



Forest School Camps

Programme 2009

An Adventure in Education



Welcome

Welcome to the FSC Programme 2009. Please read the programme carefully. Some key points are highlighted below.

- * Please read the important information pages carefully before applying for camp.
- * Please make sure you check the dates of camps carefully.
- * Please note the split of the age groups in the How to Enrol section.
- * You have a better chance of a place on a summer camp if you opt for second fortnight.
- * Please see Camp Fees section for fee information.
- * No child should be unable to camp for financial reasons (see Camp Support and Aid Fund section).
- * Camps have a prefix '9-' to denote the year of camp being 2009. For example, the Whitsun camp named Giants, Wizards and Goblins is camp number 9-7 and the Summer camp named The Imagined Village has camp number 9-26.

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

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Camp Sites



Camp Dates

No	Dates	Camp Name	Where (see map)	Ages	Fee Group*	Extra Info
9-1a	30.01.09 - 01.02.09	Mendip Cave Training	Mendips	15 - 17.11	£30	E
9-1b	14.02.09 - 18.02.09	Mendip Caving in February	Mendips	11 - 17.11	A	E
9-50	27.03.09 - 29.03.09	Danbury Wooding	Danbury	18 +	-	CS
9-51	03.04.09 - 05.04.09	Spring at Rushall Manor Farm	Rushall	16+	-	CS
9-2	04.04.09 - 11.04.09	In the Steps of Robin Hood	Notts	9 - 17.11	D	
9-3	04.04.09 - 11.04.09	Makin an Shakin	Danbury	9 - 17.11	D	
9-52	01.05.09 - 03.05.09	Spring at Braziers	Braziers	16+	-	CS
9-4	01.05.09 - 04.05.09	May Day Mayhem	Cotswolds	6.6 - 17.11	C	
9-6	01.05.09 - 04.05.09	Spring Weekend at Hodore	Hodore	6.6 - 17.11	C	
9-40	01.05.09 - 04.05.09	May Day Music Making Associates	Magdalen	Family	-	A
9-41	01.05.09 - 04.05.09	Shining Cliff Associates Camp	Shining Cliff	Family	-	A
9-42	01.05.09 - 04.05.09	Farndale Associates Camp	Farndale	Family	-	A
9-5	02.05.09 - 04.05.09	Venice	Venice	9 - 17.11	C	
9-43	22.05.09 - 25.05.09	Suffolk Associates Camp	Suffolk	Family	-	A
9-7	23.05.09 - 30.05.09	Giants, Goblins and Elves	Danbury	6.6 - 17.11	D	
9-8	23.05.09 - 30.05.09	The Sound of Stockton	Stockton	6.6 - 17.11	D	
9-9	23.05.09 - 30.05.09	Have It at Hodore	Hodore	6.6 - 17.11	D	
9-10	05.06.09 - 07.06.09	Great Ouse Canoe	Great Ouse	10 - 17.11	B	
9-44	26.06.09 - 28.06.09	Borrowbeck Associates Camp	Borrowbeck	Family	-	A
9-11	03.07.09 - 05.07.09	Pathfinder Skills & Glee	Braziers	16+	-	
9-27	28.07.09 - 12.08.09	Hebridean Discovery	Hebrides	12 - 17.11	F	E
9-20	29.07.09 - 07.08.09	Red Herring - Team Spirit	Hodore	6.6 - 17.11	D	
9-26	29.07.09 - 05.08.09	The Imagined Village	Stockton	6.6 - 17.11	D	
9-21	29.07.09 - 11.08.09	South Cornwall One	South Cornwall	6.6 - 17.11	E	
9-22	29.07.09 - 11.08.09	Harlech 1	Harlech	6.6 - 17.11	E	
9-23	29.07.09 - 11.08.09	Gormire 1	Gormire	6.6 - 17.11	E	
9-24	29.07.09 - 11.08.09	Farndale	Harlech	6.6 - 17.11	E	
9-25	29.07.09 - 11.08.09	Radnor Ifon	Radnor	6.6 - 17.11	E	
9-28	29.07.09 - 11.08.09	River Wye Canoe	Wye Canoe	10 - 17.11	E	E
9-31	13.08.09 - 26.08.09	South Cornwall 2	South Cornwall	6.6 - 17.11	E	
9-32	13.08.09 - 26.08.09	Harlech 2	Harlech	6.6 - 17.11	E	
9-33	13.08.09 - 26.08.09	Gormire 2	Gormire	12 - 17.11	E	
9-34	13.08.09 - 26.08.09	Magdalen Farm or Bust	Magdalen	6.6 - 17.11	E	
9-35	13.08.09 - 26.08.09	Sailing Bye	Norfolk Broads	11 - 17.11	E	E
9-45	27.08.09 - 31.08.09	Cumbria Associates	Borrowbeck	Family	-	A
9-53	25.09.09 - 27.09.09	Late Summer at Braziers Park	Braziers Park	16 +	-	CS
9-36a	02.10.09 - 04.10.09	Devon Cave Training	Dartmoor	15 - 17.11	£30	E
9-54	23.10.09 - 25.10.09	Autumn at Rushall Manor Farm	Rushall	16 +	-	CS
9-36b	24.10.09 - 27.10.09	Dartmoor Caving	Dartmoor	12 - 17.11	A	E

E = Experienced FSC campers only

CS = Conservation and Skills camps

A = Associate Camps

* Please refer to page 4 for fee information.

Forest School 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.



The original 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, values and spirit of Forest School which by then had closed.



Our approach to 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 reach their own decisions on both 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, others 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 or 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 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 often dirty. Despite this, many people camp again and again and again. Join us to find out why!

www.fsc.org.uk

How to Enrol

Early application is strongly recommended for all camps as demand for places is high. Children whose applications are received after 5th February 2009 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 5th February may still be disappointed.

Successful applications for summer and non summer camps will be posted out during the second week of March and you should hear by the 10th March. Unsuccessful applications will also be notified at the same time. Easter and early Caving applications will be notified as soon as possible.

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.

Please apply for camps using the appropriate pre-printed form. Do not photocopy them, except for younger siblings.

Please send completed forms to the appropriate place, printed at the bottom of the enrolment form.

New campers may either download a registration form from the website or send a stamped addressed envelope to Child Registration, c/o Brenda Hatcher, 8 Broadview, Fryent Way, London. NW9 9SG.

Members are placed first and because we try to provide a continuous experience for children, priority for membership is given to

siblings of existing members. New applicants may be placed on a waiting list for one or more years. We do not accept applications from new campers over primary school age, eg those who are over twelve or who will have a twelfth birthday before 1st September.

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 (based on their age on 1st September):

Elves 6.6 to 8.11 (School Years 2 & 3)
Woodlings 9.0 to 11.11 (School years 4, 5 and 6)
Trailseekers 12.0 to 13.11 (School years 7 and 8)
Trackers 14.0 to 15.11 (School years 9 and 10)
Pathfinders 16.0 to 17.11 (School years 11 and 12)

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.

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 only write to or e-mail our officers.

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Penrhyndeudrath
Gwynedd
LL48 6SW

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3 Cottage Close
Nuneaton
CV11 6JE

Whitsun & Early Summer Enrolments

Jess McGregor
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London
N15 3RX

Summer Enrolments

FSC Summer Enrolments
2 Hall Fold
Thurgoland
Sheffield
S35 7EA

For Special Enrolments,
please see page 5
For Aid Fund Secretary,
please see page 5
For Conservation and Skills Camps,
please see page 30

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www.fsc.org.uk

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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. 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:

Kevin Haffer

30 Marlborough Road

Chiswick

London

W4 4ET

new.staff@fsc.org.uk



Camp Fees

Please refer to the camps listed for the applicable fee grouping. Please DO NOT send any money with your application.

It is FSC policy that no child will be refused a place due to financial circumstances. See Camper Support below.

Fees include return fares from London. 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.

Group	Fee
Group A	£100
Group B	£60
Group C	£80
Group D	£195
Group E	£300
Group F	£325

When you have been allocated a place on camp we will write to you with the payment details.

This letter will detail how fees may be paid including paying by instalments and rebates for those travelling independently to camp.

10% of this total fee is treated as a non-refundable deposit, to cover our administration costs, once you have agreed to accept the place.

All Whitsun and summer camp fees must be paid in full at least six weeks before the camp. Easter and weekend camps must be paid before the camp starts.



tials 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, consider 35-40 litres for smaller children and 50-65 litres for larger ones. It is worth testing a rucsac 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 rucsac. 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 rucsac 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 (three for a fortnight). 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 rucsac. 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 rucsac 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. Track-suit bottoms are ideal. Fleece trousers are great on cold days. Bear in mind that synthetic fibres dry quickly— cotton stays wet and cold for ages.

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.

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.

An entrance porch is useful for removal and storage of wet clothing and boots under shelter. Porches also help keep the inner tent dry when getting in on a rainy day.

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 (e.g. 'Hollowfill') sleeping bags are recommended for most campers as they retain much of their effectiveness when damp, are easier to clean, and 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 essen-

Camper Support and Aid Fund

FSC offers assistance with camp fees for families who cannot afford to pay the full fees. This may include students, parents on benefits or a low income and those whose circumstances change. In order to apply for assistance from the Aid Fund, please tick the box in the enrolment form and the Aid Fund secretary will contact you.

Children will not be refused a place due to financial circumstances, although we do sometimes have to turn down children due to the high demand for places.

The Aid Fund also has equipment, such as sleeping bags, waterproofs etc. If you would like to borrow any equipment for camp please contact the Aid Fund secretaries at the address below:

Ben and Bron McCarthy
2 Hall Fold
Thurgoland
S35 7EA

camper.support@fsc.org.uk

Donations

FSC is very grateful to receive donations. This enables other children to enjoy the experience of FSC and for our kit to be maintained. Please make cheques payable to 'Forest School Camps' and send them to the Finance Group (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 Finance Group know and they will send you the appropriate form.

Children with Special Needs

FSC runs some camps suitable for active children with special needs due to learning difficulties or physical disabilities (Camps 9-4, 9-6, 9-7, 9-20 and 9-31).

We also integrate 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 9-20 is substantially subsidised by FSC and run specifically for members with learning difficulties.

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

John Bradshaw
214 Allesley Old Road
Coventry
CV5 8GJ
special@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 John at the above address.



Cancellation

If you have to cancel a place at a camp, please write to the Children's Secretary, Forest School Camps, Hillrow Causeway, Haddenham, Ely. CB6 3PA giving the reason, as soon as possible.

If a place is cancelled within six weeks of the start of camp it may not be possible to enrol another child. Therefore a portion of the fee will be kept to cover our costs. 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.

Parents' Meeting

There will be a Saturday meeting in central London for parents, guardians and sponsors whose children are enrolled on this year's camps:

Saturday 25th April 2009

For all those attending spring, Whistun or summer camps.

This will be an opportunity 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 meeting, details may be obtained from the Enquiries Officer (see contacts page) after 1st April.



Criminal Record Checks

All FSC staff are required to have submitted a correctly completed Criminal Record Bureau (CRB) disclosure application before they can be enrolled to staff on our child camps. We continue to operate our own internal procedures to ensure the suitability of our staff, over and above the information obtained from CRB checks. We keep the process of CRB checking our staff under regular review.

New Sites

We are always keen to find new sites and 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:

Em Munn
Camps Committee Coordinator
camps@fsc.org.uk

- light tops (T-shirts etc) (Note 3)
- socks (minimum 6 for a week, 10 for a fortnight – they get wet!)
- underclothing

EQUIPMENT

- lightweight tent (Note 4)
- groundsheet (Note 5) *
- sleeping bag (Note 6)
- rucksac (Note 7)
- 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 batteries (Note 8)
- penknife (Note 9)
- notebook and pencil
- paper and stamps (for writing home)
- plastic bags / 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 (a hood or hat) 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 somewhat heavy and a bit bulkier.
- Proofed nylon - Check that the proofing is waterproof e.g. 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 11s – 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 e.g. 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 child'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 child 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 delicate or 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 bags – rubble sacks or strong bin liners are great for this. Inside these, it is a good idea to separate different types of clothing and put them in different, supermarket-style plastic bags – one each for underwear, socks, tops, trousers, jumpers, etc. Label these bags to show their contents and it's much easier for your child (and their group staff) to find what they need, rather than rummaging around in an enormous sack.

CLOTHING (for a one-week camp. For a fortnight camp, pack double quantities of trousers and thick socks. This is especially necessary for under-11s).

- rainwear (Note 1)
 - footwear (Note 2)
 - 3 warm tops (sweatshirts etc)
 - 4 pairs of trousers/jeans (Note 3) (8 for a fortnight for under-11s)
 - 2 warm woollen jerseys or fleeces
 - thick socks, 2 pairs (4 for a fortnight for under-11s)
 - pyjamas/track suit
 - swimming costume
 - sunhat
 - woollen hat and gloves
 - handkerchiefs/tissues
 - shorts/dress/skirt (optional)
- And depending on the length of camp, an appropriate number of...

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: Merrymoot and Lodge Common Council. At Merrymoot, the whole camp gathers round a roaring fire to entertain each other with a mixture of songs, sketches and improvisations. At Lodge Common Council, the campers gather around a more formal fire and review the camp, suggesting changes in activities or emphasis for the following year.

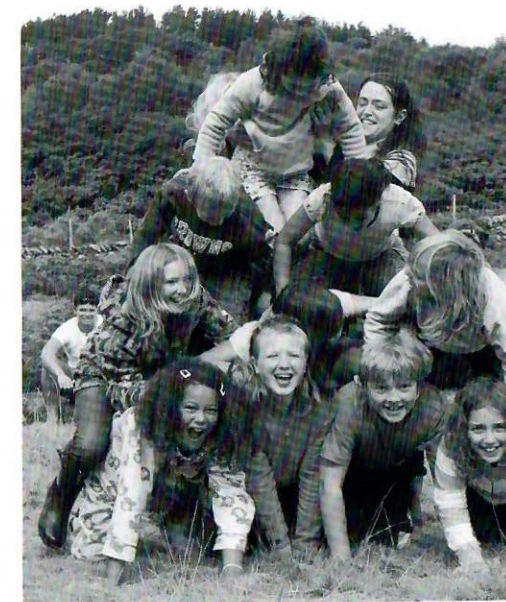
After a few standing camps, many children are ready to try an activity camp. Most of these camps are semi-mobile or mobile, travelling on foot, by bicycle, by canoe or by sailboat. The campers buy their food (with camp funds) every few days and cook in small groups. Activity camps are generally smaller 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.

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

Please note the dates of the following camps carefully.

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.

9-1a Mendip Cave Training

Camp Chief & Organiser: **Flow Stone**

We will go underground to remember or learn about the wonderful Mendip caves in readiness for the Mendip caving camp. The training is for experienced older tracker and pathfinder cavers who would like to extend their skills and knowledge so they can help others on camp. Also a good chance for staff new to caving to try it before staffing a caving camp.

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

Ages: **15 - 17.11**

Dates: **Fri 30th Jan - Sun 1st Feb**

Travel: **Campers to travel independently to camp. We can help coordinate travel.** (campers to pay cost)

Fees: **£30.** This camp is for children aged 15+. Please enrol promptly via the address below.

9-1b Mendip Caving in February

Camp Chiefs: **Giles Vellacott and Helen Spencer**
Organiser: **Lesley Morrison**

The Mendip Hills, south of Bristol, are riddled with caves. We return every year to enjoy their variety - dry 'fossil' caves, wet caves still being carved out by cascading streams, sinkholes, rifts, tubes. Join us 'camping' in a warm caver's hut where we feast to keep up our energy levels, dry out after climbing up underground waterfalls, and try to fit the traditions of an FSC camp into 5 busy days, including a day's hike on the surface. Previous FSC standing camp experience essential.

Extra info: This camp is for experienced FSC campers only. Immediate booking required.

Ages: **11 - 17.11**

Dates: **Sat 14th Feb - Wed 18th Feb**

Travel: **Escorted travel for this camp will only be from and to Bristol Temple Meads station. We will help co-ordinate travel to camp and meet trains in Bristol TM by arrangement.**

Fees: **Group A** Please refer to Camp Fees section on page 4

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.

Further information

You will receive a pre-camp circular a few weeks before camp. This will include further information including use of mobile phones, Weil's disease, our internet policy and our alcohol policy in addition to other information from your camp chief and/ or organisers. Please ensure you and your child read and discuss this important information prior to camp where appropriate.

Please apply for the above camps on the 'Easter and Earlier Form' and send them to:

Julie & Rod Gritten, Traian Llanfrothen, Penrhyndeudraeth, Gwynedd, LL48 6SW.

Please check that dates coincide with your school holidays.

Fenwood

Fenwood is part of the stores site at Haddenham near Ely, Cambridgeshire. FSC planted the 2.4ha (8.5 acre) field in 2006 as an educational woodland. Go to website for satellite views!! Our intention is that this woodland site can be used for mainstream camps and for the learning of outdoor skills.

At present the trees are young and need caring for. They are protected by fencing and sheep keep the grass down meaning that we are already able to camp on the site. We have 3 weekends a year when we dedicate our efforts to the care of the trees and the surrounding field areas. When the works are over there's plenty of time to play. Staff and Pathfinders are very very welcome at these weekends. Pathfinders will need written consent of their parent or guardian in order to attend (an appropriate form is available on the FSC website (in downloads) or can be obtained from Dave Monk.

These are work weekends for FSC and as such some expenses may be claimed. If you would like to enjoy any or all of these weekends, please contact Dave Monk at dave_vee12@yahoo.co.uk

FSC Regional Groups

Over the years, FSC staff have set up informal, regionally based groups which meet and run occasional weekend camps.

Western Region

After a long break, we have started camping again in the West over the last few years. We have camped near Abergavenny and by the River Wye near Hereford. We've also had a walking mobile on the Quantocks and a cycling mobile across the Somerset Levels over May bank holiday weekends. Dates and sites for 2009 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



9-2 In the Steps of Robin Hood.....

Camp Chief: **Daphne Carré**
Organisers: **Esmée Jenkins & Allan Hill**

Come and join us to explore this new site on the edge of Sherwood Forest. As well as many traditional activities there will be opportunities to explore further afield returning to our base camp at night. At nearby Creswell Crags we can see caves that were the homes of primitive people during the Ice Age or we can visit the Major Oak and speculate if it was a hide out for Robin Hood and his Men. Two sleeping bags, good waterproofs and sun cream are essential for Easter Camping.

Ages: **9 - 17.11**
Dates: **Sat 4th April - Sat 11th April**
Travel: **Coach from London**
Fees: **Group D**
Please refer to Camp Fees Section on Page 4

9-3 Makin an Shakin

Camp Chiefs: **Dave Monk & Neale Jenvey**
Organiser: **Ruth Hallgarten**

We've only got 168 hrs to discover how to make fire from steel, make shelter from the North wind and eat things that your granny gathered by moonlight. Danbury Woods will allow us to abandon our tents and sleep in trees but only if you find the right Knot !! The sign on the gate says--bring bucket loads of energy, an exploring mind and little need of sleep. This is Makin an Shakin.

Ages: **9 - 17.11**
Dates: **Sat 4th April - Sat 11th April**
Travel: **Coach from London**
Fees: **Group D**
Please refer to Camp Fees Section on Page 4

Spring Camps

9-4 May Day Mayhem

Camp Chiefs: **John Bradshaw & Roger Bradshaw**
Organiser: **Thelma Jones**

Join us for a magical May Day weekend on a new site in the Cotswolds. We will build, climb and work hard together to achieve as much as we can. It will be an action packed, fun filled weekend so we hope you will join us. This camp actively welcomes and will celebrate all campers including those with disabilities or other difficulties.

Ages: **6.6 - 17.11**
Dates: **Fri 1st May – Mon 4th May**
Travel: **Coach from London**
Fees: **Group C**
Please refer to Camp Fees section on Page 4

9-5 Venice

Camp Chiefs:
Roddy Brooks and Stefan Ashford
Organiser: **Jan Ashford**

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 (trusty narrow boat during the days. Evenings and mornings will be spent camping in a usual FSC standing camp style. We visit the Black Country Living Museum on Monday before the train home. It might be wet or sunny, come expecting rain and hope for a heatwave.

Ages: **9 - 17.11**
Dates: **Early morning Sat 2nd May – Mon 4th May**
Travel: **Train from London Marylebone**
Fees: **Group C**
Please refer to Camp Fees section on Page 4
Deduct £5 if travelling independently to camp



Please apply to these camps on the 'Whitsun and Weekend Enrolment Application Form' and send to FSC Summer Enrolments, 2 Hall Fold, Thurgoland, Sheffield, S35 7EA.

Conservation and Skills Camps

9-50 Danbury Wooding

Camp Leaders and Organisers: **Sophie Nathan & Leo Murray**

FSC uses the lovely site of Danbury Woods more and more and we would like to give something back to the forest. So come join us for a wintry weekend of tree-felling, fagot making, harness wearing and general forest shenanigans. Learn new woodland skills, and make new friends.

Ages: **18+ unless accompanied by a parent or guardian**
Dates: **Fri 27th Mar – Sun 29th Mar**

9-51 & 9-54 Spring/Autumn at Rushall Manor Farm

Camp Leaders: **Nick Porter, Martin Powell and Marcos Guillen**

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 (9-51): **Fri 3rd April – Sun 5th April**
Dates (9-54): **Fri 23rd Oct – Sun 25th Oct**

9-52 & 9-53 Spring/Late Summer at Brazier's Park

Camp Leader: **Henry MacKeith**
Camp Chief: **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 (9-52): **Fri 1st May – Sun 3rd May**
Dates (9-53): **Fri 25th Sept – Sun 27th Sept**



Pathfinders wishing to attend camps 9-51, 9-52, 9-53 and 9-54 unaccompanied will require the written consent. The appropriate form can be downloaded from the FSC website (downloads section).

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 (email is preferred):

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

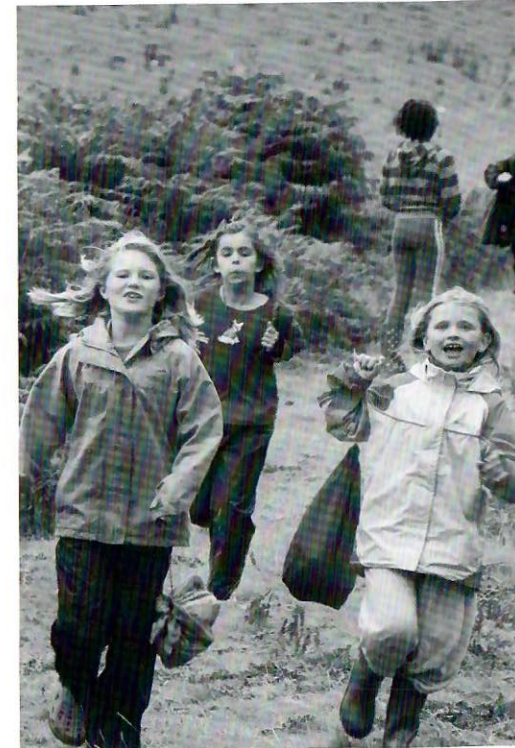


9-6 Spring Weekend at Hodore

Camp Chiefs: **Polly Shields**
Organiser: **Anna Feuchtwang**

Come and enjoy a fast-paced 3-night camp in the beautiful bluebell woods at Hodore. We will make friends, build fires, eat in circles, have fun, sing songs, sleep well, wake early and pack as much as we can into our 72 hours. Come and see how much fun you can have with people you've only just met! This is a camp for everyone, and is particularly good for FSC first timers and people with limited mobility.

Ages: **6.6 - 17.11**
Dates: **Fri 1st May - Mon 4th May**
Travel: **Coach from London**
Fees: **Group C**
Please refer to Camp Fees section on Page 4



Whitsun & Early Summer Camps

9-7 Giants, Wizards and Goblins

Camp Chiefs: **Polly Sands and Joe Francis**
Organiser: **Anne Francis**

A brilliant camp directly encouraging fun, games, happy incidences. Jolly kitchen lovin' making nosh of pure quality. Respect, support, trees, unending volume with xylophones, yes zirree. Enough of the alphabet, come down to the woods and play, work, make new friends and go giant hunting – we will have a top time.

Ages: **6.6 - 17.11**
Dates: **Sat 23rd May - Sat 30th May 2009**
Travel: **Coach from London**
Fees: **Group D**
Please refer to Camp Fees Section on Page 4



9-8 The Sound of Stockton

Camp Chief: **Dan Brandenburger**
Organiser: **Emma O-Bryen**

We make a welcome return to this spectacular site high on the downs with breathtaking views over Salisbury Plain. Both new and old hands will be able to practise their camping skills, explore the valleys and tracks and help build a caring and supporting community in the Wiltshire countryside. We will include all the favourite features of a full standing camp with woodcraft, night-game, lots of dancing, singing and laughing plus we will have a few extra surprises?

Ages: **6.6 - 17.11**
Dates: **Sat 23rd May - Sat 30th May**
Travel: **Coach from London**
Fees: **Group D**
Please refer to Camp Fees section on Page 4

9-9 Have it at Hodore

Camp Chief: **Andy Prag and Daniel Simon**
Organiser: **Fiona Clarke**

We will make our home in a beautiful Sussex valley, for a week of games, woodcraft, fun and campfires in the woods. 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, let's Have it at Hodore!

Ages: **6.6 - 17.11**
Dates: **Sat 23rd May - Sat 30th May**
Travel: **Coach from London**
Fees: **Group D**
Please refer to Camp Fees section on Page 4

FSC Stores at Haddenham

What is FSC Stores?

All the equipment used on our camps is stored and maintained at our Haddenham 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 (in Downloads) or can be obtained from 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 can 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 the FSC Stores person:

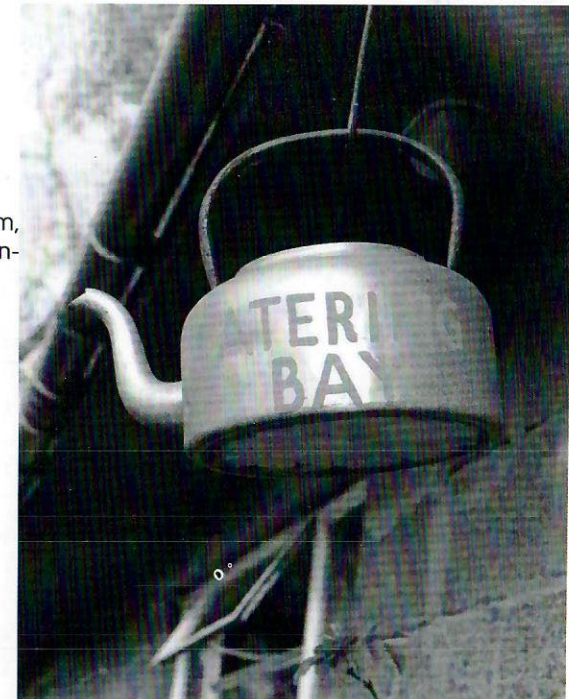
Domini Hawthorn
42 Argyle Street
Swindon
Wiltshire
SN2 8AR
stores@fsc.org.uk

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

Jessie Mazet
2 Docking Rd
Fring
King's Lynn
Norfolk
PE31 6SQ

Dorrie Young
Flat 1
346 High Street
Berkhampstead
HP4 1HT

hostess@fsc.org.uk



9-44 Borrowbeck Associates Camps

Camp Chief: **Liz Grayson**
Organisers: **David & 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, digging and, of course, cooking and eating delicious food. Come to meet old friends and make new ones.

Dates: **Fri 26th June to Sun 28th June**

9-45 Cumbria Associates Camp

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

We will build our community at this beautiful site near Shap Fell where we will celebrate the joy of living! There will be singing, dancing, walking, woodcraft, swimming and superb food. We will have a Lodge Common Council and Merrymoot and go home with a song in our hearts. Come, join in and create the magic!

Dates: **Thurs 27th Aug to Mon 31st Aug**

9-10 Great Ouse Canoe Weekend

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

Do you enjoy getting wet? Try canoeing. We will learn 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 and cook in small groups on Trangias and Primus. This camp is open to all: from beginners to experienced in a canoe and for those who have been camping with FSC for a while to those who are camping with us for the first time.

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

Ages: **10 - 17.11**
Dates: **Fri 5th June - Sun 7th June**
Travel: **Train from Euston to Wolverton**
Fees: **Group B**
Please refer to Camp Fees section on Page 4

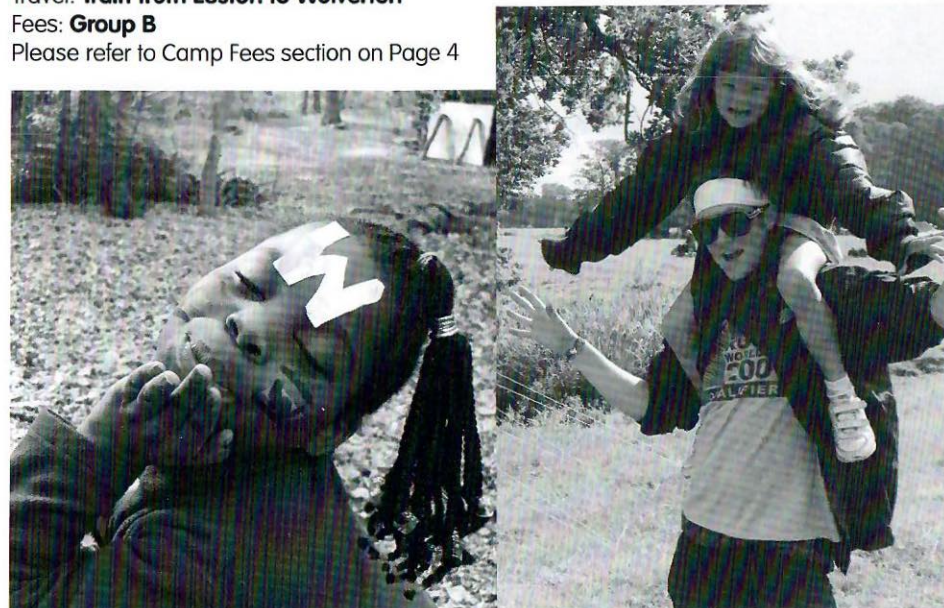
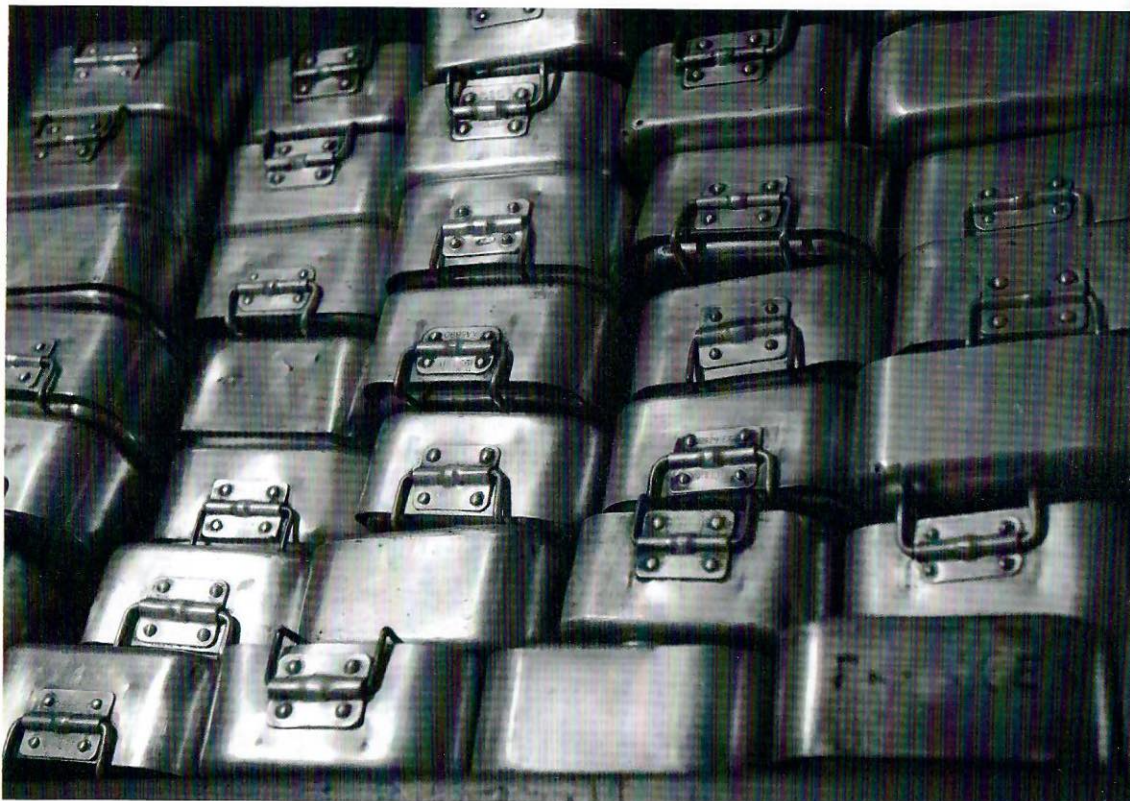
9-11 Pathfinder Skills and Glee Camp

Camp Chiefs:
Tom Bennett and Corinne Howells
Organiser: **Jayne Jenkins**

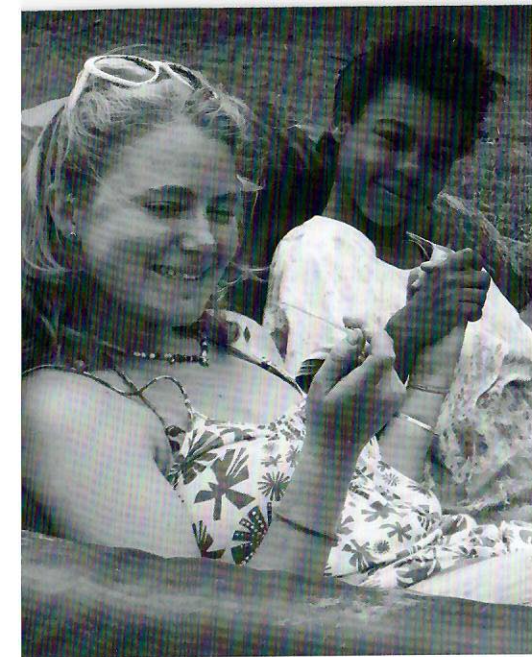
How confident are you with your camp skills? Do you enjoy learning new songs? This will be a weekend for both - learning new skills, building confidence in the ones you already have, and learning a whole host of new songs. Whether you were a last year Pathfinder in 2008 or are due to be a Pathfinder this year, come to Braziers Park near Reading for a weekend packed with camp skills and glee!

Ages: **16+ (this camp is intended for all pathfinders and those who were last year pathfinders in 2008)**

Dates: **Sat 3rd July - Sun 5th July**
Travel: **Coach from London**
Fees: **Group B**
Please refer to Camp Fees section on Page 4



Please apply for these camps on the 'Whitsun and Weekend Application Form' and send them to:
FSC Whitsun & Weekend Enrolments, 2 Hall Fold, Thurgoland, Sheffield. S35 7EA.
Please check that these dates coincide with your school holidays.



Summer Camps

1st Fortnight Camps

9-20 Red Herring - Team Spirit

Camp Chiefs: **Vic Doggart & Matthew Bethell**
Organiser: **Sophie Holloway-Hintzen**

Sisters, Brothers and Comrades, hello and welcome to an all-inclusive, mixed ability, action-packed adventure chill out for old, young and new campers...it's a full-on, all hands on deck fulfilling experience for campers and staff alike; challenging boundaries, facilitating freedom and co-creating an exciting timetable together on a beautiful farm where the river runs freely and the flying geese pervade sunseting skies. We will make merry and make music. We will live, love, learn and laugh in the wonderful woods and fabulous field near where Tigger, Kanga and the crew hang out....

Extra Information: This camp is especially for people with specific specialised needs. Pathfinder helpers who want to work hard and learn a lot within the staff group are very welcome. We look forward to having a great experience with you.

Ages: **6.6 - 17.11**
Dates: **Weds 29th July - Fri 7th Aug**
Travel: **Coach from London Brixton**
Fees: **Group D**
Please refer to Camp Fees section on Page 4



Please apply to camp 9-20 directly to John Bradshaw, 214 Allesley Old Road, Coventry, CV5 8GJ.
For all other summer camps, please apply on the 'Summer Enrolment Application Form' and send to FSC Summer Enrolments, 2 Hall Fold, Thurgoland, Sheffield. S35 7EA

Associate Camps

9-40 May Day Music Making at Magdalen Associates Camp

Camp Chiefs: **Anita Andrews & Simon Emmerston**
Organiser: **Lorna English**

Come and join us at this wonderful site on the Dorset/Somerset border for a long weekend of singing, dance and crafts along with other traditional FSC activities. We will explore the surrounding countryside and watch nature emerging after the winter months. Help to raise a May Pole and have fun getting tangled up in coloured ribbons. Bring your instruments, new songs and tunes to teach others around the camp fire. Bring your voice and dancing feet for a grand Ceilidh caper to welcome the summer in.

Dates: **Fri 1st May to Mon 4th May**

9-41 Shining Cliff Associates Camp

Camp Chiefs: **Adrian Matthews & Julia Tozer**
Organiser: **Lorna English**

Live in a wood. Build fires. Drink water from a spring. Play. Eat great vegetarian food. See really big ants. Sing loads and get a small taste of life on an FSC camp.

Dates: **Fri 1st May to Mon 4th May**

9-42 Farndale Associates Camp

Camp Chief: **Jacky Scott-Combes**
Organiser: **David & Hilary Hughes**

Come and 'welcome in the May' in Farndale in the North Yorkshire Moors. A wonderful location ideal for walks, and plenty of song, dance and play. Bring along your voice, instruments, masks and wigs to create a May celebration. We will be a traditional camp, cooking our communal meals over open wood fires. There will be lots of opportunities for practicing woodcraft skills and joining in shared lodge activities.

Dates: **Fri 1st May to Mon 4th May**

9-43 Suffolk Associates Camp

Camp Chiefs: **Nelleke van Helfteren & Anne Milstein**
Organiser: **Lorna English**

Come with us and enjoy this pretty secret valley in South Suffolk where together we will make music, mayhem and merriment. This is our third year at this lovely old mill, with its woods, fields and meadows. We can walk, talk, sing, dance, act, axe, chop and cook with old friends and new. Come on, you know you want to!

Dates: **Fri 23rd May to Mon 25th May**

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 family 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. 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 cooking 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.

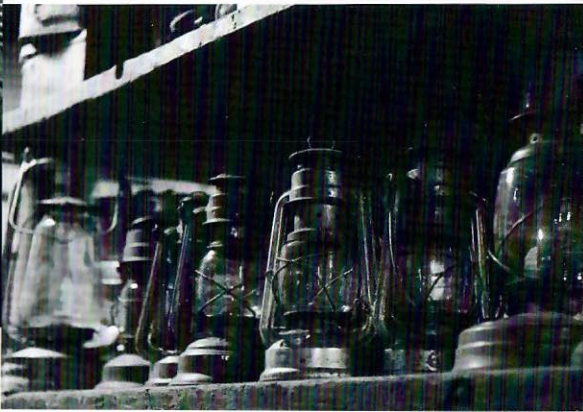
To apply for a family camp please use the form sent to all Associate Members, or download application form from the downloads section of our website. Please note that these camps get booked up quickly, so don't delay in applying.

Associate Members' Secretary
Nelleke van Helfteren
7 Victoria Road
Colchester
CO3 3NT
Email: associates@fsc.org.uk

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.

Please note Summer Camp dates

This year we are running a pathfinder skills and glee weekend camp in early July. See previous section for details.

9-21 South Cornwall 1 9-22 Harlech 1

Camp Chief: **Julian Welsh**
Organiser: **Dinah Bornat**

Half a hike away from the sea above a trickle of a stream is a field on a cheese farm. Here we will cast aside useless electronics, dirty our starchy clothes in Cornish earth and turn our backs casually to the dull rain. Briefly pausing our real lives, we will dig into a seam of new friends, learn songs heard over crackling logs, walk till our legs are weak and leave smelling like the trees.

Ages: **6.6 - 17.11**
Dates: **Weds 29th July – Tues 11th Aug**
Travel: **Train from London Paddington to Truro**
Fees: **Group E**
Please refer to Camp Fees section on Page 4

Camp Chiefs: **Andy Doyle & Lesley Holden**
Organiser: **Karen Mautner**

A full traditional standing camp set in the beautiful and dramatic hills above Harlech. With views of both Snowdon and the Irish sea. Shake off that city grime and come and live in the hills with 'sprites'. We aim to grow a creative, active and caring community with the skills and spirits everyone has to give. Come ready to enjoy the summer, mud flood or sunshine, and to live in harmony with our neighbours and ourselves.

Ages: **6.6 - 17.11**
Dates: **Weds 29th July – Tues 11th Aug**
Travel: **Train from Paddington, or coach**
Fees: **Group E**
Please refer to Camp Fees section on Page 4



9-23 Gormire 1

Camp Chiefs: **Ben & Bron McCarthy**
Organiser: **Kate Williamson**

We will make our own magic on this dramatic site on the edge of the wonderful North Yorks Moors. We will be living, laughing, singing and having adventures together so bring your energy and ideas to make this a camp where we all nurture each other so we grow to fill our hearts and souls.

Ages: **6.6 - 17.11**

Dates: **Weds 29th July – Tues 11th Aug**

Travel: **Train from London to Thirsk and then coach**

Fees: **Group E**

Please refer to Camp Fees section on Page 4

9-24 Farndale 1

Camp Chiefs: **Andy Freedman & Nell Cameron**
Organiser: **Ruth Illingworth**

Living as a lodge, we'll be listening to the birds, hills, trees, the stream and each other. Be part of an energetic, considerate and joyful community where we will make plans and decisions together. Bring and share your ideas and skills and learn from each other - let's talk, laugh, listen, shout and make music. Together we'll do the things which make camp special and learn about living in fantastic surroundings.

Ages: **6.6 - 17.11**

Dates: **Weds 29th July – Tues 11th Aug**

Travel: **Train from Kings Cross to York and coach**

Fees: **Group E**

Please refer to Camp Fees section on Page 4

9-25 Radnor Afon

Camp Chiefs: **Fran Rainford & Stefan Baker**
Organiser: **Karen Patrick**

By the banks of the Ithon we will build our lodge, with everyone's ideas, big and small, old and new. Listening to the land and to each other, the days will be full of sounds and sun and the nights full of stars and song. Bring your music, your stories and yourselves to this full standing camp in the Welsh hills, and we'll see what the people and the blue skies will bring!

Ages: **6.6 - 17.11**

Dates: **Weds 29th July – Tues 11th Aug**

Travel: **Coach London. Pick up point at Oxford**

Fees: **Group E**

Please refer to Camp Fees section on Page 4

9-26 The Imagined Village

Camp Chiefs: **Carolyn Thompson & Iain Ross**
Organiser: **Nelleke van Helfteren**

This is a one week camp with a two week programme, so no rest till escort!!!

Come and share in a week of traditional FSC fayre amongst the rolling downs of Wiltshire. We will learn and teach new skills, sing heartily around roaring fires, eat fine food in all weathers, meet new friends, laugh our grubby little socks off and revel in the joy of living together in the great outdoors.

Ages: **6.6 - 17.11**

Dates: **Weds 29th July – Weds 5th Aug**

Travel: **Coach from London**

Fees: **Group D**

Please refer to Camp Fees section on Page 4

Autumn Camps

36a Devon Cave Training

Camp Chief & Organiser: **Flow Stone**

A chance for experienced older Tracker and Pathfinder cavers to come and learn the intricacies of Devon's muddy but glorious caves so that you can help others on the main caving camp at half term. All staff new or old cavers are welcome to come and train too, Devon caves are a great introduction to the underground.

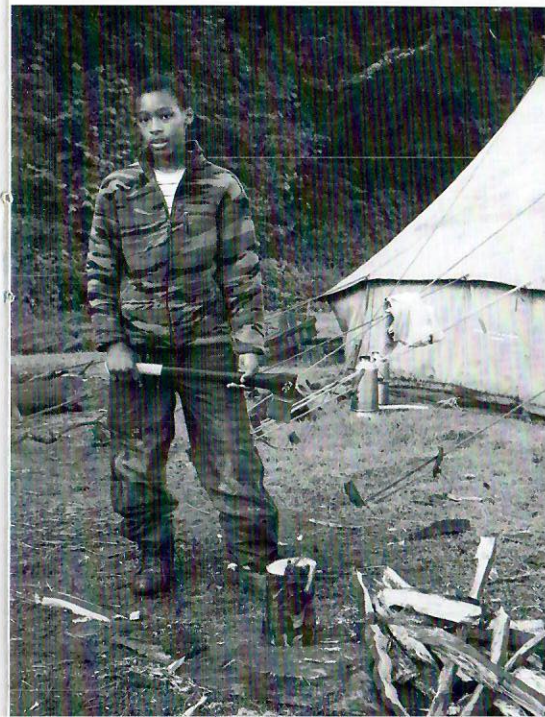
Extra info: This camp is for experienced FSC campers only.

Ages: **15 - 17.11**

Dates: **Fri 2nd Oct – Mon 4th Oct**

Travel: **Campers to make their own way to the site (lifts will be arranged wherever possible)**

Fees: **£30**



36b Dartmoor Caving

Camp Chiefs: **Giles Vellacott and Helen Spencer**
Organiser: **Sam Jewell**

Living in a cave hut, we will explore two favourite caves near Buckfastleigh, the dry Bakers Pot and the gloriously muddy Prid-dam's Leigh. This camp is one day shorter than in February, but we will still pack in everything we can, over and under ground. Previous FSC standing camp experience essential.

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

Ages: **12 - 17.11**

Dates: **Sat 24th Oct – Tues 27th Oct**

Travel: **Escorted travel for this camp will only be from and to Bristol Temple Meads station. We will help co-ordinate travel to camp and meet trains / put campers on trains in Bristol TM by arrangement.**

Fees: **Group A**

Please refer to Camp Fees section on Page 4





Please apply for these camps on the 'Whitsun and Weekend Application Form' and send them to FSC Whitsun & Weekend Enrolments, 2 Hall Fold, Thurgoland, Sheffield. S35 7EA. Please check that these dates coincide with your school holidays.

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9-28 River Wye Canoe Camp

Camp Chief: **Steve Fletcher**
Organiser: **Lorna Kennedy**

This canoe journey will take us on an exciting adventure through the lovely Wye Valley, camping overnight on the banks of the river as we travel 90 miles down the England/Wales border from Glasbury to Tintern Abbey. This will be an active camp with lots of canoeing as well as the usual magical FSC mix of fun, fires and friends, swimming, stargazing and singing.

This camp is for experienced FSC campers only and everyone must be able to swim at least 50 metres. Previous canoeing experience is not essential, although all campers are strongly encouraged to attend the Great Ouse Canoe Weekend (Camp 9-10 in early May)



9-27 Hebridean Discovery

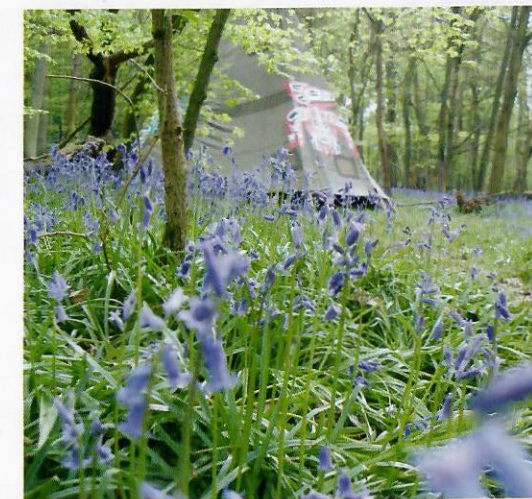
Camp Chief: **Anna Malos**
Organiser: **Domini Hawthorn**

The call of a windy beach, breaking waves and rolling dunes pulls us back to the Hebrides. We will roam the seashore, wander the hills, entertain the seals. Join us to make new friends, renew old bonds and explore the magic of the island.

The weather's straight from the Atlantic so tents and waterproofs need to be up to the challenge. This camp is for experienced campers only.

Ages: **12 - 17.11**
Dates: **Tues 28th July pm - Weds 12th Aug am**
Travel: **Overnight coach from London to Skye, then ferry and coach to the site.**
Fees: **Group F**
Please refer to Camp Fees section on Page 4

Ages: **10 - 17.11**
Dates: **Weds 29th July - Tues 11th Aug**
Travel: **Train from Paddington to Hereford**
Fees: **Group E**
Please refer to Camp Fees section on Page 4



Please apply to these camp on the 'Summer Enrolment Application Form' and send to FSC Summer Enrolments, 2 Hall Fold, Thurgoland, Sheffield. S35 7EA.

2nd Fortnight Camps 9-32 Harlech 2

9-31 South Cornwall 2

Camp Chiefs: **Jess Mace & John Bradshaw**
Organiser: **Ama McKenley-Ballantyne**

Join us for a fantastic, fabulous, fun two weeks in sunny (maybe) Cornwall. This camp actively welcomes and will celebrate all campers including those with disabilities or other difficulties.

Ages: **6.6 - 17.11**
Dates: **Thurs 13th Aug – Weds 26th Aug**
Travel: **Train from London Paddington to Truro**
Fees: **Group E**
Please refer to Camp Fees section on Page 4

Camp Chiefs: **Andy Prag & Ed Straw**
Organiser: **Penny Wiles**

The site is in the Rhinogs, lesser known and unusual mountains of north-west Wales littered with caves, mines and waterfalls. And close to the castle and the big sandy beaches. We usually share the fields with sheep and spiders, neither of which bite. As the summer weather seems set with rain, we will experiment with shelters to create a light and large enough space to hold us. Otherwise, camp will be the sum total of our creativity, spirit and energy.

Ages: **6.6 - 17.11**
Dates: **Thurs 13th Aug – Weds 26th Aug**
Travel: **Train from London Euston to Llanudno Junction, coach to site**
Fees: **Group E**
Please refer to Camp Fees section on Page 4

9-33 Gormire Go Get 'Em

Camp Chief: **Jack Sloan & Sam Raphael**
Organiser: **Ruth Mazet**

Is the demise of global capitalism getting you down? Fancy getting out of your hedgefund and having some hedgefun? Or maybe you are considering the future – do you want to learn some survival skills and live on a big hill? Perhaps you fancy leaving the Blackberry indoors and gathering some food for yourself. If this is you, then leave your suits in the city and bring your waterproofs and swimming stuff for two weeks of exploration. We will run a seriously active camp for seriously active people in a seriously unserious way. We will build shelters and care for one another, swim in our very own lake, live alongside the most beautiful woodland there could possibly be, hike the remote North York Moors and test the bounds of the "standing camp". This is a camp for experienced FSCers with bags of energy and the enthusiasm to make wondrous new things happen. Bring it on!

Ages: **12 - 17.11**
Dates: **Thurs 13th Aug – Weds 26th Aug**
Travel: **Coach from London to North Yorkshire**
Fees: **Group E**
Please refer to Camp Fees section on Page 4

9-34 Magdalen Farm or Bust

Camp Chief: **Rory Blackman**
Organiser: **Ayshah Jansen-Blackman**

Are you ready to Make Some Noise?
Are you up for singing dancing, playing Instruments and bashing drums?
Do you fancy dressing up, going on a challenging hike and doing night vigils?
How about playing lots of games whilst enjoy-

ing the beautiful Somerset country side? Then come along and join us at Magdalen Farm and help us make it happen through consensus decision making. We are going to have a wicked time exploring the countryside and extending our woodcraft skills. Learning from nature and each other.

Ages: **6.6 - 17.11**
Dates: **Thurs 13th Aug – Weds 26th Aug**
Travel: **Coach from London**
Fees: **Group E**
Please refer to Camp Fees section on Page 4

9-35 Sailing Bye

Camp Chief: **Dave Monk**
Organiser: **Hanna Heffner**

We shall spend half our time in woodland on the banks of the Norfolk Broads and the rest afloat in Traditional Broads sailing vessels. We will spend 5 nights away from our home port meandering though the Broads from Quay to Jetty, buying provisions as we go, navigating by stars and discovering Knots that will keep the sails aloft. If there's time to sleep it will be on open decks or sheltered banks. All officers and crew must be able to swim and be comfortable in and under the water!!!
Extra info: This camp is for experienced FSCers only.

Ages: **11 - 17.11**
Dates: **Thurs 13th Aug – Weds 26th Aug**
Travel: **Coach from London**
Fees: **Group E**
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