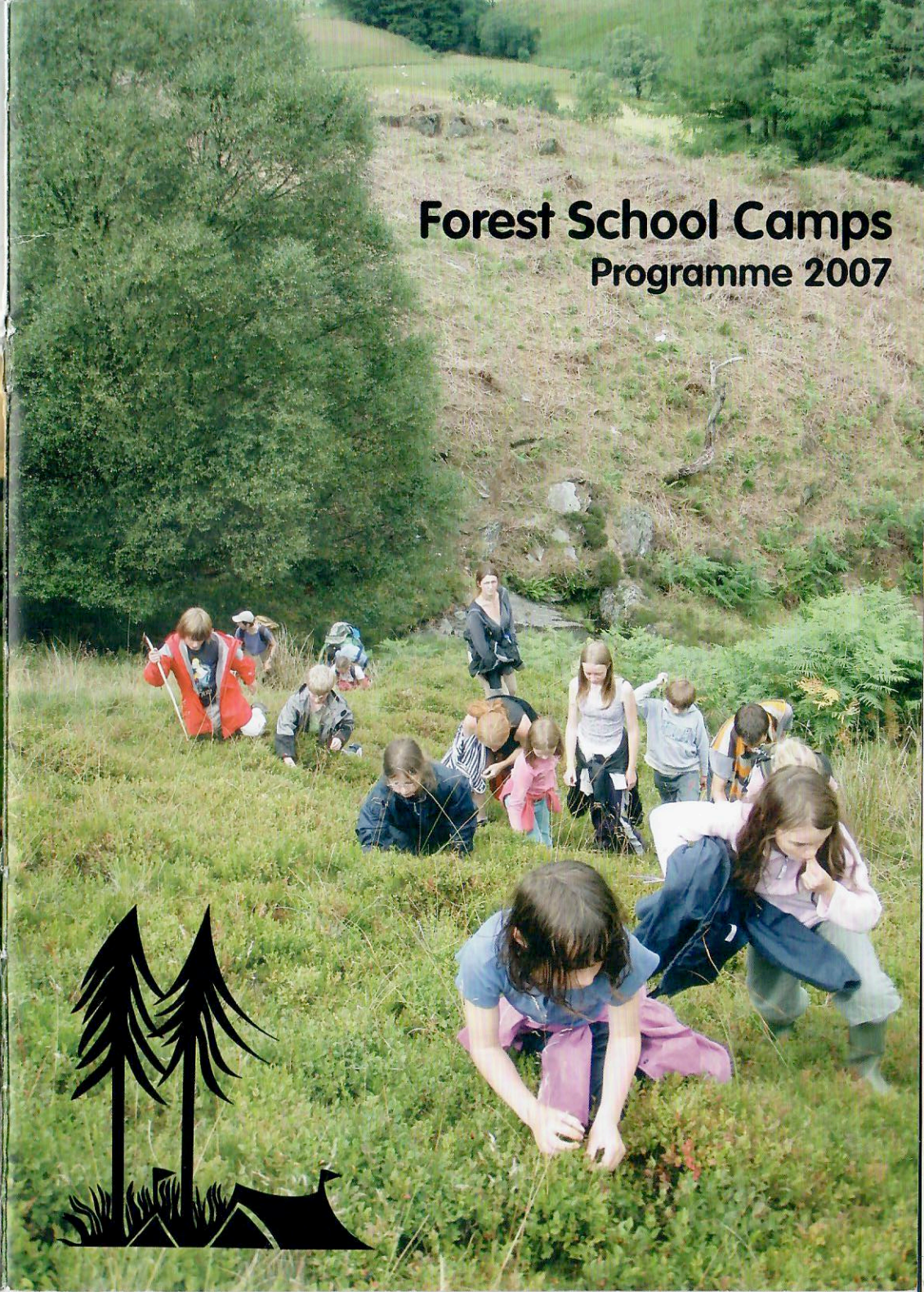


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Forest School Camps
Programme 2007



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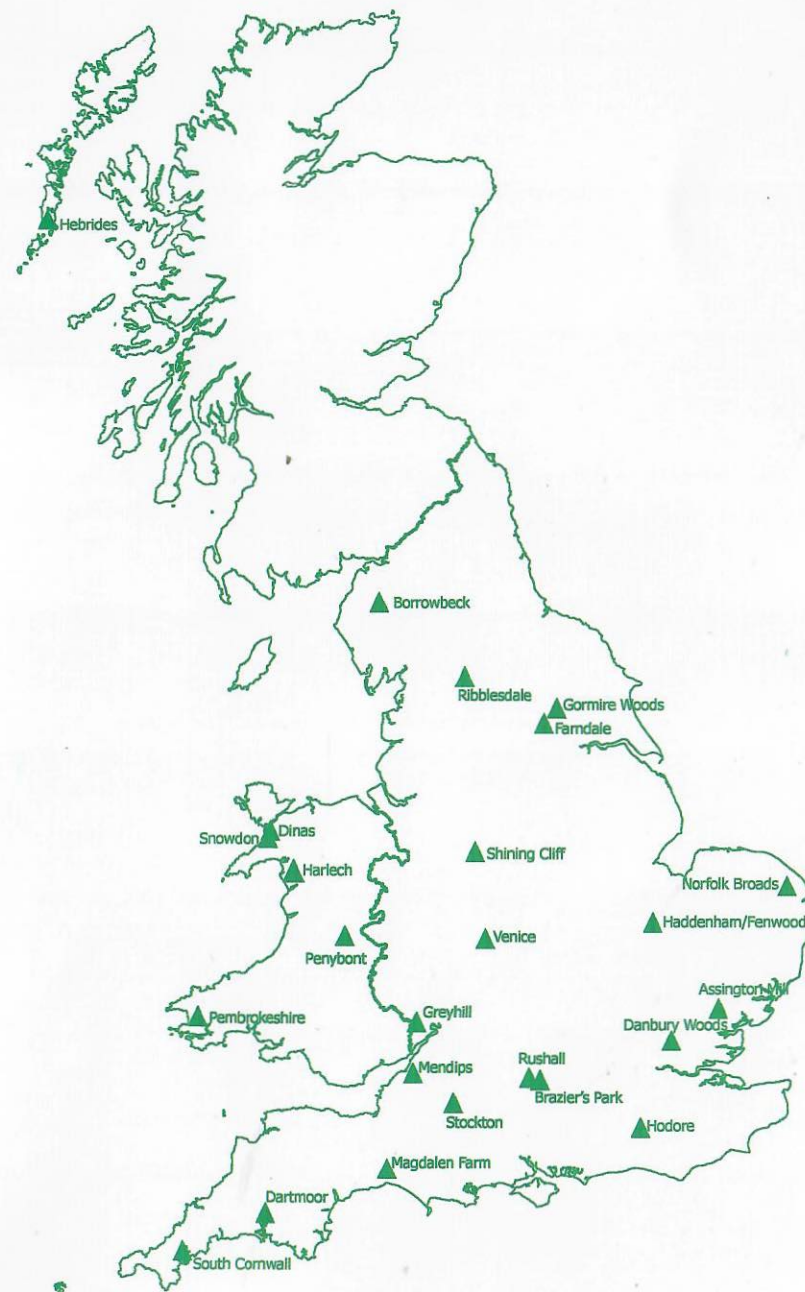
Welcome to the FSC Programme 2007. Some important changes have taken place this year, please read the programme carefully. The main points are highlighted below:

- * The age groups have changed (see How to Enrol section).
- * This year for the first time in a while we have some shorter summer camps in first fortnight, do make sure you check the dates carefully.
- * You have a better chance of a place on a summer camp if you opt for second fortnight.
- * No child should be unable to camp for financial reasons (see Aid Fund section).

We hope you like your new-look programme, and that you enjoy planning your camping this year.



Camp Sites



Camp Dates

No	Dates	Camp Name	Where (see map)	Ages	
1	19.01.07 - 21.01.07	Devon Cave Training	Dartmoor	16 - 17.11	E
2	16.02.07 - 19.02.07	Dartmoor Caving	Dartmoor	13 - 17.11	E
50	09.03.07 - 11.03.07	Greyhill Family Camp	Greyhill	Family	CS
51	30.03.07 - 01.04.07	Spring at Rushall Manor Farm	Rushall	16+	CS
52	30.03.07 - 01.04.07	Nature Awareness...	Danbury Woods	18+	CS
3	06.04.07 - 13.04.07	Makin' Knot Shakin'	Danbury Woods	9 - 17.11	
4	07.04.07 - 14.04.07	Easter at Stockton	Stockton	9 - 17.11	
53	07.04.07 - 14.04.07	Beech Hill Community Camp	Beech Hill	16+	CS
54	12.04.07 - 18.04.07	Greyhill Family Camp	Greyhill	Family	CS
5	04.05.07 - 07.05.07	Gurn, Gurn, Gurn, The Ring of Fire...	Danbury Woods	6.6 - 15.11	
8	04.05.07 - 07.05.07	Hodore Weekend	Hodore	6.6 - 17.11	
41	04.05.07 - 07.05.07	Ribblesdale Associate Camp	Ribblesdale	Family	A
42	04.05.07 - 07.05.07	Shining Cliff Associate Camp	Shining Cliff	Family	A
55	04.05.07 - 06.05.07	Spring at Brazier's Park	Brazier's Park	16+	CS
6	05.05.07 - 07.05.07	Venice	Venice	9 - 17.11	
7	11.05.07 - 13.05.07	Great Ouse Canoe Weekend	Newport Pagnell	10 - 17.11	
9	26.05.07 - 02.06.07	Magnificent Magdalen	Magdalen Farm	9 - 17.11	
10	26.05.07 - 02.06.07	Stockton Stormer	Stockton	6.6 - 15.11	
11	26.05.07 - 02.06.07	Still Fed Up of London	Snowdon	6.6 - 15.11	
56	29.05.07 - 01.06.07	Greyhill Family Camp	Greyhill	Family	CS
57	18.06.07 - 01.07.07	Greyhill Family Camp	Greyhill	Family	CS
40	22.06.07 - 24.06.07	Cumbria Associates Camp	Borrowbeck	Family	A
26	24.07.07 - 08.08.07	Hebrides	Hebrides	11 - 17.11	E
20	25.07.07 - 03.08.07	The Really Raucous Red Herring...	Hodore	6.6 - 17.11	
27	25.07.07 - 03.08.07	And On the Tenth Day.....	Harlech	6.6 - 17.11	
21	25.07.07 - 07.08.07	Penybont One	Penybont	6.6 - 17.11	
22	25.07.07 - 07.08.07	Gormire Woods One	Gormire Woods	9 - 17.11	
23	25.07.07 - 07.08.07	Eighty (or so) Go Mad...	South Cornwall	6.6 - 17.11	
24	25.07.07 - 07.08.07	Farndale One	Farndale	9 - 17.11	
25	25.07.07 - 07.08.07	Dinas	Dinas	6.6 - 17.11	
29	25.07.07 - 07.08.07	Walking, We Ask Questions	Pembrokeshire	14 - 17.11	E
28	01.08.07 - 07.08.07	Seven Days at Magdalen	Magdalen Farm	6.6 - 17.11	E
30	01.08.07 - 07.08.07	Paddling on the Lower Ouse	Fenwood	11 - 17.11	
31	09.08.07 - 22.08.07	Penybont Two	Penybont	6.6 - 17.11	
32	09.08.07 - 22.08.07	Gormire Go Go Go	Gormire Woods	12 - 17.11	
33	09.08.07 - 22.08.07	Myffin Da Kernow Dew ...	South Cornwall	6.6 - 17.11	
34	09.08.07 - 22.08.07	Farndale Two	Farndale	9 - 17.11	E
35	09.08.07 - 22.08.07	Sailing Bye	Norfolk Broads	12 - 17.11	A
42	25.08.07 - 27.08.07	Big Chill at the Mill	Assington Mill	Family	CS
58	21.09.07 - 23.09.07	Late Summer at Braziers Park	Brazier's Park	16+	E
36	05.10.07 - 07.10.07	Mendip Cave Training	Mendips	16 - 17.11	CS
59	19.10.07 - 21.10.07	Autumn at Rushall Manor Farm	Rushall	16+	E
37	20.10.07 - 25.10.07	Mendip Caving	Mendips	11 - 17.11	CS
60	01.12.07 - 02.12.07	Greyhill Family Camp	Greyhill	Family	

E = Experienced FSC campers only
 CS = Conservation and Skills camps
 A = Associate Camps

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 1948 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 members of 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'. This 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!

How to Enrol

Early application is strongly recommended for all camps as demand for places is high. Children whose applications are received after 5 February 2007 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 5 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 from the website.

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

* Please send a separate deposit 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 days 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". The de-

posit cheque will not be banked until the last week of February at the earliest, at about the same time as a place on a camp is offered by the organiser.

* We require two stamped addressed (DL size - 21x11 cm - or bigger) envelopes 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 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 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 or longer, those travelling separately usually receive a rebate.

Contacts

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.

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Programme Requests and New Member Enquiries

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For Special Enrolments,
please see page 5

For Aid Fund Secretary,
please see page 5

For Conservation and Skills Camps,
please see page 29

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 or three days (generally over a bank holiday), and run alongside a regular camp. Before being offered space on a training weekend, we require that trainees have had a request for a police check submitted to the CRB.

For more details on weekend dates and the CRB process, and to receive an application form, please send your name, contact details (address, phone numbers, email) and date of birth to:

Georgie Ronalds

4 Lordship Park
London
N16 5UD
new.staff@fsc.org.uk



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 twelfth birthday as there is great demand for older child places, and these are given in preference to existing members.

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 camps. In addition, this may reduce the chance of children being placed at all.

At camp, children join their own age group: Elves 6.6 to 8.11, Woodlings 9.0 to 11.11, Trailseekers 12.0 to 13.11, Trackers 14.0 to 15.11, and Pathfinders, 16.0 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.

Changes to Child Enrolments:

For 2007 applications please note that we will now no longer accept new applications from any child aged 12 or over.

Please also note that we have changed the age make-up of the age groups on camps this year:

Elves	6.6 years - 8.11 years
Woodlings	9 years - 11.11 years
Trailseekers	12 years - 13.11 years
Trackers	14 years - 15.11 years
Pathfinders	16 years - 17.11 years



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:

Saturday 21 April 2007:

For those attending spring or Whitsun camps.

Saturday 16 June 2007:

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 Enquiries Officer (see contacts page) after 1st 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 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. 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.

Police Checks

From 2002, Forest School Camps has been developing a system to allow its staff to receive Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) dis-

closures (police checks). From 2007, all staff must have had a request for a police check submitted to the CRB before they can be enrolled to staff on our camps.

We continue to operate our own internal procedures to ensure the suitability of our staff, over and above the information obtained from police checks. We will be keeping the process of police checking our staff under regular review.

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 emergency back-up or as a regular site, please contact:

Kate Hall: Camps Committee Coordinator
camps@fsc.org.uk

Children with Special Needs

FSC runs some camps suitable for active children with special needs due to learning difficulties or physical disabilities (Camps 5, 8 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.

consider 35-40 litres for smaller children and 50-65 litres for larger ones. It is worth testing a rucksac fully loaded before camp, preferably when trying it on in the shop, and always line it with a waterproof liner - rubble sacks are a cheap and effective solution.

Many campers will not be able to pack all their equipment in a single rucksac. See the general notes above concerning additional luggage.

Note 8: Torch

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.

Note 9: Penknife

A simple penknife or single-bladed folding knife is useful. Extra gadgets on a penknife will increase the price more than the usefulness. A lanyard, chain, or length of string is strongly recommended for attaching the knife to a belt as a safeguard against loss. Pack your knife in your rucksac for the escort journey - it will not be needed and is liable to be lost.

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.

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!)

Note 3: Shirt/Top and Trousers

Jeans are tough but terrible to wear when wet, so bring a variety of types of trousers. At least one light top should be long sleeved with a collar to protect against the sun by day, and insects by night. Clothing that can be worn in many layers is much more flexible, and allows adjustment to the weather and conditions better.

Note 4: Tents

FSC holds a limited supply of small tents which we can lend to campers at standing camps. Those who continue to camp will want to get a tent of their own. Tents should be fully waterproof, and should have 2 layers – an inner and a flysheet. Single layer nylon tents will not withstand heavy rain and are unsuitable. An entrance porch is useful for removal and storage of wet clothing and boots under shelter. Tents should be suitable for at least 2 people but also remember that they may need to be carried on hike or mobile camps. Both A frame (less common now, and more costly), and dome tents are suitable subject to the previous conditions. When choosing a tent, make sure it is both stable and waterproof in windy conditions (if the flysheet and inner tent can touch in the wind, it will leak). If flexible poles are used, alloy are stronger than fibreglass, but will increase the cost.

Please make sure your camper is able to pitch their own tent before sending them to camp with it.

Note 5: Groundsheet

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

Note 6: Sleeping bag

Synthetic (eg 'Hollowfill') sleeping bags are recommended for most campers as they retain much of their effectiveness when damp, are easier to clean, and are less costly. However, some older more experienced campers may prefer down bags which are warmer for the weight, and pack smaller, although they require more care. Sleeping bags are rated by warmth as 1-5 seasons, and we recommend 3 seasons or above for general camp use.

We recommend that all sleeping bags should be used with sheet linings – either cotton or fleece (avoid thin synthetic linings as they are less comfortable and offer little extra insulation). The use of an insulating mat between the sleeping bag and the groundsheet will add significantly to warmth of the sleeper. Camp beds and lilos are bulky and unsuitable for camp. We recommend that two sleeping bags be used at Easter and autumn camps. All bedding should be packed into a thick polythene bag or sack.

Note 7: Rucsac

Most importantly, a rucsac should fit the owner comfortably, and be able carry the essentials depending on age, namely sleeping bag, spare clothes, waterproofs, eating things, and some food and water on hike. Rucsacs are graded by capacity, and as a rough guide,

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

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 on camp where necessary (e.g. sleeping bags, waterproofs, boots etc.)

If you would like to enquire about the Aid Fund, please write to:

Aid Fund Secretaries
Ben McCarthy and 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 - cheques payable to 'FSC (Aid Fund)' to the treasurer (see contacts page). If you would like to make your donation more tax efficient through the 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 she will send you the appropriate form.



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 - clans - take turns in the kitchen to prepare 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, organised activities in trees, campfires, and various FSC games. The end of camp is marked by two major events: Merymoot and Lodge Common Council. At Merymoot, 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, by canoe or by sailboat. 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. Many activity camps are for experienced FSC members only, i.e. those who have attended 2 standing camps.



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 batteries (Note 8)
- penknife (Note 9)

- 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

Note 1: Rainwear

Every camper should have a complete set of rainwear. Several types of garment are suitable for camp, but the essential features of them all are that they are completely waterproof, and that headwear and waterproof trousers are included. If possible test your camper's waterproofs under the shower or garden hose (but remember if you selected badly you may not be able to return them to the shop after this!)

Suitable types of rainwear include those made from;

- PVC - This is tough, suitable for young children, and completely waterproof if heavier and a bit bulkier.
- Proofed nylon. Check that the proofing is waterproof eg neoprene lining, and that the seams are taped to ensure they are waterproof.
- Breathable "Gore-Tex" or similar garments are also suitable if fully waterproof, but bear in mind they are more expensive and should be 3 layer (rather than 2) so that they stand up to the harsh treatment they may receive at camp.
- Rubberised fabric or oilskins are tough and waterproof, but heavier.

AVOID: Light weight nylon cagoules with chemically treated seams - they will leak after anything more than a shower; "Barbour" or other similar waxed jackets - they are not waterproof in sustained wet conditions and are expensive.

Note 2: Footwear

Even at standing camps we do a lot of rough walking, so footwear must be comfortable. Leather walking boots are ideal as they provide ankle support, good foot protection, and have good grip in most conditions. For younger children, sturdy trainers with a good grip may be adequate. As it is often wet underfoot, Wellingtons are recommended for all campers and are ESSENTIAL for the under 10s - make sure they are big enough to accommodate thick socks, and that they tuck inside your waterproof trousers.

In addition, campers may wish to have some lighter footwear for wearing around camp eg light trainers, plimsolls, sandals or similar.

All footwear must be well walked-in before camp.

Camp Kit List

On camp we live out in the elements. Staying warm and dry on a wet day, or not suffering from sunburn after a hot one, makes a big difference to a camper's enjoyment of camp. Learning to live comfortably in the outdoors in all weathers is an important part of camp life.

Please make sure your child is well prepared for all conditions. The kit list below is a distillation of our experience and is meant as a helpful guide for you and your camper to ensure they are appropriately equipped at camp.

General Notes

Reasonably priced equipment is available from several high street camping shops – it is not necessary to invest in the best or most expensive equipment for camp, but do make sure that what you buy is fit for purpose. Very cheap discount equipment often does not stand up to the rigours of camp life and may leave your camper cold, wet and unhappy. Also, please don't bring treasured items that are vulnerable to water or dirt.

Loss of equipment and packing

A distressing amount of personal equipment is lost at camp. There are a few simple strategies to prevent this:

- Labelling – all clothing and equipment should be indelibly labelled with the camper's name
- All campers should be involved in their packing. A surprising number of items are lost because the camper did not know that they brought them in the first place, or did not know where they were packed.
- Efficient packing. Please make sure that your camper's equipment is packed inside no more than 3 bags – multiple items increase the chance of loss, and items strapped or tied on to the top of bags are at risk of coming off and being lost. In addition to a rucksack, a canvas bag, kitbag, or zipped holdall is good for remaining luggage. Line all luggage with waterproof sacks.

CLOTHING

- rainwear (Note 1)
- footwear (Note 2)
- 3 warm tops (sweatshirts etc)
- 3 pairs of trousers/jeans (Note 3)
- 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 tops (T-shirts etc) (Note 3)
- socks
- underclothing

EQUIPMENT

- lightweight tent (Note 4)
- groundsheet (Note 5) *
- sleeping bag (Note 6)
- rucksack (Note 7)
- Ordnance Survey map (1:25000)*
- compass* ('Silva' type recommended)



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, and 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's 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 few 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 Devon Cave Training 2 Dartmoor Caving

Camp Chief: **Flow Stone**
Organiser: **Margaret Fletcher**

This training camp is in preparation for the Devon Caving Camp. It will be a chance to learn the intricacies of the two fantastically muddy Devon caves and to practise caving and leadership skills. It is for staff who are interested in staffing a caving camp now or in the future, whether they are new or experienced cavers. It is also for experienced Pathfinder cavers who would like to improve their skills in order to help others on camp.

Extra info: this camp is for experienced FSC campers only.

Ages: **16 - 17.11**

Dates: **Fri 19th Jan - Sun 21st Jan**

Travel: **We will endeavour to get the maximum number travelling by car, but train escort will run from London Paddington if needed** (campers to pay cost)

Fees: **£25**

Camp Chiefs: **Giles Vellacott and Helen Spencer**
Organiser: **Margaret Fletcher**

Join us in Devon to explore the passages and glorious mud of Baker's Pot and Pridham's Leigh Cave, from a new base in the Pengelly Trust Centre. These flood-safe caves are ideal winter caving, and Dartmoor will give us the opportunity of the real contrast of hill top walking. We are looking for experienced FSC campers only, 13 years and older, with previous caving experience not essential. Come and learn about the underground. Immediate booking essential.

Extra info: this camp is for experienced FSC campers only.

Ages: **13 - 17.11**

Dates: **Fri 16th Feb - Mon 19th Feb**

Travel: **We will endeavour to get the maximum number travelling by car, but train escort will run from London Paddington and Bristol if needed**

Fees: **£100**



please apply for the above camps on BLUE forms and send them to:
Julie and Rod Gritten, Traian Llanfrothen, Penrhyndeudraeth, Gwynedd, LL48 6SW
please check that these dates coincide with your school holidays

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 section. For mobile camps some more specialist equipment may be required; see extra notes in the kit list, 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 age 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. A travel refund will be made.

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.

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. SAE's are appreciated.

Western Region

After a pause of over ten years, there was a small Western Region camp on the last weekend in October 2006, near Abergavenny. We intend to have two more weekend camps in 2007, one in the Spring, and one in the Autumn. The sites for these two camps have yet to be decided, but if you would like to find out more, please contact us.

Tom Bennett

58 Foxcote Road
Ashton
Bristol
BS3 2BZ
western.region@fsc.org.uk

Eastern Region

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

Colin Mutty

10 North Parade
Southwold
Suffolk
IP18 6LP



3 Makin' Knot Shakin' 4 Easter at Stockton

Camp Chief: **Dave Monk**
Organiser: **Trish Bell**

We shall expand our 10080 minutes in Danbury Woods, to sleep in the air, play with fire, blend with earth and dance till dawn. Whilst absorbing these skills we will have built our own shelters, baked a few cakes and tied the best knot for swinging from tree to tree. All those interested should have an exploring mind and little need of sleep!!

Ages: **9 - 17.11**

Dates: **Fri 6th Apr - Fri 13th Apr**

Travel: **Coach from London to Danbury in Essex**

Fees: **£175**

Camp Chief: **Dan Brandenburger**
Organiser: **Ruth Hallgarten**

Come to this wonderful site in Wiltshire overlooking Salisbury Plain. The site is on the edge of Stockton Wood at a place where a Roman road crosses the location of an Iron Age fort. The fort is buried but the lumpy terrain hints at the walls and ramparts hidden below. There will be dancing, singing, cooking, walking, face painting, wood chopping. We will be hoping for sunny spring days but will be prepared for all that April showers can throw at us. Come and join us as we revel in mud, wood, enthusiasm and laughter, while we build a caring and supporting community in the Wiltshire countryside.

Ages: **9 - 17.11**

Dates: **Sat 7th Apr - Sat 14th Apr**

Travel: **Coach from London**

Fees: **£175**



please apply for the above camps on BLUE forms and send them to:
Julie and Rod Gritten, Traian Llanfrothen, Penrhyndeudrath, Gwynedd, LL48 6SW
please check that these dates coincide with your school holidays

Spring Camps

5 Gurn, Gurn, Gurn, The Ring of Fire, The Ring of Fire

Camp Chiefs: **Vic Daggart and Polly Sands**
Organiser: **Marian Armitage**

Red alert, red alert, don a topical shirt – tis time o sisters and brothers and bring some others – to journey deep into the delightful dells of Danbury and make merry magic mayhem in the wondrously wild woods. Leave TV and toaster to board this crazy, camping rollercoaster which aims to create a caring, chaotic, yet calm community in record breaking time. It's long-standing crew of cutlass clad comrades will welcome new campers, bringing together people of all shapes and sizes, from all areas with mixed abilities. So let's kick off them winter blues, burst into spring, in our dancing shoes, to celebrate a brilliant Beltane, with a bright red-hot shoe shuffle through those fierce, fierce, fiery, flaming rings. Yo gang, can't wait to gurn, baby gurn.



please apply for these camps on BLUE forms and send them to:
Maddy Cooke, 3 Cottage Close, Nuneaton, CV11 6JE
please check that these dates coincide with your school holidays

Ages: **6.6 - 15.11**
Dates: **Fri 4th May - Mon 7th May**
Travel: **Train from London King's Cross**
Fees: **£75**

6 Venice

Camp Chiefs:
Roddy Brooks and Stefan Ashford
Organiser: **Esmée Jenkins and Allan Hill**

Spring will be sprung on the canals on the edge of the Black Country, and so will our footsteps along the towpaths, plus a ride or two on our (t)rusty narrowboat during the days. Evenings and mornings will be spent camping usual FSC standing camp style. We visit the Black Country Living Museum on Monday before the train home. It might be cold and wet at the end of April so come prepared and hope for a heatwave.

Ages: **9 - 17.11**
Dates: **Early morning Sat 5th May - Evening Mon 7th May**
Travel: **Train from London Marylebone**
Fees: **£70**
Deduct £5 if travelling independently to camp

53 Beech Hill Community Camp

Camp Leader and Organiser: **Marcos Guillen**

Beech Hill Community looks forward to welcoming an FSC conservation camp. We would welcome help with the continual outside maintenance work which includes clearing the cobbled courtyard, cutting trees back, and relocating the village community compost scheme here. We plan time to share ideas about communal living from your FSC experiences and our lives here. Come for a day, 2 days, or any time up to the full week.

Ages: **16+ unless accompanied by a parent or guardian**
Dates: **Sat 7th Apr - Sat 14th Apr**

54, 56, 57 & 60 Greyhill Family Camps

Camp Leader and Organiser (54, 56, 57):
Stuart Peachey
Camp Leader and Organiser (60):
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, coppicing and hedge laying. Come and learn in a relaxed atmosphere with warm evening fires, talk and singing.

Ages: **18+ unless accompanied by a parent or guardian**
Dates (54): **Thurs 12th Apr - Weds 18th Apr**
Dates (56): **Tues 29th May - Fri 1st June**
Dates (57): **Mon 18th June - Sun 1st July**
Dates (60): **Sat 1 Dec - Sun 2 Dec**

55 & 58 Spring/Late Summer at Brazier's Park

Camp Leader and Organiser (55):
Charlotte Murray
Camp Leaders and Organisers (58):
Ed Lynch-Bell and Rad Wagon

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

Ages: **16+ unless accompanied by a parent or guardian**
Dates (55): **Fri 4th May - Sun 6th May**
Dates (58): **Fri 21st Sept - Sun 23rd Sept**



Conservation and Skills Camps

51 & 59 Spring/Autumn at Rushall Manor Farm

Camp Leader and Organiser (51):
Emma Whight

Camp Leaders and Organisers (59):
Emma Whight and Janet Powell

The John Simmonds Trust continues its rural community education projects at the Golden Valley site near Pangbourne. We will help with their path clearing, tree planting and access improvement projects to aid their progress.

Ages: **16+** unless accompanied by a parent or guardian
Dates (51): **Fri 30th Mar - Sun 1st Apr**
Dates (59): **Fri 19th Oct - Sun 21st Oct**

52 Nature Awareness and Primitive Living Skills

Camp Leader and Organiser: **Lee Trew**

A staff training weekend in Danbury Woods. Using the skills of our ancestors we will learn how to deepen and empower our relationship with the natural world, and how to help others do the same. We will approach primitive skills as a doorway to an engaged, caring and richly meaningful relationship with the world we live in. Come with an open heart and mind, and prepare for play!

Ages: **18+**
Dates: **Fri 30th Mar - Sun 1st Apr**



7 Great Ouse Canoe Weekend

Camp Chiefs: **Hazel Powell and Julian Brown**
Organiser: **Jenny Wigston**

Our new canoes are colourful, but difficult to capsize. Come and see if you can overturn one. This weekend is a good introduction to the way we camp on longer canoe treks, as we will be shopping and cooking in small groups, learning how to use Trangias and Primus stoves. We will share the riverside site near Newport Pagnell with a staff training group. They will have to practice capsizing, whilst for us it will be optional, or accidental!
Extra info: All campers must be able to swim 50 metres, and this camp is for experienced FSC campers only.

Ages: **10 - 17.11**
Dates: **Fri 11th May - Sun 13th May**
Travel: **Train from London Euston to Wolverton**
Fees: **£50**
Deduct £5 if travelling independently to camp

8 Hodore Weekend

Camp Chief: **Nick Steed**
Organiser: **Sonia Ennals**

Create a caring, sharing, fun community in 72 hours? We'll try our best - this camp is open to everyone, a particularly good camp for first timers and people with limited mobility. So come prepared for a fast moving traditional FSC camp. We will build fires, eat in circles, sing songs, sleep under the stars, play games and be amazed by how much fun you can have in a field with people you have only just met.

Ages: **6.6 - 17.11**
Dates: **Fri 4th May - Mon 7th May**
Travel: **Coach from London**
Fees: **£75**



Whitsun Camps

9 Magnificent Magdalen

Camp Chief: **Daniel Simon**
Organiser: **Fiona Clarke**

On the beautiful border of Dorset and Somerset we will once more make our home at Magdalen Farm for a week of campfires, games and woodcraft. There is a river to paddle in and the sea only a hike away. Come ready for two weeks packed into one with your sunhats and waterproofs, your instruments and songs, your ideas and action. See you in the field.

Ages: **9 - 17.11**
Dates: **Sat 26th May - Sat 2nd June**
Travel: **Coach from London**
Fees: **£195**

10 Stockton Stormer

Camp Chiefs: **Dan Straw and Adam Straw**
Organiser: **Emma O'Bryen**

This beautiful site in Wiltshire will be our home for a week. We'll cram in woodcraft, singing and dancing the Stockton Stormer. Come ready to make friends with each other – and probably a few sheep – and to create a lodge to remember.

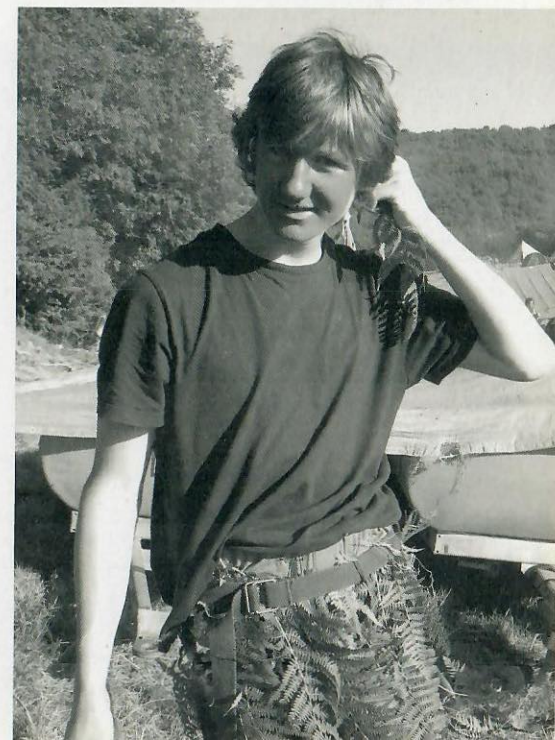
Ages: **6.6 - 15.11**
Dates: **Sat 26th May - Sat 2nd June**
Travel: **Coach from London**
Fees: **£195**

11 Still Fed Up of London

Camp Chief: **Julian Ford**
Organiser: **Thelma Jones**

Still fed up of London? Then come to sunny Snowdonia and sunbathe or mud wallow as weather permits and temperatures allow. We aim to fit a full fortnight of activities into just one week and have fun while doing so.

Ages: **6.6 - 15.11**
Dates: **Sat 26th May - Sat 2nd June**
Travel: **Coach from London**
Fees: **£195**



Conservation and Skills Camps

At camp we may 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 are generally run over weekends, and involve all kinds of tasks: coppicing, hedging, path laying, and repairing or reconstructing traditional farm buildings.

FSC conservation and skills camps are cheap, convivial and confidence-building. They are run on similar lines to small standing camps. The camps are generally planned for the over-sixteens, with no upper age limit of course, but families with younger children are also very welcome.

There are no special qualifications for volunteers. Everyone can contribute to ensuring that the camp 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 or charges. You travel independently to the camp site and will be asked to contribute the appropriate amount for the running costs of the camp. This is usually about £4.00 per day to cover food. You need a tent, old clothes, and waterproofs.

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

We cannot offer any financial return - but the good company of like-minded adults of all ages keeps many people coming back time and again.

For further information or to enrol please contact the FSC Conservation and skills camps Secretary:

Tim Abbott
42 Church St
Hungerford
RG17 0JH
conservation@fsc.org.uk

Haddenham Stores Centre

What is Haddenham?

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

Can I come?

All the weekends are fantastic social occasions and any and all additional pairs of hands are always needed and very welcome.

At Stores weekends all staff and Pathfinders are welcome. Pathfinders need the written consent of their parent or guardian in order 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 station.

Who can tell me more?

For dates of, or any information regarding, the Stores weekends, please contact one of the Stores people:

Neale Jenvey

1 Tunmers End
Chalfont St Peter
Gerrards Cross
Buckinghamshire
SL9 9LW

Domini Hawthorn

42 Argyle Street
Swindon
Wiltshire
SN2 8AR

stores@fsc.org.uk

For any queries regarding travel to or from, or catering at, Stores weekends, please contact one of Haddenham's Hostesses:

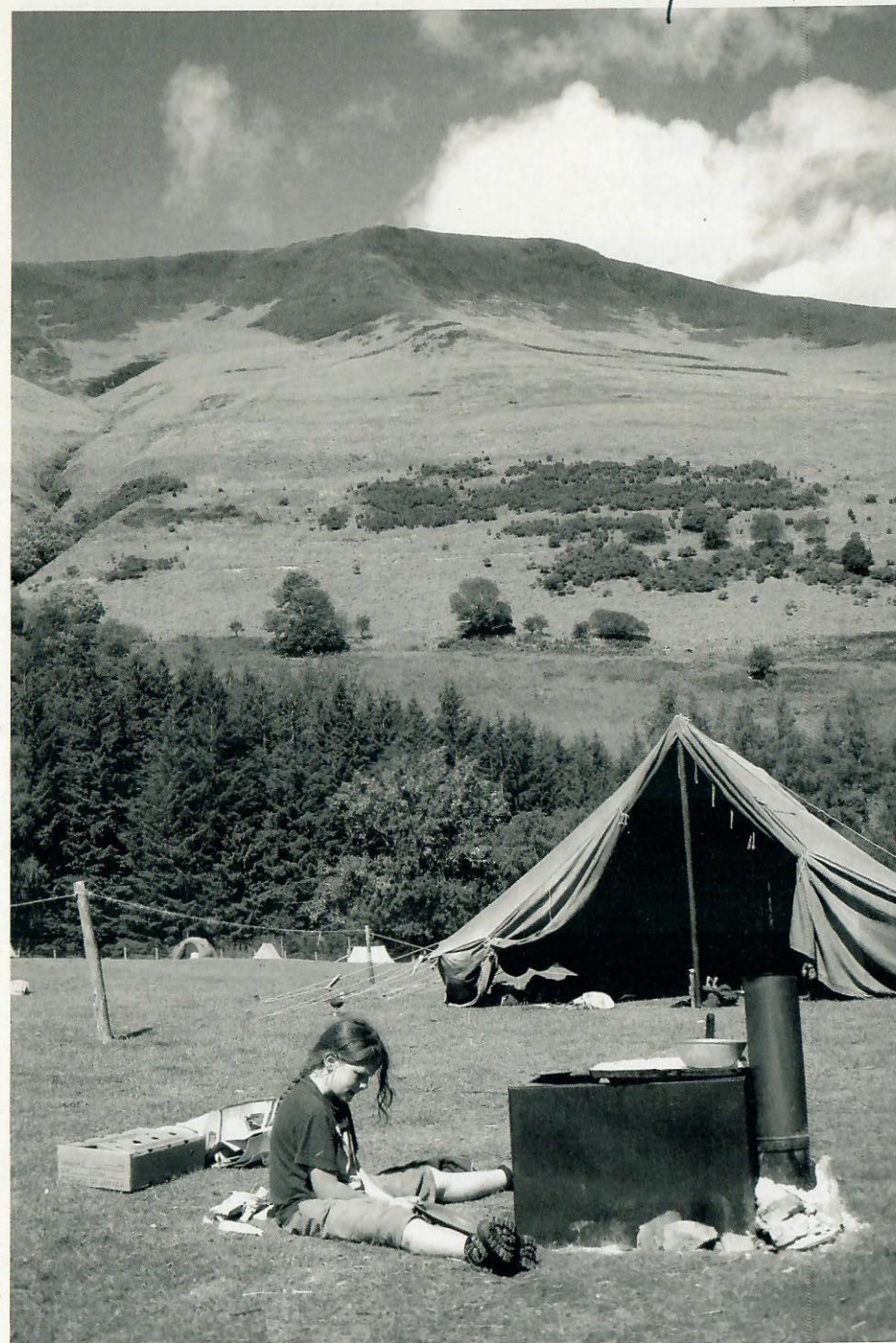
Jessie Mazet

Villa Park
Pentney
King's Lynn
Norfolk
PE32 1JH

Dorrie Young

Left front door flat
Argyll House
310 Richmond Road
Richmond
TW1 2PD

hostess@fsc.org.uk



please apply for these camps on BLUE forms and send them to:
Mary Brown, 32 Castellain Road, London, W9 1EZ
please check that these dates coincide with your school holidays

Summer Camps

20 The Really Raucous Red Herring Wreaks Happy Havoc @ Hodore

Camp Chiefs:
Vic Duggart and John Bradshaw
Organiser: **Sophie Holloway-Hintzen**

The Red Herring is hot; yo the Herring is cool;
The Red Herring alleviates the tedium of school.

Climb aboard, me old hearties, on the Jolly Red Herring for a rip-roaring adventure in the land of lüne. This dynamic ten-day camp promises not to be without action. Never a dull moment (except this one). The lodge consists of a right old mixed bag of ages, abilities, backgrounds, of friendly campers old and new. Together we will live, love and experience being a caring community in a fabulous field under starry skies beside blazing bonfires. Join us in the celebration of our differences in true Red Herring stylee. New staff will be guided by the old hands. Pathfinders are welcome to join the staff group to help with the campers with specific special needs. See you there, can't wait x.

Ages: **6.6 - 17.11**
Dates: **Weds 25th July - Fri 3rd Aug**
Travel: **Coach from London**
Fees: **£220**



please apply for these camps on YELLOW forms and send them to:
Angharad Walters, 18 College Road, Impington, Cambridge, CB24 9PD
please check that these dates coincide with your school holidays

Associate Camps

40 Ribblesdale Associate Camp

Camp Chief: **Steve Fletcher**
Organiser: **David and Hilary Hughes**

We will be camping on the banks of the Ribble and enjoying all the activities that this fantastic site has to offer. There will be caving at nearby Long Churn and the three peaks are all within easy walking distance. We will also be swimming, singing, dancing and doing any crafts that you have skills in! We will have a lodge common and merrymoot on the last night. Come and enjoy! All campers will have the opportunity to try caving - beginners particularly welcome! The scenic Settle to Carlisle railway runs by the camp so leave the car at home and come by train!

Dates: **Fri 4th May - Mon 7th May**

41 Shining Cliff Associate Camp

Camp Chief: **Adrian Matthews**
Organiser: **Lorna English**

Dust off those tents, roll up your sleeves and join us in the stunning surroundings of this gem in Derbyshire's crown. The site is set in ancient woodland running along the Derwent vally. Shining Cliff woods holds the memories of camps going back to the 1920s. We will explore this rare and beautiful place over this spring weekend. Come prepared to muck in with the madness, stomp in the mud and marvel at how, with summer coming in, our creative juices begin to flow. As usual, this camp will be vegetarian.

Dates: **Fri 4th May - Mon 7th May**

42 Cumbria Associate Camp

Camp Chief: **Elizabeth Grayson**
Organiser: **David and Hilary Hughes**

We are returning to this beautiful site at the edge of the Lake District for a weekend which will be packed with activities including camp fires, swimming, walking, dancing, chopping, sawing and digging and, of course, cooking and eating delicious food. Come to meet old friends and make new ones.

Dates: **Fri 22nd June - Sun 24th June**

43 Big Chill at the Mill

Camp Chiefs: **Nelleke van Helfteren and Bernie Ashmore**
Organiser: **Lorna English**

Come and join us for the second associate camp at Assington Mill. Bring your creative and physical energies to this lovely Suffolk valley. Build your own entry for the Round the World Millpond Yacht Race. Join a Lodge Walk along a shady trickling stream. Create your own lanterns to illuminate the pond at night. Join everyone for Glee singing and telling stories around the campfire and in the story telling hut. Build a community for a weekend and get some idea of what FSC is all about.

Dates: **Sat 25 Aug - Mon 27 Aug**

Associate Membership of FSC

Parents and supporters who become Associate Members of FSC receive news of FSC's activities in an annual newsletter. 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 family camps, with or without their children. To apply for a family 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

Southern Camps Organiser

Lorna English
55 Grosvenor Avenue
Newcastle-upon-Tyne
NE22 2NP

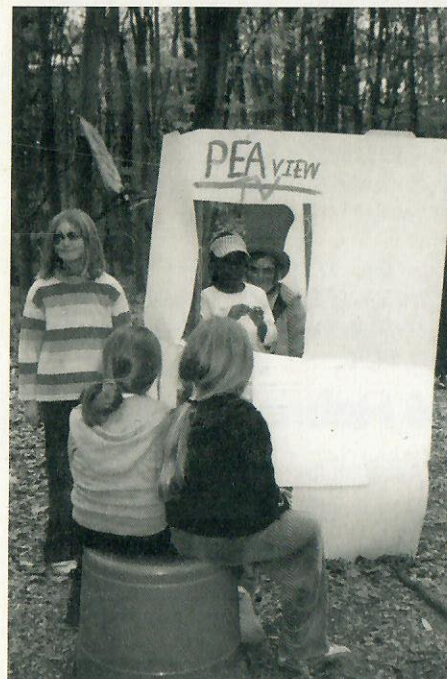
Northern Camps Organisers

David and Hilary Hughes
Malkin House
Brow Lane
Holmfirth
West Yorkshire
HD71RJ

NB: A parent who becomes an Associate Member or attends a family camp does not give their child any priority on the waiting list to attend any of our main 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 cannot guarantee a place for all applicants wanting to go on main summer camps. You stand a better chance of getting a place if you opt for a second fortnight camp.



22 Gormire Woods One

Camp Leaders:

Neale Jenvey and Meurig Hughes
Organiser: **Ama McKenley-Ballantyne**

Our beautiful new site on the edge of the Yorkshire moors is about to become the venue for a most magical camping experience. So, what shall make this experience so magical? Well that's where you come in. There are initial plans afoot for singing, dancing, playing music, costumes, building treehouses, constructing shelters to sleep in, sleeping out under the stars, games, walks, swimming, vigils, and much, much more, but, with an emphasis on decision-making by consensus, where the camp actually meanders its way to will be completely down to all of us right there in the middle of it. Bring ideas, energy, instruments, enthusiasm and imagination, and let us see what we shall see!!

Ages: **9 - 17.11**

Dates: **Weds 25th July - Tues 7th Aug**

Travel: **Train from London King's Cross**

Fees: **£295**

21 Penybont One

Camp Chiefs: **Andy Doyle and Leslie Holden**
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 to care for the countryside which gives us adventure, beauty and so much else.

Ages: **6.6 - 17.11**

Dates: **Weds 25th July - Tues 7th Aug**

Travel: **Coach from London**

Fees: **£295**

23 Eighty (or so) Go Mad in South Cornwall

Camp Chiefs: **Joe Francis and Polly Sands**
Organiser: **Mike Coase**

Come and join us for a super wizard 2 weeks near the sea in (hopefully) sunny South Cornwall! Cream teas, fishing and smugglers, whoopee! You can help create a fabbo community where happy campers of all ages and abilities can enjoy looking after each other, jolly japes and lashings of tea and porridge! Bring songs, games and activities; ideas for madcap adventures or just bring your spiffing selves! Oh go on, you know you want to!

Ages: **6.6 - 17.11**

Dates: **Weds 25th July - Tues 7th Aug**

Travel: **Train from London Paddington to Truro**
Fees: **£295**

24 Farndale One

Camp Chief: **Bryson Gore**
Organiser: **Vanessa Cooke**

Farndale is a beautiful site that experiences all that the weather can throw at it, so come prepared. Prepare to bask in the sunshine, test your waterproofs in horizontal rain and wear enough clothes to watch shooting stars in the darkest skies in England. We aim to make the biggest hot-tub, the loudest orchestra and the happiest community in FSC history. So come and join us and make a difference!

Ages: **9 - 17.11**

Dates: **Weds 25th July - Tues 7th Aug**

Travel: **Train from London King's Cross to York**
Fees: **£295**

25 Dinas

Camp Chief: **Nell Cameron**
Organiser: **Kate Williamson**

Waterfall, welsh rain and sun, smiling faces, singing voices, laughter through the valley. What do you want to do? Who do you want to be? Where do you want to go? We will play and learn together, cook and feed, and care for each other, explore, giggle, invent and enjoy. Come and make a fortnight we will all remember with a smile.

Ages: **6.6 - 17.11**

Dates: **Weds 25th July - Tues 7th Aug**

Travel: **Train from London Euston to Shrewsbury**
Fees: **£295**

26 Hebrides

Camp Chief: **Andy Freedman**
Organiser: **Ruth Illingworth**

This amazing site is set in dunes next to a long white sand beach, on the island of South Uist in the Outer Hebrides. It's a long journey by coach and sea to reach this very special and adventurous place where we will make our lodge. The wind (and rain!) blow hard here and there are no trees for shelter, so good tents, waterproofs and footwear are essential. We will all be looking after each other. We'll do the things that make camp special, with some changes to suit our surroundings, like swimming and camp fire on the beach. Living, playing, exploring and watching seals, we'll spend some time at camp and the rest on the beaches, mountains and the neighbouring islands.

Extra info: this camp is for experienced FSC campers only who are 11 years old or more before 1 Sept 2007.

Ages: **11 - 17.11**

Dates: **Tues 24th July pm - Weds 8th Aug am**

Travel: **Coach from London, then ferry, then coach**
Fees: **£320**

Autumn Camps

36 Mendip Cave Training

Camp Chief: **Flow Stone**
Organiser: **Margaret Fletcher**

This training is a preparation for the Mendip Caving Camp. There are plenty of caves suitable for FSC use on Mendip, we will spend time learning and remembering those you would like to lead or support others in leading on the camp. There will also be a chance to extend your caving experience and look at ways of helping a tired or slightly injured person out of a cave. It is for staff who are interested in staffing a caving camp whether they are new or experienced cavers and for experienced pathfinder cavers who would like to improve their skills in order to help others on camp

Extra info: this camp is for experienced FSC campers only.

Ages: **16 - 17.11**

Dates: **Fri 5th Oct - Sun 7th Oct**

Travel: **We will endeavour to get the maximum number travelling by car, but train escort will run from London Paddington if needed** (campers to pay cost)

Fees: **£25**

37 Mendip Caving

Camp Chiefs:
Giles Vellacott and Helen Spencer
Organiser: **Margaret Fletcher**

This longer caving camp on the Mendip hills in autumn will be ideal for introducing younger campers to the joys of caving, and will still aim to challenge the band of experienced cavers that make the core of our underground camps. From the dry caves of Burrington Combe to the waterfalls of wet Swilden's, there is something for everyone. We hope to have time for an underground version of our night games, a leg-stretching walk looking down over the Somerset Levels, and for a traditional FSC camp fire and dance.

Extra info: this camp is for experienced FSC campers only.

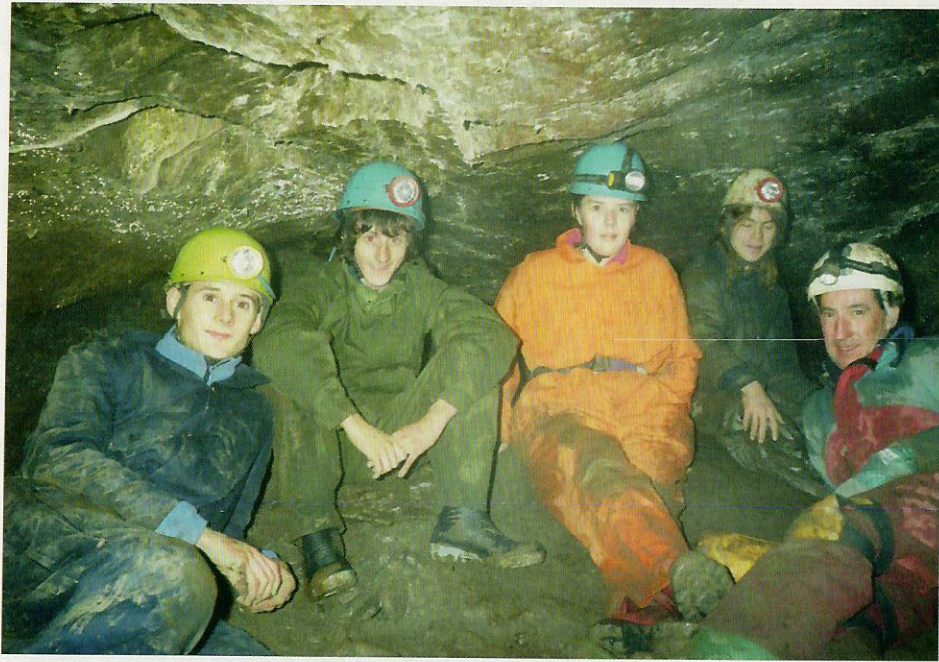
Ages: **11 - 17.11**

Dates: **Sat 20th Oct - Weds 25th Oct**

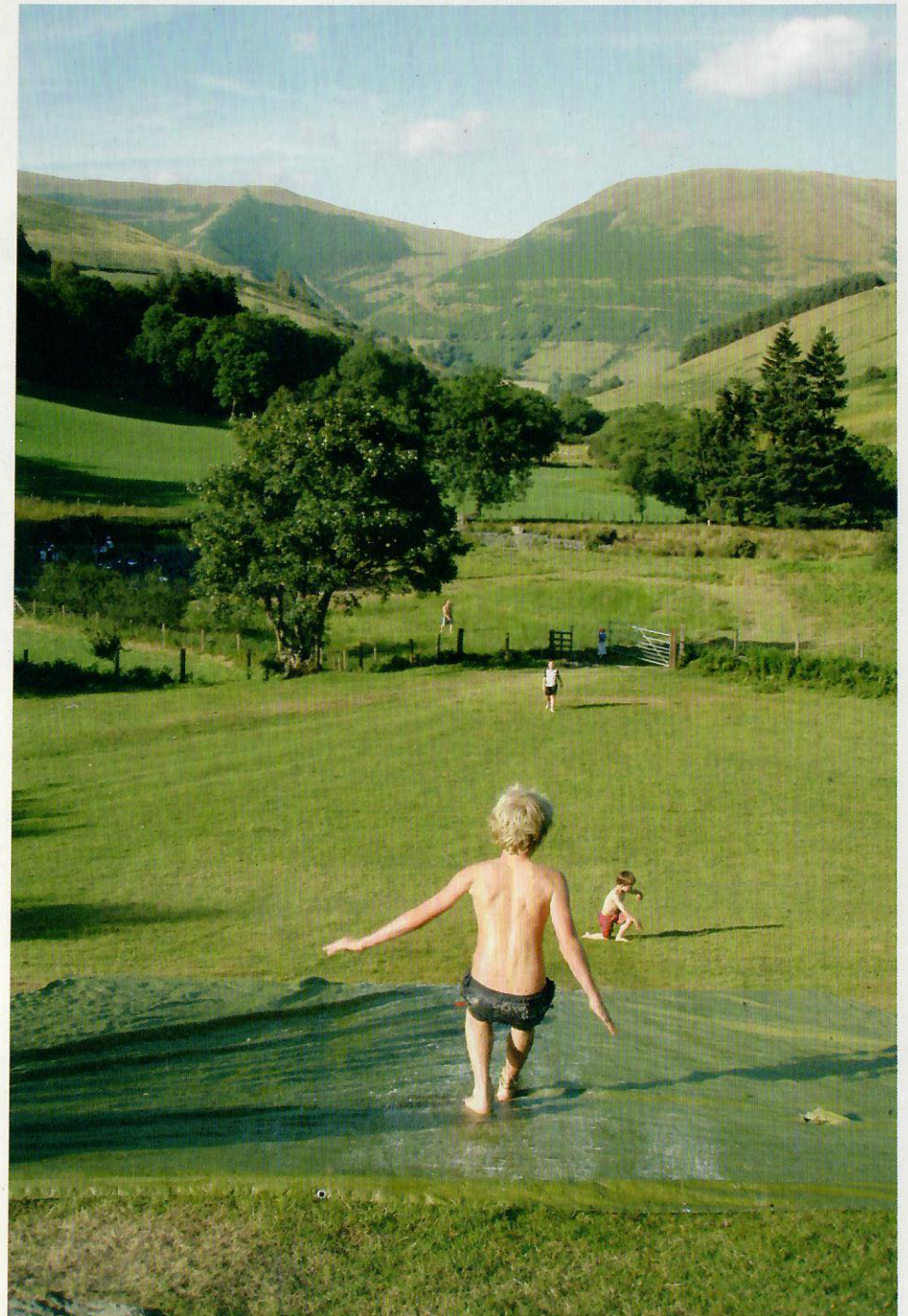
Travel: **We will endeavour to get the maximum number travelling by car, but train escort will run from London Paddington**

Fees: **£100**





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27 And on the Tenth Day.....

Camp Chiefs: **Joe Hallgarten and Davy Starkey**
Organiser: **Jess Mace**

And on the Tenth Day.....

.... We went home. All the fun of a fortnight, packed into ten-days of everything the spirits and skies of Harlech can throw at us. We'll keep laughing as we learn new skills, hike at night, swim in Welsh streams and paddle in the Irish Sea. Bring all your ideas, and come ready for rainbows.

Extra info: this camp is suitable for people with limited mobility. Please note the dates of this camp.

Ages: **6.6 - 17.11**

Dates: **Weds 25th July - Fri 3rd Aug**

Travel: **Coach from London**

Fees: **£220**



35 Sailing Bye

Camp Chief: **Dave Monk**
Organiser: **Beth Isaac**

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 other 6 days will be sailing from place to place 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, sleeping in boats or on

the bank along the way and enjoying a real s'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.

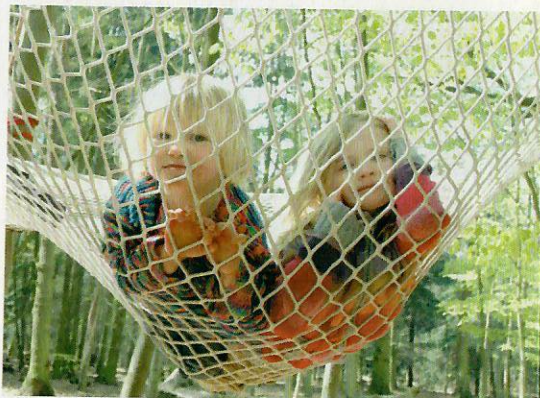
Extra info: this camp is for experienced FSC campers only.

Ages: **12 - 17.11**

Dates: **Thurs Aug 9th - Weds 22nd Aug**

Travel: **Coach from the Embankment, London to Waxham, Norfolk**

Fees: **£295**



28 Seven Days at Magdalen

Camp Chief: **Julian Welsh**
Organiser: **Liz Keam**

Our mission is to make one week seem like two, so we will be packing it all in here in rolling Somerset. On organic soil we will chat to the buttercups, hug the trees and wonder at the stars; we will sing around the fire, dance, play; meet new best friends and cook porridge for eighty. All we need is you!

Extra info: please note the dates of this camp.

Ages: **6.6 - 17.11**

Dates: **Weds 1st Aug - Weds 7th Aug**

Travel: **Coach from London**

Fees: **£195**

29 Walking, We Ask Questions

Camp Chief: **Ziggy Melamed**
Organiser: **Lesley Morrison**

We will arrive, meet each other and begin by planning this camp together. We will all bring the things we need that we can carry with us, so we can walk where we want - exploring along the beautiful, wild welsh coast line. Together we will decide where and how we go and how we work together. We can use consensus decision making to become a group without leaders, where everyone has an equal say, allowing us to really make this camp what we want it to be. What is important to you? Walking? Laughing? Visiting alternative communities with straw bale houses and windmills? Exploring? Singing? Learning survival techniques from each other? Going

to the beach? Discussing? Playing games? Staring at the stars? Listening and explaining? Developing orienteering skills? Theatre games? What is sure is that it will be an adventure and an exciting experiment for us all.

Extra info: this camp is for experienced FSC campers only.

Ages: **13 - 17.11**

Dates: **Weds 25th July - Tues 7th Aug**

Travel: **Coach from London**

Fees: **£295**

30 Paddling on the Lower Ouse

Camp Chiefs: **Hazel Powell and Fran Rainford**
Organiser: **Clare Hardy**

Years ago, Hazel led a canoe journey from Wolverton to Tempsford. Now we want to explore the lower reaches of this river. We will base ourselves at Fenwood, FSC's new ground by Haddenham. Using a minibus and a trailer we will take the canoes out on four days and paddle from Tempsford through St. Neots and St. Ives down toward the mouth of the Great Ouse, probably paddling up the Cam to Cambridge one day. We will return to our base most nights, though we may fit a hike in with an overnight stop.

Extra Info: This camp is for experienced FSC campers only and everyone must be able to swim 50 metres. Please note the dates of this camp.

Ages: **11 - 17.11**

Dates: **Weds 1st Aug - Tues 7th Aug**

Travel: **Minibus from London**

Fees: **£195**

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31 Penybont Two

Camp Chief: **Lottie Davies**
Organiser: **Penny Wiles**

Come and join us in glorious Wales for two weeks of fun and adventure. What would you like to do in Penybont? How about some big fires, cooking eggy bread and bacon, water fighting, climbing hills and sitting on the grass in the sunshine? Or maybe singing around the campfire, making life-long friends and playing silly games with eighty other people? Bring your ideas, enthusiasm and a penknife and we'll see you there...

Ages: **6.6 - 17.11**
Dates: **Thurs Aug 9th - Weds 22nd Aug**
Travel: **Coach from London**
Fees: **£295**

32 Gormire Go Go Go

Camp Chiefs: **Sam Raphael and Jack Sloan**
Organiser: **Karen Patrick**

Are the everyday chores of FSC life getting you down? Have you lost your purpose round the rally circle? If so, then this camp could restoke your fire! We'll add new energy and strip away the excesses of modern standing camps with all their tents and food (OK, we might have to keep the food...). There'll be overnight adventures and lake-side beach parties aplenty, topped off by roaring campfires and singing that will warm your toes. We'll eat and walk and sleep and talk under the stars, climb the trees in this beautiful woodland, lay down roots and grow strong together. Let's have a real adventure!

Extra info: this camp is for anyone with loads of energy.

Ages: **12 - 17.11**
Dates: **Thurs Aug 9th - Weds 22nd Aug**
Travel: **Coach from London**
Fees: **£295**

33 Myttin Da Kernow Dew (Good Morning Cornwall Two)

Camp Chiefs: **Angie Scoble and Kev Rainford**
Organiser: **Nelleke van Helfteren**

Come join us in the land of the Piskies, Knockers, Spriggans, and Giants! We will make our home in a lovely site in southern Kernow (Cornwall) and explore the language and magic of the lands around us. We plan to build a community based on sharing and caring, mixing new ideas with popular traditions. Let's all join hands and start the fun!

Ages: **6.6 - 17.11**
Dates: **Thurs Aug 9th - Weds 22nd Aug**
Travel: **Coach from London**
Fees: **£295**

34 Farndale Two

Camp Chief: **Rad Wagon**
Organiser: **Sue Twigg**

Sleeping in our field-built shelters by night, fire lighting with flint and steel by day, maybe a second short hike, knotting, chopping, and marvelling at our place in the wild outdoors. Then, the chance to sing and dance our way through two weeks. Come prepared to do a mobile of imagination every day.

Ages: **9 - 17.11**
Dates: **Thurs Aug 9th - Weds 22nd Aug**
Travel: **Train from London King's Cross to York**
Fees: **£295**



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