



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How To Enrol

Early application is strongly recommended for all camps as demand for places is high. Children whose applications are received after 14 February 2005 will be disadvantaged in their placement on camp. However we 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 applicants applying earlier than 14 February may still be disappointed.

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, or download them from our website, www.fsc.org.uk.

Please send completed forms to the appropriate enrolment secretary. A full list of addresses appears on page 37.

Please send a separate cheque/P.O. for each child and camp:

For camps of 6 nights and shorter, send the full fee. Of this, £30 is treated as a non-returnable deposit, once you are offered a place on a camp of your choice.

For camps of 7 nights and longer, send £30. This deposit is not returnable 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 application 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 instalments; 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 31. Fees for Whitsun camps must be paid in full six weeks before the camp begins.

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's or guardian's responsibility to arrange the camper's transport to the site at their own cost.

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 or e-mail our officers rather than telephone them.

Chair

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TW10 7AG

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Enrolment Secretaries

SUMMER

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EASTER

Rod and Julie Gritten, Traian Llanfrothen, Penrhyndeudraeth, Gwynedd LL48 6SW

WHITSUN

Mary Brown, 32 Castellain Road, London W9 1EZ

OTHER CAMPS

Brenda Hatcher, 8 Broadview, Fryent Way, London, NW9 9SG

For Special Needs Enrolments please see page 7.

For Conservation & Skills camps see page 29.

Programme Requests & New Member Enquires

Brenda Hatcher
FSC Programme Requests
8 Broadview, Fryent Way,
London, NW9 9SG

Enquires about
Children's Enrolment:

Ruth Steed,
14 Highfields, Forest Row,
East Sussex RH18 5AJ
children@fsc.org.uk

Aid Fund

For the Aid Fund Secretary address please see page 8

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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.

Training camps last for two to three days.

Please see page 6 for our statement about criminal record checks.

Information is sent out in reply to queries in the Spring. If you have applied for a place on a training camp and have not heard from FSC in good time, please write to:

Leslie Holden
Staffing Secretary
21 Dukes Avenue
London N10 2PS
staffing@fsc.org.uk



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, since there is great demand for older child places. We also may not be able to place all new thirteen and fourteen year-olds owing to demand for places.

Children are not normally enrolled on longer 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 in the field 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.



Important Information

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: the morning of Saturday 23 April, for those attending spring, Whitsun or the early summer camps, and Saturday 25 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 1 June.

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 £30 deposit 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 child's equipment, for which FSC cannot accept responsibility.

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

Police Checks

Prior to April 2002 Forest School Camps, as a voluntary organisation, was unable to obtain police checks on its staff members. In the past, staff new to the organisation have been asked to declare relevant previous criminal convictions. Since April 2002 and the creation of the Criminal Records Bureau (CRB), voluntary organisations have been enabled to check their staff members for relevant criminal records. The Council of FSC has decided that we must take up this opportunity. FSC will implement a system to ensure that CRB checks take place as soon as practicable. However, as a result of the pressure of work on the CRB, and the anticipated additional administrative load upon FSC, it is unlikely that all staff on all camps will be checked before the 2006 camping season. We continue to be confident that our internal procedures act as a robust screening device, and will continue to operate them in the future as an important complement to criminal record checks.

New Sites

There have been occasions in the past when we have had to cancel camps (due to Foot and Mouth disease, for instance).

Our need to cancel would be reduced if more sites were available to us. If you have, or know of, twelve acres or so of land which would be suitable for a camp, whether as an emergency back up or as a regular site, please contact:

Camps Committee Coordinator

Kate Hall

camps@fsc.org.uk

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 light-weight 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 foot-wear 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.

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

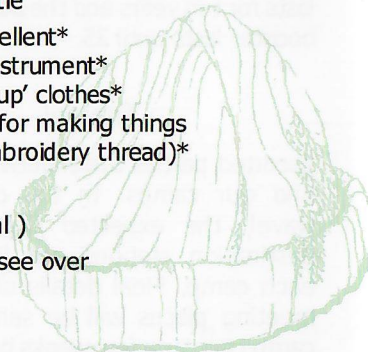
Equipment

- 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
 - water bottle
 - 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.

Children With Special Needs

FSC runs some camps suitable for active children with special needs due to learning difficulties or physical disabilities (Camps 4, 12 & 20). We also integrate such 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 children with learning difficulties.

Parents or sponsors of children with special needs should apply directly to:

Frances Rainford
FSC Stores
Hill Row
Haddenham
Cambridgeshire
CB6 3PA
ld@fsc.org.uk

Social workers, teachers, care workers, foster parents and others wishing to enrol children who would benefit from our camps should also contact Frances at the above address.



Aid Fund

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 Secretaries
Ben McCarthy & Bron Feld
2 Hall Fold
Sheffield
S35 7EA

Alternatively, if you would like to help other children enjoy the experience of

FSC, please send donations to the treasurer (address on page on 37)

Please make cheques payable to 'FSC (Aid Fund)'

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 visit our website and download the form or let the Treasurer know and he will send you the appropriate form.



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 because 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 34. For mobile camps some more specialist equipment may be required; a few notes appear on page 35, 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.

Travel

Escorted parties travel between London and our camps. In the case of rail travel, 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.

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.

Cycle Helmets: Cycle helmets must be worn when cycling with FSC.

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.

We do not arrange any special personal insurance cover for camps in countries, including Eire, outside the UK. All staff and children attending camps in the EEA must arrange to take a form E111 with them and, as with camps in the UK, may wish to make their own further personal insurance arrangements for both health and personal belongings cover. Further instructions will be sent to campers accepted for places on camps outside the UK.

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 areas and are looking for campers and staff alike to take an active role.

If you are interested please contact:

Sam Kelly
7 Old Ashley Hill
Montpelier
Bristol
B56 5JB

Eastern Region

For the more discerning, learning, caring and sharing clan members, night navigators & spelunkers, gastronomes and whittlers.

If you are interested please contact:

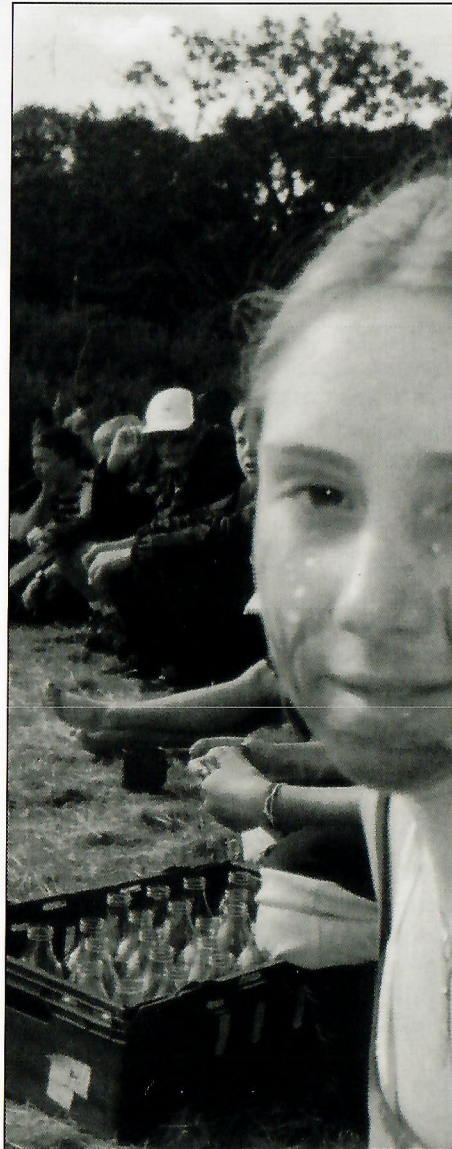
Colin Mutty
10 North Parade
Southwold
Suffolk
IP18 6LP

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



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 emphasis or activities 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, raft, sailboat or 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 are strenuous, others are easier. The descriptions of the camps give more information. Most longer activity camps are for experienced FSC campers only, i.e. those who have attended at least 2 standing camps, and are marked with an* on page 39. Further information is available in the individual camp descriptions.

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. 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 of weeks before camp starts.



53 & 56 Spring/Autumn Brazier's Park

Camp Leaders & Organisers Spring:
Rad Wagon & Charlotte Murray

**Camp Leaders & Organisers
Autumn:** Rad Wagon & Tim Abbott

We continue to develop our relationship with the Community at Brazier's Park near Reading. Over Spring and Autumn weekends we will help support projects in perma-culture and other kinds of sustainable approaches to country living

Dates Spring: Fri 20 May - Sun 22 May

Dates Autumn: Fri 21 Oct - Sun 23 Oct

Ages: 18+

54 & 57 Spring/Autumn Rushall Manor

Camp Leaders & Organisers Spring:
Rad Wagon & Nick Porter

**Camp Leaders & Organisers
Autumn:** Janet Powell & Emma Whight

The John Simmonds Trust continues its rural community education projects at the

Golden Valley site at Pangbourne near Reading. FSC plans two maintenance weekends in the Spring and Autumn to aid their progress.

Dates Spring: Fri 20 May - Sun 22 May

Ages: 18+

Dates Autumn: Fri 21 Oct - Sun 23 Oct

Ages: 16+

55 Greyhill International Work Camp

Camp Leader & Organiser: Stuart Peachey

We will continue the restoration of the 17th Century landscape with an international team of volunteers. In the week after camp, there will be an opportunity to take part in a historical interpretation of the period for local children.

Dates: 4 Jul - 18 Jul

Ages: 18+ Unless accompanied by a parent.

Conservation & Skills Camps

51 Greyhill Family Camp

Camp Leader & Organiser: Frances Rostron

Greyhill is a beautiful site near Chepstow that is being (re)developed into a 17th Century smallholding for educational use. Come and help us do carpentry on the roof timbers, build pig gates, dig gardens, stonewall, coppice and lay hedges. Come and learn in a relaxed atmosphere with warm evening fires, talk and singing.

Dates: Fri 8 Apr - Sun 10 Apr

Ages: 18+ Unless accompanied by a parent.

52 Danbury Wooding

Camp Leaders & Organisers: Leo Murray & Ben Rose

Danbury Wood has a diverse ground flora, as well as being home to some of our most hospitable trees. They need our help, so this weekend will be all about coppicing, with a spot of invigorating high pruning on the side. There also will be an opportunity to learn more about British woodland ecosystems as we carry out a detailed but relaxing survey of the ground flora.

Dates: Fri 8 Apr - Sun 10 Apr

Ages: 18 +



Easter & 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 Mendip Potholes

Camp Chiefs & Organisers: Giles Vellacott & Helen Spencer

With a caving hut for sleeping, cooking and drying clothes, we'll explore both inside and outside these gentle hills. Night walk, daytime caving and hiking. First time cavers with a love of the mud welcomed. Please apply promptly. Extra Info: This camp is for experienced campers only.

Dates: Thu 17 Feb - Sun 20 Feb

Travel: TBC

Ages: 13.0 - 17.11 **Fees:** £100

2 Shake, Rattle & Roll

Camp Chief: Dave Monk
Organiser: Charlotte Murray

168hrs of available time and we're only going to use all of it. Our site is a Magical piece of woodland which allows us its fuel and shelter. We shall be abandoning our tents for self-built structures and along the way discover making fire from rock and steel, finding North by moonlight and the best knot for a secure night up a tree! Bring a sky hook, elbow grease, unlimited energy, a box of play clothes and an exploring frame of mind.

Dates: Fri 25 Mar - Fri 1 Apr

Travel: Coach from London

Ages: 8.0 - 17.11 **Fees:** £165

3 Easter In North Pembroke

Camp Chief: Malcolm Keith
Organiser: Emma O'Bryen

Come and join us on this sheltered site for a fantastic Easter adventure. The campsite is owned and worked by a self-sufficient community, so there will be the opportunity to see their farming practices in action. We will form a close-knit community, learning more about our companions and ourselves; eating jam sandwiches, treacle pudding or whatever we like. We will go home stronger in the knowledge of friends made, challenges conquered and skills mastered; smelling of wood smoke and feeling peacefully tired.

Dates: Sat 26 Mar - Sat 2 Apr

Travel: Coach from London

Ages: 8.0 - 17.11 **Fees:** £165



Conservation & Skills Camps

At camp we sometimes take the fabric of the countryside for granted, but conservation and skills camps give us the chance to redress that balance a little. These camps run throughout the year, generally over weekends, and camps can involve all kinds of tasks: coppicing, hedging, path laying, and repairing or reconstructing traditional farm buildings. The work camps are inexpensive, convivial, and confidence-building, and are run on similar lines to small standing camps.

There are no special qualifications for volunteers. Everyone can contribute, ensuring that a work camp is an enjoyable and memorable experience. In fact, it is a great opportunity to try your hand at glee or catering as well as woodcraft.

Generally, 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, usually from £3.00-5.00 per day.

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 (e-mail is preferred):

Tim Abbott
7 Hockley Cottages,
Twyford,
Winchester
Hampshire
SO21 1PJ

conservation@fsc.org.uk



Please apply for camp 1 on BLUE forms.

Please apply for camps 2 & 3 on BLUE forms.

2 Send them to: Brenda Hatcher, 8 Broadview, Fryent Way, London, NW9 9SG

Send them to: Rod & Julie Gritten, Traian Llanfrothen, Penrhyndeudraeth, Gwynedd LL48 6SW

conservation@fsc.org.uk

Haddenham Stores Centre

What is Haddenham?

All the equipment used on our camps is stored and maintained at our centre near Ely in Cambridgeshire, where enthusiastic working parties gather regularly throughout the year. In ten months of the year there are Stores weekends, when we clean and repair our equipment and pack and unpack the equipment sent out to camps. At Easter and in August there are House weekends when we work on improving the buildings and the grounds.

Can I Come?

All the weekends are fantastic social occasions. Additional pairs of hands are always needed and welcome.

At Stores weekends all staff and path finders are welcome. Pathfinders need the written consent of their parent or guardian to attend; an appropriate form is available on the FSC website or can be obtained from Neale Jenvey or Domini Hawthorn.

Please apply for the House Weekend Camps as for other Conservation and Skills camps.

How Do I Get There?

A minibus usually runs from London, and there are regular attendees travelling from all around the country who may be able to offer lifts, or we could arrange to get you picked up from Ely train station.

Who Can Tell Me More?

For general queries and any further details of/information regarding the Stores weekends, please contact one of the Stores people:

Neale Jenvey
90 Myddleton Avenue
London
N4 2FH

Domini Hawthorn
42 Argyle Street
Swindon
Wiltshire
SN2 8AR

stores@fsc.org.uk

For queries regarding Travel to or from, or Catering at, Stores weekends, please contact Haddenham's Hostesses:

Tim Abbott
7 Hockley Cottages
Twyford
Winchester
Hampshire
SO21 1PJ

Anna Winter
191 Brooke Road
London
E5 8AB

hostess@fsc.org.uk

Spring Camps

4 Once Upon A Time In The Gurn

Camp Chiefs: Vic Doggart & Jimmy Proudlock
Organiser: Thelma Jones

If the gurners are united, they will never be divided. Oh yes, sisters and brothers get on down to the beautiful beeched & bluebelled, wild & wonderful woods of the Essex east. Adorn yourself in glad rags to shake out the winter blues by leaping head on into spring with a fabulous hot shoe shuffle. Everybody of all shapes and sizes, abilities and capabilities welcome to come together and big up each other in that magnificent May Day spirit with a fistful of fun and a bellyful of laughs. Roll 'em up & haul 'em in. See you there.

Dates: Fri 29 Apr - Mon 2 May

Travel: Coach From London

Ages: 6.6 - 17.11 **Fees:** £80

5 Venice

Camp Chief: Roddy Brooks
Organiser: Juliet Hayward

A camp walking and boating along canals on the western edge of the West Midlands conurbation. Walking by day, we will camp for both nights on a site near the canal doing all the usual FSC campy things of a standing lodge. We pack up on Monday morning and spend the day at the living Black Country Museum before going home. Please bring warm and waterproof gear in case early May throws some weather at us.

Extra Info: Escort is early start on Saturday morning. Deduct £5 if travelling independently to camp.

Dates: Sat 30 Apr - Mon 2 May

Travel: Train From London to Tipton

Ages: 8.0 - 17.11 **Fees:** £70





6 Suffolk Cycling Weekend

Camp Chief & Organiser: Anna Malos

Once again we will cycle through some of the prettiest land in south-east England. The rolling hills are perfect for beginners. So come learn the fun of group cycling and the joy of mobiles, plus we'll fit in fires and games. Don't forget the weather can throw anything at us, but we'll have a laugh whatever. You'll need to have or borrow a mountain or touring bike, rack and panniers. Ring Anna on 020 8533 4188 for advice.

Extra Info: Recommended for anyone wishing to attend the summer cycle camp (Camp 29). Deduct £5 if travelling independently to camp.

Dates: Fri 20 May – Sun 22 May

Travel: Train from Liverpool Street to Witham

Ages: 12.0 - 17.11

Fees: £45

7 Great Ouse Canoe Weekend

Camp Chief: Hazel Powell
Organiser: Jenny Wigston

Do you have a strong urge to get wet? Try canoeing. We will learn how to control our boats in fast water whilst paddling upstream to Newport Pagnell. Although it is not compulsory to capsize it does sometimes happen, so bring plenty of warm clothes. We will shop (using camp funds) and cook in small groups using primus and Trangia stoves, much as one would on a mobile camp. A staff training group will camp alongside and will be joining us for campfires in the evening.

Extra Info: All campers must be able to swim 50 metres. Deduct £5 if travelling independently to camp.

Dates: Fri 20 May – Sun 22 May

Travel: Train from Euston to Wolverton

Ages: 8.0 - 17.11

Fees: £45

Associate Camps

40 Ribblesdale Associate Camp

Camp Chief: Steve Fletcher

Organisers: David & Hilary Hughes

lovely part of England. We also will try to do painting and sketching, but will certainly sing and be merry.

Dates: Fri 1 Jul - Sun 3 Jul

We will be camping on the banks of the Ribble, from where there is good walking over the nearby Three Peaks and good potholing under Long Churn. All campers will have the opportunity to try caving - beginners particularly welcome! There will also be opportunities for swimming, singing and dancing. The scenic Settle to Carlisle railway runs by the camp so leave the car at home and come by train!

Dates: Fri 29 Apr - Mon 2 May

43 Hampshire Associate Camp

Camp Chief & Organiser: Eleanor Broadhurst

You are invited to join an FSC group at the 4th International Woodcraft Gathering to be held at the Gordon Brown Outdoor Education Centre near Reading. It will be hosted by the Order of Woodcraft Chivalry who were the founders of the original Forest School. This will be an occasion for all the normal FSC activities, shared with other groups who have many of the same aims and ideas but are able to bring a different national flavour. We will especially welcome anyone interested in organising activities such as craft, music/dance or games.

Dates: Sat 6 Aug - Sun 14 Aug

41 Shining Cliff Associate Camp

Camp Chief: Adrian Matthews

Organiser: Lorna English

Shining Cliff woods rise from the banks of the River Derwent in the Amber Valley in South Derbyshire. Come and take the opportunity to wake up to the smell of bluebells and to respect and honour this magical place with the joy and energy that mother-life-God generates on the cusp of summer. The camp will be vegetarian unless you are a hedgehog.

Dates: Fri 29 Apr - Mon 2 May

44 Danbury Woods Associate Camp

Camp Chief: Nelleke van Helfteren & Bernie Ashmore

Organiser: Lorna English

Come along to the camping carnival at Danbury Woods. Instead of crowds there will be trees and tents, fires and song. We could make our own floats and snake our way around this beautiful woodland. We can make charcoal, delicious food on the kitchen fire and music and song around the campfire. Come and have some fun with us.

Dates: Sat 27 Aug - Mon 29 Aug

42 Suffolk Associate Camp

Camp Chief: Hazel Powell &

Tom Broadhurst

Organiser: Lorna English

Join us on a new camp site for a summer associate weekend in the fields of Orchard Cottage in sunny northern Suffolk. We will walk and enjoy the countryside in this

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

Julia Tozer
10 Pye Terrace
Cambridge
CB4 1DX

associates@fsc.org.uk

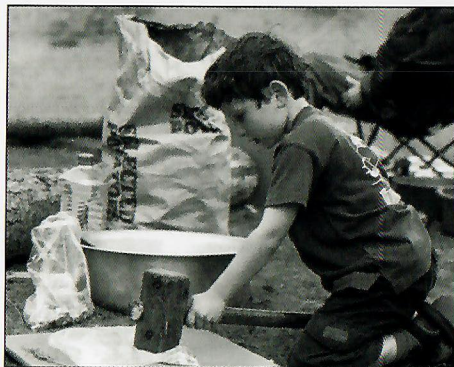
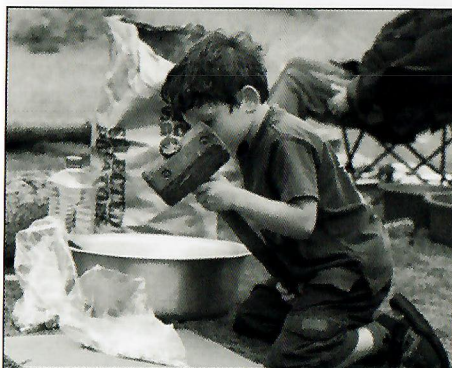
Southern Camps Organiser

Lorna English
55 Grosvenor Avenue
Newcastle-upon-Tyne
NE2 2NP

Northern Camps Organisers

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 child camps.



Whitsun Camps

8 Somerset Levellers

Camp Leaders: Julian Welsh & Leo Murray
Organiser: Jean Napier Ford

As the trees race skywards and Spring flirts with Summer, we'll wake to the sound of singing and the smell of woodsmoke on the wind. The long days and bright nights will be spent working together to answer important questions like: Which is better, moonbeams or firelight? Is axing the reward for sawing? Or is axing its own reward? And why is it so easy to make friends in a field?

Dates: Sat 28 May - Sat 4 June

Travel: Coach from London

Ages: 6.6 - 14.11

Fees: £195

9 Whitsun In Wiltshire

Camp Chief: Dan Brandenburger
Organiser: Leila Murray

Come to this wonderful site in Wiltshire overlooking Salisbury Plain. We will have the traditional activities of an FSC standing camp plus some new ideas. We shall spend our days finding ways to push the boundaries of what can be achieved with mud, wood, enthusiasm and experience.

Dates: Sat 28 May - Sat 4 June

Travel: Coach from London

Ages: 8.0 - 17.11

Fees: £195





10 The Hindhead Shuffle

Camp Chief: Philly Hedger
Organiser: Jane Pinner

Together we shall open our hearts and minds to whatever Mother Earth decides should be ours for the learning. Come prepared (from sun cream to wellies) for whatever weather she chooses to show us. We will build a special, close and loving community, and learn some more about giving and receiving. We will do many traditional FSC activities, but not a hike. Bring ideas, instruments, energy and enthusiasm.

Dates: Sat 28 May - Sat 4 Jun

Travel: Coach from London

Ages: 6.6 - 14.11

Fees: £195

11 Yorkshire Adventure

Camp Chief: Steve Fletcher
Organiser: Lorna Kennedy

We will establish our base camp in a clearing in the woods next to Stonegate Gill, deep in the Esk Valley. From there we will set off on a gentle ramble along the valley and out onto the North York Moors. The camp as a whole will decide the route we will take and the distance we will cover. We will carry our equipment with us, buy and cook our food in small groups and stop overnight at different sites. We will return to base camp for Merrymoot and Lodge Council. This will be a small camp, particularly suitable for children new to mobiles but who are experienced FSC campers, having camped with us at least twice before.

Dates: Sat 28 May - Sat 4 Jun

Travel: Train From Kings Cross to Lealholm

Ages: 10.0 - 17.11

Fees: £195



Autumn Camp

36 Dartmoor Caving

Camp Chiefs & Organisers: Giles Vellacott & Helen Spencer

For experienced old hands and absolute beginners. Discover Dartmoor above and below ground, with a caving hut as our base. One good day's moorland hike, perhaps a night walk, you'll go home mudstained and weary but glowing with

the warmth of friendship and the satisfaction of challenges overcome. Come and join 40 years of FSC caving tradition.

Extra Info: This camp is for experienced FSC campers only.

Dates: Thu 27 Oct - Sun 30 Oct

Travel: TBC

Ages: 11.0 - 17.11 **Fees:** £100



Summer Camps



12 Hodore's Bombastic Totally Fantastic Weekend

Camp Leaders: Davy Starkey & Ruth Steed
Organiser: Marian Armitage

Back once again to beautiful Hodore in magical East Sussex. Camp in stunning countryside, no roads in sight, just trees, fields and beautiful clear skies. If it's your 1st or 20th time here come join us for a riproaring old time. Ideal for first time campers, people with physical disabilities, everyone in fact.

Dates: Fri 1 Jul - Sun 3 Jul

Travel: Coach From London

Ages: 6.6 - 17.11 **Fees:** £65

20 Red Herrings Are Go

Camp Chiefs: Sarah Davies & Vic Doggart
Organiser: Maddy Cooke

Love, life and laughter will abound in the heart of Sussex for ten terrifically tumultuous days. Making merry magic mayhem in the heavenly hay covered haven of Hodore Farm where sunny days, starry nights and purple haze will provide the perfect scenario for an exciting camping adventure for children with learning difficulties and specific special needs. We offer 1:1 support from a fine team of experienced staff and very much welcome new staff to learn the ropes and tie the knot. Pathfinder helpers are encouraged to join our jolly jape (at a fee of £60), energy and enthusiasm being the order of the day. So climb aboard me hearties for a vivacious voyage of vitality, victuals and verve.

Dates: Wed 27 Jul - Fri 5 Aug

Travel: Coach From London

Ages: 6.6 - 17.11 **Fees:** £215

Please apply for the above camps on BLUE forms. Send them to: Brenda Hatcher, 8 Broadview, Fryent Way, London, NW9 9SG

Please apply for camp 12 on BLUE forms and send them to: Brenda Hatcher, 8 Broadview, Fryent Way, London, NW9 9SG

Please apply for camp 20 on YELLOW forms and send them to: Frances Rainford, FSC Stores, Hill Row, Haddenham, Cambridgeshire, CB6 3PA

Main Summer Camps

Because of the large number of applications for children's places for these camps, and the need to ensure that the camps are well-balanced and not too large, we regret that we cannot guarantee a place for all applicants wanting to go on main Summer Camps.

21 Radnor One

Camp Chiefs: Carolyn Thompson & Iain Ross

Organiser: Vanessa Cooke

There are fields, woods and a river. The perfect place to create a self-sufficient community where we can all live with a good heart. We will learn the skills of the woodcraft way, find our voices, listen to the silence and tread lightly on the earth. Come and bring your songs and stories, and together we can move mountains.

Dates: Wed 27 Jul - Tue 9 Aug

Travel: Train from Paddington to Worcester

Ages: 6.6 - 17.11

Fees: £290

22 Harlech One

Camp Chiefs: Leslie Holden & Andy Doyle

Organiser: Karen Mautner

A full range standing camp set in this dramatic landscape. We aim to make an active, creative and tolerant community from the skills and spirit everyone can give. Come prepared to enjoy the summer, mud, flood or sunshine; to meet old and new friends of all ages, and care for the countryside, which gives us adventure, beauty, and so much else.

Dates: Wed 27 Jul - Tue 9 Aug

Travel: Train From Euston To Crewe

Ages: 6.6 - 17.11

Fees: £290

23 South Cornwall One

Camp Chief: John Taylor

Organiser: Olly McGregor

It takes a lot of effort and cooperation to build a home from nothing. If it was easy we wouldn't leave it with such tender memories. On South Cornwall One we have a field by a stream, nestling in a small valley surrounded by woods and hills. The rest is what you can bring. We will need woodcraft ideas and skills, songs and stories, instruments and dancing feet, games to play, work to do, and one open mind each.

Dates: Wed 27 Jul - Tue 9 Aug

Travel: Train from Paddington to Truro

Ages: 6.6 - 17.11

Fees: £290



34 Farndale Two

Camp Chief: Frances Rainford

Organiser: Anna Winter

Yorkshire – what comes to mind? The White Rose? Cricket? Tea? Or FSC's beautiful site on the moors. Can you imagine lighting fires without matches, making Scooby doos or cooking pudding for 80? Join us to find out what X really equals.

Dates: Thu 11 Aug - Wed 24 Aug

Travel: Train from King's Cross to York

Ages: 6.6 - 17.11

Fees: £290

35 Sailing By

Camp Chief: Dave Monk

Organiser: Dan Hall

We shall anchor our tents in a small woodland, perfectly placed on the Norfolk Broads yet only a throwing-line distance from sand dunes and the beach at Waxham. Half our time will be spent ashore, the rest will be Sailing the Broads in local traditional wooden boats. We will cargo the baggage in our boats, set full sails, seek provisions from local merchants, doze on decks, steer by stars, sleep in boats or on the bank and enjoy a real sou'wester. Sea legs, good waterproofs and the ability to be comfortable in and under the water are a necessity for this camp. Life jackets will be supplied and will be worn at all times on the water.

Extra Info: This camp is for experienced FSC campers only.

Dates: Thu 11 Aug - Wed 24 Aug

Travel: Train From London to Waxham

Ages: 11.0 - 17.11

Fees: £330

Please apply for the above camps on YELLOW forms and send them to:

Maggie Beach, The Old Cottage, Chapel Lane, Thornborough, Bucks, MK 18 2JD

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Maggie Beach, The Old Cottage, Chapel Lane, Thornborough, Bucks, MK 18 2JD

31 Radnor Two

Camp Chiefs: Francis Cooper & Sam Raphael

Organiser: Sue Twigg

Had enough of the city, parents, job, school? Perhaps it's time to exercise your right to choose a different way of life! Where there is cold, there will be fire. Where there is silence, song. Where there is hunger, porridge. Join our vision of a world of equality, love, compassion, respect, freedom, truth, justice and the FSC way. Cast your vote now for a brighter tomorrow, and bring hope to your children, their children and their children's children's children.

Dates: Thu 11 Aug - Wed 24 Aug

Travel: Train From Paddington to Worcester

Ages: 8.0 - 17.11 **Fees:** £290

32 Harlech Two

Camp Chief: Rad Wagon

Organiser: Eliza Bruml

March ye folk of Harlech bold, unfurl your banners in the field, be brave as were your chiefs of old, and like them never



yield! What tho' every hill and dale, echoes now with camper's song, Celtic hearts can never quail, when loud rings out the supper gong! Come prepared to do a mobile of imagination every day.

Dates: Thu 11 Aug - Wed 24 Aug

Travel: Train from Euston to Crewe

Ages: 6.6 - 17.11 **Fees:** £290

33 South Cornwall Two:

Kernow Pow-Wow

Camp Chief: Lottie Davies

Organiser: Penny Wiles

Friendship, Open, Rest, Exploring, Sleep, Tents, Seaside, Calm, Hillside, Oodles, Oranges, Love, Camp, Adventures, Maps, Patience, Smugglers, Sunshine, Outside, Unlimited, Trees, Hilarity, Clans, Organic, Rivers, Nightgame, Waterproofs, Antics, Lats, Listening, T-shirts, Wandering, Ocean. All these things and more in glorious South Cornwall, come and join us!

Dates: Thu 11 Aug - Wed 24 Aug

Travel: Train from Paddington to Truro

Ages: 8.0 - 17.11 **Fees:** £290

* 24 Farndale One

Camp Chief: Bryson Gore

Organiser: Catriona Andrews

A chance for the Camp Chief to return to his favourite FSC site, and maybe the same for a lot of staff and children. For those of you who don't know the rolling hills of Yorkshire, the stunning views and highly variable weather, let me recommend it to you!! Join us for a fortnight of discovery and take back memories that will stay with you for ever. Making noise, both musical and not will be a theme of the camp so bring ideas for noise machines and we'll see if we can turn them into reality!

Dates: Wed 27 Jul - Tue 9 Aug

Travel: Train from King's Cross to York

Ages: 8.0 - 17.11 **Fees:** £290



25 Borrowbeck One

Camp Chiefs: Daniel Jacks & Corinne Howells

Organiser: Jo Cass

Borrowbeck is a lovely site set among streams, woods, mountains and open sky. We will be honing our woodcraft skills and making things with stone, wood, clay and string. There will be rain and there will be sun, and there will be swimming, stargazing, firelighting, sausage cooking, singing, making friends and drinking mountains. See you there.

Dates: Wed 27 Jul - Tue 9 Aug

Travel: Train from Euston to Oxenholme

Ages: 8.0 - 17.11 **Fees:** £290

26 Dinas

Camp Leaders: Andy Freedman & Rosie O'Connell

Organiser: Mike Coase

Come to magical Dinas surrounded by alder, larch and oak. Be part of a community which is playful, energetic and considerate and where we will make plans and decisions as a lodge. Bring your ideas, share your skills and learn some new ones - let's talk, laugh, shout, make music and LISTEN - the rivers, mountains and waterfall have something to tell us...

Dates: Wed 27 Jul - Tue 9 Aug

Travel: Train from London to Shrewsbury

Ages: 6.6 - 17.11 **Fees:** £290

27 Location, Vocation Floatation (Hebrides)

Camp Chiefs: Damien Parrott & Jack Sloan

Organiser: Jess McGregor

Ever thought of relocating to the seaside? Imagine a thirty mile beach, rich with golden sands, where seals and otters play in the shallow blue waters. Dream of rolling dunes set in idyllic isolation; views that stretch to distant isles; peat fires; hidden treasure; coconuts and NO MUD! All this could be yours (for two weeks) with the addition of fantastic people, music, woodcraft, adventure and fun. So, are you in?

Extra Info: This camp is for experienced FSC campers only

Dates: Tue 26 Jul - Wed 10 Aug

Travel: Overnight by Coach from London

Ages: 11.0 17.11 **Fees:** £350

28 River Severn Canoe Mobile

Camp Chief: Jules Holmes

Organiser: Esme Jenkins

We'll start at the very beginning, climbing until we find the actual source of the Severn. Then we'll follow the course back down until the water's deep enough to get the canoes in and get paddling. After that we'll move on when we want to and stay put when we don't! There will be lazy days and long days and places to visit along the way. Just add river water to that wonderful, magical FSC mix of making friends, building fires and singing; warm gently in the sunshine, moisten with a little rain, simmer with a good deal of excitement and that's what this camp's all about!

Extra Info: This camp is for experienced FSC campers only and everyone must be able to swim at least 50 metres.

Dates: Wed 27 Jul - Tue 9 Aug

Travel: TBC

Ages: 13.0 - 17.11 **Fees:** £330



29 North-West France by Bike

Camp Chief & Organiser: Anna Malos

The land by the Channel will be our playground as we cycle through green and fertile gentle hills, finding beaches and bays when we can. We hope the people we meet will be as enthusiastic about our leisurely progress as they are about the Tour de France. You don't need to be a super-cyclist - just have a desire to explore France and discover the joy of the road. Moving our camp most days, we aim to form a close-knit group to keep ourselves fed, watered and entertained.

There is little so wonderful as being part of a cycle group in full flow, sampling whatever the countryside has to offer. You will need to have, or borrow, a mountain or touring bike, with a rack and panniers. For advice on bikes, call Anna on 020 8533 4188. There is a weekend cycle camp in May (Camp no. 6) for practising your group cycling and learning what best to bring.

Extra Info: This camp is for experienced FSC campers only.

Dates: Wed 27 Jul - Tue 9 Aug

Travel: London to Portsmouth then either Cherbourg or St Malo

Ages: 13.0 - 17.11 **Fees:** £330