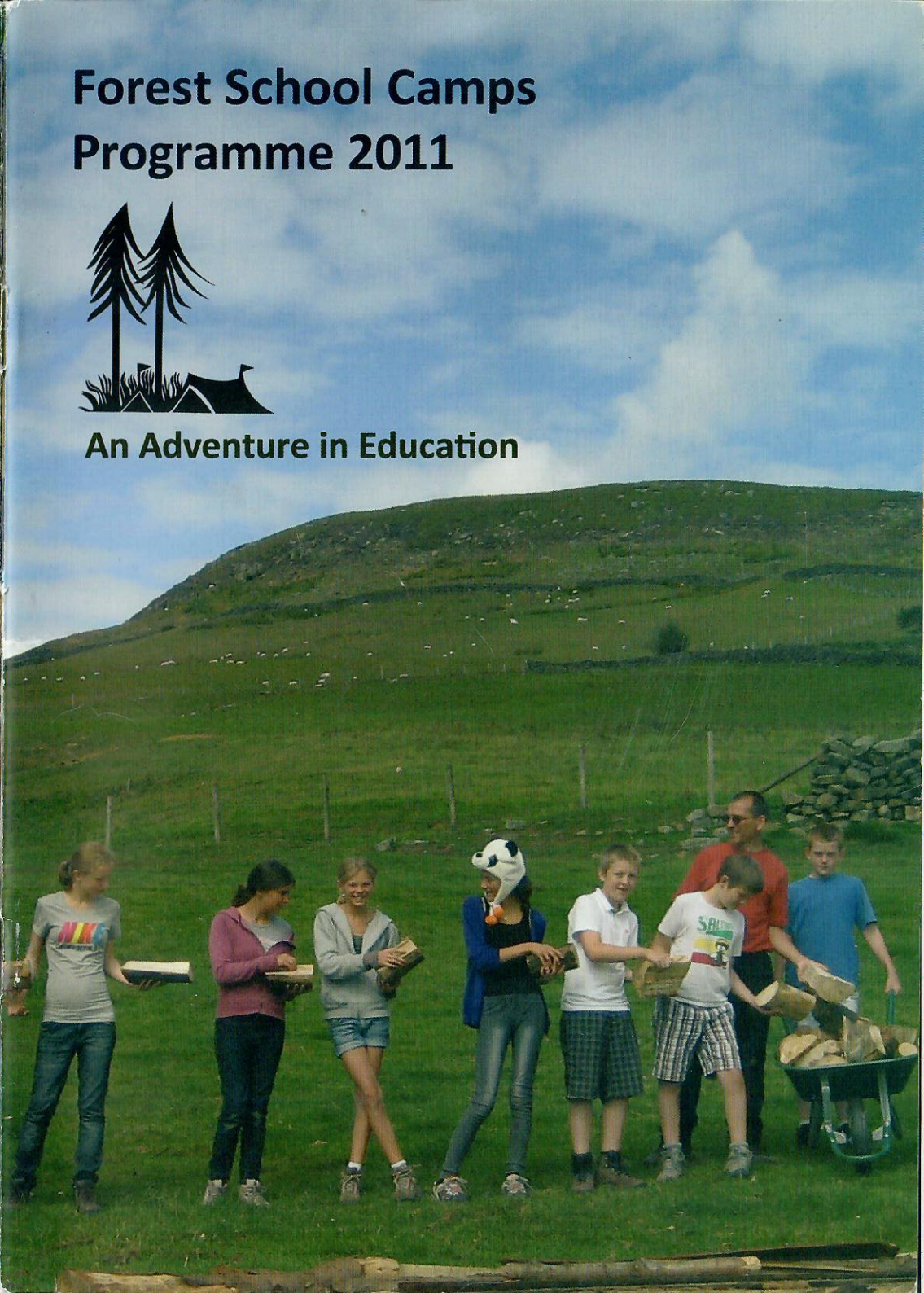




Forest School Camps Programme 2011



An Adventure in Education



Welcome

Welcome to the FSC Programme 2011. The main 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.
- We are only able to offer new camp places to children of primary school age. In 2011, potential first-time campers must have a date of birth between 01.09.2000 and 28.02.2005.
- Please see the Camp Fees section for fee information. No child will be refused a place due to financial circumstances, see Camp Support & Aid Fund section.

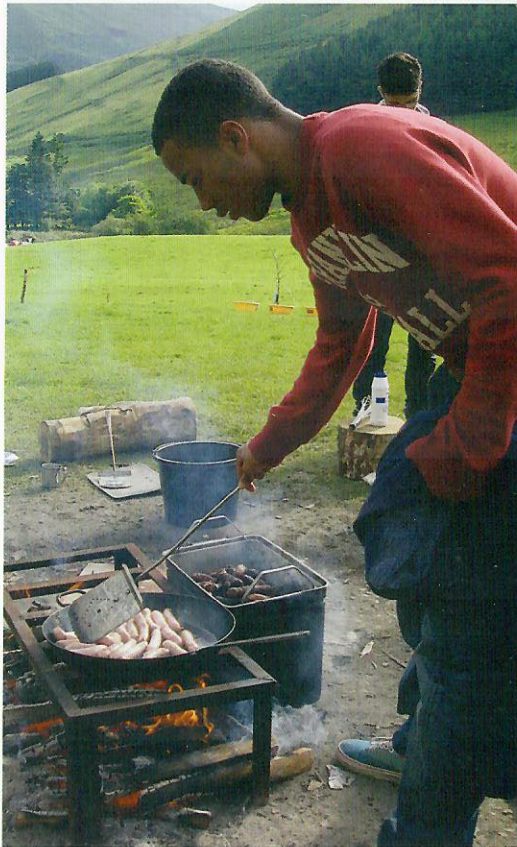
1st Fortnight Summer Camps dates are Thursday 28th July to Wednesday 10th August

Except Camps no. 20 which runs from Thursday 28th July to Saturday 6th August
and no. 27 which runs from Wednesday 27th July to Thursday 11th August

2nd Fortnight Summer Camps dates are Sunday 14th August to Saturday 27th August

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

Camp Sites



Camp Dates Summary

No.	Dates	Name	Where	Ages	Fee	Info
45	18/03/11 – 20/03/11	Danbury Woodchuck	Danbury	18 +	-	CS
46	01/04/11 – 03/04/11	Rushall Manor	Rushall	18 +	-	CS
1	16/04/11 – 23/04/11	Danbury: Shakin' up Santa	Danbury	9 - 17.11	£210	
2	16/04/11 – 23/04/11	Easter at Hodore	Hodore	6.6 - 17.11	£210	
5	16/04/11 – 23/04/1	Wicked Wilderness Mobile	Mid Wales	12 - 17.11	£210	
47	16/04/11 – 25/04/11	Easter at Grayhill	Grayhill	18 +	-	CS
3	17/04/11 – 18/04/11	Yorkshire Cave Training	Yorkshire	15 - 17.11	£35	E
4	18/04/11 – 21/04/11	Lancashire Caves at Easter	Lancashire	11 - 17.11	£100	E
48	29/04/11 – 01/05/11	Brazier's Park	Brazier's	18 +	-	CS
7	29/04/11 – 02/05/11	Spring Weekend at Hodore	Hodore	6.6 - 17.11	£75	LPD
8	29/04/11 – 02/05/11	A White Horse	Vale of WH	6.6 - 15.11	£75	
38	29/04/11 – 02/05/11	Red Kites Over Braziers Park	Brazier's	Family	-	A
6	30/04/11 – 02/05/11	Venice	Venice	9 - 17.11	£75	
9	28/05/11 – 04/06/11	Happy at Hodore	Hodore	6.6 - 17.11	£210	LPD
10	28/05/11 – 04/06/11	Sherwood Forest	Welbeck	6.6 - 17.11	£210	
11	28/05/11 – 04/06/11	Stockton at Whitsun	Stockton	6.6 - 17.11	£210	LPD
39	28/05/11 – 30/05/11	Suffolk All Stars	Suffolk	Family	-	A
12	03/06/11 – 05/06/11	Great Ouse Canoe	Sherrington	10 - 17.11	£55	
40	03/06/11 – 05/06/11	Reeling and Roving	Rushall	Family	-	A
41	17/06/11 – 19/06/11	Ribblesdale Associate Camp	Ribblesdale	Family	-	A
49	18/06/11 – 26/06/11	Grayhill (1)	Grayhill	18 +	-	CS
50	02/07/11 – 08/07/11	Grayhill (2)	Grayhill	18 +	-	CS
13	08/07/11 – 11/07/11	Pathfinders Skills & Glee	Brazier	16 - 17.11	£55	
42	08/07/11 – 10/07/11	Assington Away!!	Assington	Family	-	A
43	26/07/11 – 02/08/11	Order of Woodcraft Chivalry	Dorset	Family	-	A
27	27/07/11 – 11/08/11	Hebridean High-Jinx	Hebrides	12 - 17.11	£360	E
20	28/07/11 – 06/08/11	It's Party Time	Stockton	9 - 17.11	£250	LPD
21	28/07/11 – 10/08/11	Harlech 1	Harlech	6.6 - 17.11	£320	
22	28/07/11 – 10/08/11	Licking The Lizard	S Cornwall	6.6 - 17.11	£320	
23	28/07/11 – 10/08/11	Farndale 1	Farndale	6.6 - 17.11	£320	
24	28/07/11 – 10/08/11	Radnor 1	Pen-y-bont	6.6 - 17.11	£320	
25	28/07/11 – 10/08/11	Dinas 1	Dinas	6.6 - 17.11	£320	
26	28/07/11 – 10/08/11	Borrowbeck 1	Borrowbeck	6.6 - 17.11	£320	
30	14/08/11 – 27/08/11	Harlech 2	Harlech	6.6 - 17.11	£320	
31	14/08/11 – 27/08/11	South Cornwall 2	S Cornwall	9 - 17.11	£320	
32	14/08/11 – 27/08/11	Farndale 2	Farndale	6.6 - 17.11	£320	
33	14/08/11 – 27/08/11	Radnor 2	Pen-y-bont	6.6 - 17.11	£320	
34	14/08/11 – 27/08/11	Find Your Feet	Mid Wales	12 - 17.11	£320	E
35	14/08/11 – 27/08/11	Mark Twain Continuum	Rushall	12 - 17.11	£320	E
44	24/08/11 – 29/08/11	Northern Associate Camp	TBC	Family	-	A
51	23/09/11 – 25/09/11	Brazier's Park	Brazier's	18 +	-	CS
36	14/10/11 – 16/10/11	Mendip Cave Training	Mendips	15 - 17.11	£35	E
37	22/10/11 – 26/10/11	Mendip Caves in Autumn	Mendips	11 - 17.11	£100	E
52	21/10/11 – 23/10/11	Rushall Manor	Rushall	18 +	-	CS

E = Experienced FSC campers only CS = Conservation and skills camps A = Associate camps
 LPD = Special needs camps due to learning difficulties or physical difficulties



About 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 movement 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, committed 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, 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 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!

Important Information

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 2010 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.

In order to give as many children as possible a place at camp, you will not be able to go on both a Whitsun camp and a main summer camp. If you apply for both periods you should make it clear which is your first choice.

You should hear by 17th March whether your application for a weekend, Whitsun or summer camp has been successful. Easter and early caving applications will be notified as soon as possible.

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

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

Please ensure that you send completed forms to the correct address, which is not the same for all the camps. The address is printed at the bottom of the enrolment form.

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 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 are unable to place new campers over primary school age, potential first-time campers must have a date of birth

between 01.09.2000 and 28.02.2005. This includes children who have applied unsuccessfully in previous years and those who have a sibling who is already an FSC camper.

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

At camp, children join their own age group (based on their age on 1st September)

Elves 6.6 to 8.11 (School years 1, 2 & 3)
Woodlings 9.0 to 11.11 (School years 4, 5 & 6)
Trailseekers 12.0 to 13.11 (School years 7 & 8)
Trackers 14.0 to 15.11 (School years 9 & 10)
Pathfinders 16.0 to 17.11 (School years 11 & 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.

*Other potential new campers need to register between September and November each year for the following year's camps. Registration forms will usually be available to download from our website during this period or by emailing children@fsc.org.uk

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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New Staff

If you are over 18 and you think FSC sounds like your sort of organisation, do give us a try. We can't offer much in the way of money – just reasonable travel expenses – but the good company of like-minded adults of all ages keeps many people coming back year after year. 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 a space on a training weekend, we require that trainees have completed an enhanced Criminal Records Bureau disclosure, standard procedure for anyone working with children or vulnerable adults.

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 Hafter
30 Marlborough Road, London, W4 4ET
new.staff@fsc.org.uk



Camp Fees

Please refer to each camp listed for the applicable fee. **DO NOT send any money with your application.**

It is FSC policy that no child will be refused a place due to financial circumstances. Please see Camper Support & Aid Fund.

Fees include accompanied return fares from London, except where noted. 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.

- 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, 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.

Donations

FSC is very grateful to receive donations, which are used in various ways: to help children who cannot afford full fees (financially or by loan of equipment); to provide high-support mentoring; to maintain our equipment; etc. Please make cheques payable to Forest School Camps and send them to the Donations Officer (see Contacts page). To enable FSC to reclaim tax by means of Gift Aid, or to make regular donations by standing order, please obtain the appropriate form from our website, or from the Donations Officer.

Camper Support & 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 on 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: aid.fund@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 (including camps 7, 9, 11 and 20).

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.

Parents or sponsors of children with special needs should apply directly to:
John Bradshaw and Maddy Cooke
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 and Maddy at the above address.

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.

Cancellation

If you have to cancel a place at a camp, please write to the Children's Secretary (see Contacts page) 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 meeting in London for parents, guardians and sponsors whose children are enrolled on this year's spring, Whitsun or summer camps:

Saturday 9th April 2011

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 with your offer of a place in March. 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.

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 deep in your rucksac for the escort journey – it will not be needed and is liable to be lost.

Under Elevens

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.

It is particularly important that if you have a child who is under 10, that you label ALL of their clothes and belongings.

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 camps/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. Tracksuit 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. A porch which can be used for storing gear is very useful. 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 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, 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 Camp Kit List on Page 27 concerning Packing.

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, camp-

fires, 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. Most activity camps are for experienced FSC members only, i.e. those who have attended 2 standing camps.

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:

Kate Ebbutt, Camps Committee Coordinator
camps@fsc.org.uk



New Campers

Going to camp for the first time can seem scary and 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 starting from London and it is a good idea for children to travel with part of the escorted party if 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.

Around Easter Time

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.

1 Danbury: Shakin' up Santa

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

Christmas arrives early in Danbury Woods as Santa comes to visit. We have just 168 hours to make him feel welcome -- we'll build him a grotto in the trees; create shelters to protect his elves and ours-elves from the polar winds; we'll sleep out under the North Star; race sleighs and fight with snowballs; we'll make, give and receive presents; and expand time to settle down for fantastic Christmas fare prepared as it only could be in the hot caverns beneath the woods. Bring sackfuls of energy, an exploring mind, a new knot or two, willing suspension of disbelief, plenty of blithe spirit and little need of sleep -- this is a festive season, SHAKIN style!!

Age: 9 - 17.11

Date: Sat 16th April - Sat 23rd April

Travel: Coach from London

Fee: £210

2 Easter at Hodore

Camp Chief: **Ben Keith**
Organiser: **Ruth Mazet**

What's that coming over the Hill? It's the Easter Bunny going to the Mad Hatter's tea party. Come prepared for fancy dress in a creative extravaganza. Wild animals welcome. Bring jumpers.

Age: 6.6 - 17.11

Date: Sat 16th April - Sat 23rd April

Travel: Coach from London

Fee: £210



Equipment

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

- a) PVC – This is tough, suitable for young children, and completely waterproof if somewhat heavy and a bit bulkier.
- b) Proofed nylon - Check that the proofing is waterproof e.g. neoprene lining, and that the seams are taped to ensure they are waterproof.
- c) 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.
- d) 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 three bags – multiple items increase the chance of loss. 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. Inside these, it is a good idea to separate different types of clothing, putting 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).

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> sunhat woollen hat and gloves handkerchiefs/tissues shorts/dress/skirt* <p>Depending on the length of camp, an appropriate number of...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> light tops (T-shirts etc) (Note 3) socks (minimum 6 for a week, 10 for a fort night – they get wet!) underclothing |
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3 Yorkshire Cave Training

Camp Chief & Organiser: **Flow Stone**

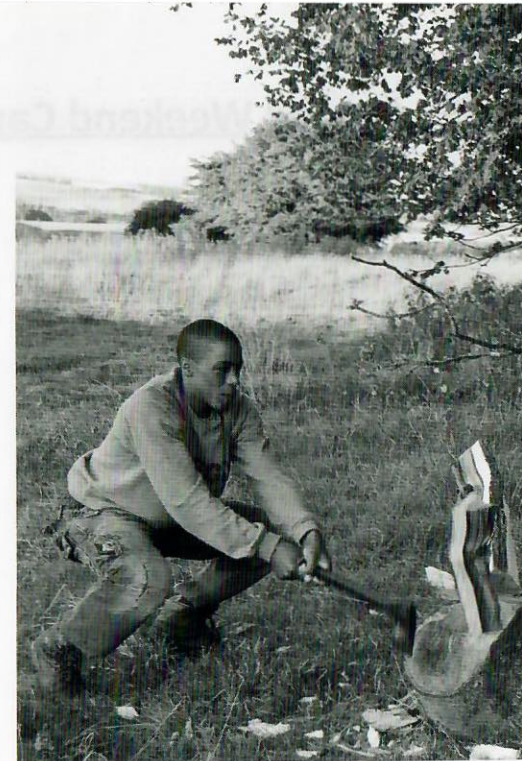
A chance for experienced older Tracker and Pathfinder cavers to come and learn the intricacies of Casterton Fell's glorious caves; so that you can help others on the main caving camp which follows on immediately from the training. All staff new or old cavers are welcome to come and train too.

Age: 15 - 17.11

Date: Sun 17th April - Mon 18th April

Travel: Campers to make their own way to the site or Oxenholme station (lifts will be arranged wherever possible).

Fee: £35



4 Lancashire Caves at Easter

Camp Chiefs & Organisers: **Giles Vellacott & Helen Spencer**

We are returning to the Bull Pot Farm in the Lancashire moors for underground exploration of such caves as Bull Pot o' the Witches, with rushing streams, vertical descents and clean rocks. We will also make time for traditional FSC activities such as singing and dancing, cooking and eating together.

Note: This camp is for children who have done at least 2 standing camps – we welcome new cavers. Caving equipment supplied

Age: 11 - 17.11

Date: Mon 18th April - Thurs 21st April

Travel: Travel costs are additional to the camp fees – but we will co-ordinate travel from London and Bristol; cannot guarantee escorted travel. Campers will be collected from Oxenholme station.

Fee: £100

5 Wales Wicked Wilderness Mobile

Camp Chief: **Duncan Forbes**
Organiser: **Sheila Gore**

This will be a challenging and energetic camp crossing the wildernesses of mid Wales. We will brave the elements, the rough and remote terrain, and use games to learn or develop our mountaineering skills – individually and as a group. We will use navigation by day and at night, ropework, first aid and camp craft. As skills develop campers can move in unaccompanied groups. With only wild animals around us, we will create our own community, sharing stories and adventures, and singing our hearts out.

Age: 12 - 17.11

Date: Sat 16th April - Sat 23rd April

Travel: Coach from London

Fee: £210

Please send your applications for Around Easter Time Camps to
Ruth Hallgarten, 46 Corringham Road, London, NW11 7BU

Early May Weekend Camps

6 Venice

Camp Chiefs: **Roddy Brooks & Stephan Ashford**
Organiser: **Caroline Emlyn Jones**

A May Day Holiday Weekend Camp walking and some narrowboat riding on canals on the western edge of the Black Country. Evening and mornings are spent on our standing campsite doing the usual FSC stuff. On Monday we pack up and then spend the day at the Black Country Living Museum, home to life a century ago including some old working boats before going home. Bring good footwear and waterproofs please.

Age: 9 - 17.11
Date: Sat 30th April - Mon 2nd May
Travel: Train from Marylebone
Fee: £55



7 Spring Weekend at Hodore

Camp Chiefs: **Clare Hedger & Polly Shields**
Organiser: **Anna Feuchtwang**

Come and enjoy a fast-paced three 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.

Age: 6.6 - 17.11
Date: Fri 29th April - Mon 2nd May
Travel: Coach from London
Fee: £75

8 Vale of the White Horse: A White Horse, not a White Wedding

Camp Chiefs: **Liam Smeeth & Kevin Hafter**
Organiser: **Beth Isaac**

It may only be three days and nights, but with a white horse to keep us company, and with everyone else distracted by other events in London, we will pack as much of a two week camp as we can into our small but perfectly formed weekend. A camp for all, particularly first timers who want to get that genuine FSC experience before going further.

Age: 6.6 - 15.11
Date: Fri 29th April - Mon 2nd May
Travel: Coach from London
Fee: £75

Preparing for Camp

Equipment

For all camps warm, well-worn clothing is required. Essential items of equipment for all camps 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 policy that life jackets or buoyancy aids are worn when canoeing, sailing or rafting with FSC. We will provide them. Our policy is not to wear buoyancy aids when narrow-boating.

Travel

Escorted parties depart from within London's M25. 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 en route, if by coach an official service station stop or if by train at any station at which the train stops, but those doing so will be asked to purchase their own train 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 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.

Alcohol and illegal drugs

Please ensure that your child does not bring any alcohol to camp.

Illegal drugs are not tolerated at camp and we ask you to work with us by preventing your child from bringing illegal substances to camp. If it is discovered that a child has brought illegal substances to camp we reserve the right to send the child home and to refuse to enrol him or her on future camps.

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.



Fenwood

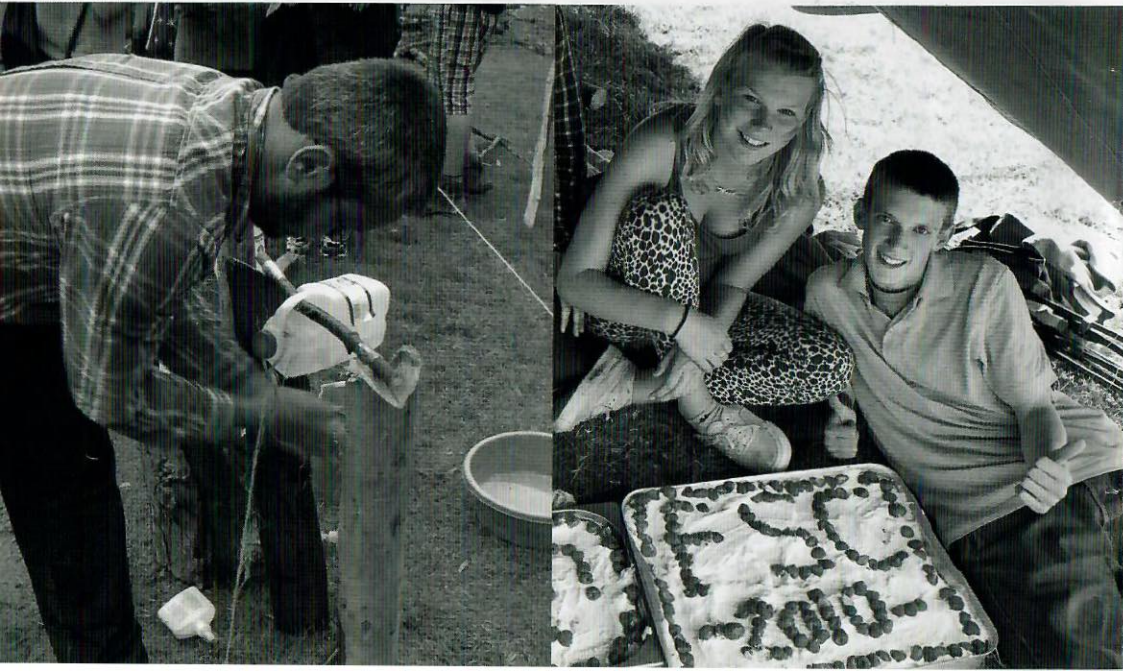
Fenwood is part of the stores site at Haddenham near Ely, Cambridgeshire. FSC planted the 2.4ha (8.5 acre) field in 2006 as an educational woodland. Go to website for satellite views! Our intention is that this woodland site be used for mainstream camps and for the learning of outdoor skills.

At present the trees are young and need caring for. They are protected by fencing and sheep keep the grass down. We have three 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: dave_vee12@yahoo.co.uk



Whitsun Camps

9 Happy at Hodore

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

Our home will be the field, our playground the woods. Come for a week of woodcraft, games, singing and campfires. With a river to splash in when we get hot and shelter building for if it rains. Hodore has it all.

Age: 6.6 - 17.11
Date: Sat 28th May - Sat 4th June
Travel: Coach from London
Fee: £210

10 Sherwood Forest, Nottingham

Camp Chief: **Daphne Carré**
Organiser: **Polly Rubinstein**

In the heart of Sherwood Forest we will enjoy many traditional camp activities and perhaps build dens where we can sleep. We will explore further afield returning to our base camp at night. At nearby Cresswell 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.

Age: 6.6 - 17.11
Date: Sat 28th May - Sat 4th June
Travel: Coach from London
Fee: £210



11 Stockton at Whitsun

Camp Chief: **Laurence Higgins**
Organisers: **Esmée Jenkins & Allan Hill**

Come along and bring your ideas and enthusiasm to create a week of merriment, play, singing and creative activities on the wonderful Manor Farm in Wiltshire. We will create a caring environment to challenge ourselves and learn something new that we can take back to everyday life.

Age: 6.6 - 17.11
Date: Sat 28th May - Sat 4th June
Travel: Coach from London
Fee: £210

Please send your applications for Whitsun Camps to
Jess McGregor, 48L Woodlands Park Road, London, N15 3RX



Early Summer Camps

12 Great Ouse Canoe

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

Do you fancy gliding down a river, with sunlight dappling the water? Dream on. Before this can happen we will struggle upstream to Newport Pagnell, learning how to control the canoes in the current. We will shop (with camp funds) and cook in small groups on Primus and Trangia stoves, much as one would on a mobile camp. A staff training group (learning to canoe) will camp alongside us, and join in the evening activities.

Note: Beginners to canoeing welcomed. All campers must be able to swim 50 metres.

Age: 10 - 17.11

Date: Fri 3rd June - Sun 5th June

Travel: Train from Euston

Fee: £55

13 Pathfinders Skills & Glee Camp at Braziers

Camp Chief: **Tom Bennett & Corine Howells**
Organiser: **Emma O'Bryen**

This will be a hugely enjoyable long weekend (Fri-Mon), packed with skills and glee. You'll be up early and exhausted by sundown, having had the opportunity to both learn new skills and songs, and build confidence in ones you already know. The skills focus will be on firefighting, shelter building and map reading. You will spend one night off site in small groups to put it all into practice.

Age: 16 - 17.11

Date: Fri 8th July - Mon 11th July

Travel: Coach from London

Fee: £55

FSC Stores

What is FSC Stores?

FSC Stores is where we keep all our equipment. We send out around twenty tonnes of equipment every year and we unpack, maintain and repack at our site in Cambridgeshire. While we do so we sing, dance, laugh and you can join us. It's even free since FSC will pay reasonable travel expenses. We are always on the lookout for new volunteers, even if it's only one weekend a year you can give. Two weekends a year (April and August) are given over to maintaining our buildings and grounds.

Age: 16 + (16 - 17.11 year olds need the written consent of their parent or guardian in order to attend; an appropriate form is available on the FSC website in Downloads).

How do I get there?

Transport is usually arranged or run 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 further information regarding the Stores weekends, please contact the Stores Conveners: Ben Keith & Bodric Priest
stores@fsc.org.uk

Travel to and from Stores & House Weekends

For any queries please contact the Stores Hostess: hostess@fsc.org.uk

Weekends in 2011 year:

Weekends run from Friday evening to mid afternoon on Sunday:

- February 11th - 13th
- March 11th - 13th
- April 22nd - (Mon) 25th (House)
- May 13th - 15th
- June 10th - 12th
- July 1st - 3rd
- August 26th - (Mon) 29th (House)
- September 9th - 11th
- October 7th - 9th
- November 11th - 13th
- December 9th - 11th

FSC Regional Groups

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

Western Region

We meet fairly regularly for glee and other events. We did walks and bicycle trips in 2010, and may do some camping or canoeing in 2011. Dates and events are decided in January, and if you would like to find out more, or be involved in some way, please contact us.

Tom Bennett
58 Foxcote Road, Ashton, Bristol, BS3 2BZ
0117 963 4355
western.region@fsc.org.uk



Please send your applications for Early Summer Camps to
Jess McGregor, 48L Woodlands Park Road, London, N15 3RX

Conservation & Skills Camps

At camp we may take the fabric of the countryside for granted, but Conservation & Skills Camps give us the chance to redress that balance a little. These camps can involve all kinds of tasks, such as coppicing, hedging, path laying, constructing bridges, compost toilets and stiles, repairing and renovating farm buildings.

The camps are cheap, convivial and confidence-building, and are run on similar lines to small standing camps. They are generally for staff, with no upper age limit of course, but families with younger children, volunteers from abroad and adults new to FSC are also welcome. There are no special qualifications needed and everyone can contribute to ensuring that the camp is an enjoyable experience. In fact, it's a great opportunity to try your hand at new things or to hone existing skills.

There are no camp fees. You travel independently to the site and will be asked to contribute to cover the running costs of the camp. This is usually about £5.00 per day to cover food. You'll need your normal kit, but remember some old clothes.

For further information or to enrol please contact the FSC Conservation & Skills Camps Secretary by email:

Tim Abbott
conservation@fsc.org.uk

No.	Camp	Leaders	Dates
45	Danbury Woodchuck	Sophie Nathan & Leo Murray	Fri 18th March - Sun 20th March
46	Rushall Manor	Matt Knight & Martin Powell	Fri 1st April - Sun 3rd April
47	Easter at Grayhill	Stuart Peachey	Sat 16th April - Mon 25th April
48	Brazier's Park	Henry Mackeith & Rad Wagon	Fri 29th April - Sun 1st May
49	Grayhill (1)	Stuart Peachey	Sat 18th June - Sun 26th June
50	Grayhill (2)	Stuart Peachey	Sat 2nd July - Fri 8th July
51	Brazier's Park	Henry Mackeith & Rad Wagon	Fri 23rd Sept - Sun 25th Sept
52	Rushall Manor	Lucy Roberts & Janet Powell	Fri 21st Oct - Sun 23rd Oct

Age: 18+ Unless accompanied by a parent/guardian



Summer 1st Fortnight 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 carefully:

1st Fortnight summer camp dates are
Thurs 28th July - Wed 10th Aug
(Except No. 20 & 27)

2nd Fortnight summer camp dates are
Sun 14th Aug - Sat 27th Aug

20 It's Party Time - let's get to Stockton!

Camp Chiefs: **Patrick Hamman**
& **Robin McKeown**
Organiser: **Sophie Holloway-Hintzen**

"All children and young people need to play. The impulse to play is innate. Play is a biological, psychological and social necessity, and is fundamental to the healthy development and well being of individuals and communities." So come and play with us in beautiful Wiltshire. No-one's ever too old to play, and remember - that's how tigers learn to hunt, and hippos learn to swim. We'll have to do some work though, 'cos we'll need to eat. On which island was the Dodo formerly found? Answers on your application form, win a prize on escort!

Note: This camp is for active children with special needs due to learning or physical disabilities.

Age: 9 - 17.11

Date: Thurs 28th July - Sat 6th August

Travel: Coach from London

Fee: £250



21 Harlech 1

Camp Chiefs: **Andy Freedman & Ben McCarthy**
Organiser: **Anne Francis**

Come and have an adventurous and wild time living as a lodge in this fabulous site in Snowdonia. We'll explore the mountains and coast whilst learning to live and laugh together. Let's talk, listen, shout, dance and make music. We'll create a community of kindred spirits to survive in the elements, just us and the skills we bring and learn. Together we'll do the things which make camp special and more, depending on what we decide in the field. We look forward to sharing a field with you and the friends we will make.

Age: 6.6 - 17.11

Date: Thurs 28th July - Wed 10th August

Travel: Coach or Train from London

Fee: £320

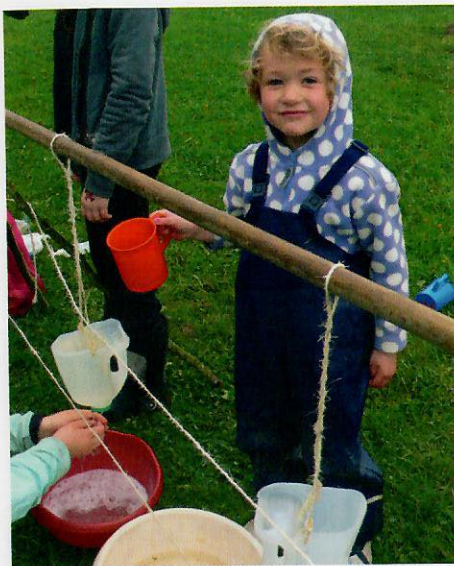
Please send your applications for Summer Camps (1st & 2nd Fortnight) to
FSC Summer Enrolments, PO Box 3185, London, SW18 3JG

22 South Cornwall 1 – 23 Farndale 1 Licking The Lizard

Camp Chiefs: **Dave Fuller & Rory Blackman**
Organiser: **Ayshah Jansen Blackman**

Welcome to Licking the Lizard in beautiful South Cornwall... we will be running a high energy standing camp full of music, madness, dressing up, woodcraft, games, carving, country dancing and the opportunity to explore the lovely Cornish countryside. Be prepared to stretch yourself on a night vigil, throw yourself into a game, practice building a fire or just try something new. We dare you to bring something to teach and be ready to learn, together we will be making a space where you can give it a go and creating a place where the quietest person has the opportunity to be heard in a consensus orientated environment. "Come and lick the lizard, don't let the lizard lick you..."

Age: 6.6 - 17.11
Date: Thur 28th July - Wed 10th August
Travel: Train from London
Fee: £320



Camp Chief: **Stefan Baker**
Organiser: **Carolyn Coln**

On a Summer's day in the month of July we will begin to build our Lodge in the Yorkshire hills, with our heads, hearts, and hands. We can stargaze, skywalk, dreamcatch, mudbathe, cloud-dodge, bog-rattle, or anything else we can think of, wish for, and make happen in the comfort of the outdoors and all its elements. Whatever we do, come ready to share and learn, laugh and listen, and sing and grow together as we go.

Age: 6.6 - 17.11
Date: Thur 28th July - Wed 10th August
Travel: Coach from London
Fee: £320

24 Radnor 1

Camp Chief: **Andy Doyle**
Organiser: **Karen Patrick**

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

Age: 6.6 - 17.11
Date: Thur 28th July - Wed 10th August
Travel: Coach from London
Fee: £320



42 Assington Away!!

Camp Chiefs: **Lucy Jaffe & Nelleke van Helfteren**

A weekend of adventure is planned. From day break to campfire at night, we will sing songs, light fires, explore the woods and play games. Come with ideas and enthusiasm!

Note: This will be a mainly vegetarian camp.
Date: Fri 8th July - Sun 10th July

43 Order of Woodcraft Chivalry International Camp

Camp Chiefs: **Marcos Guillen & Hazel Powell**

Come and join an FSC group at an International Woodcraft Camp. It is being hosted by the Order of Woodcraft Chivalry at a site near Bridport. All the usual camp activities, plus the opportunity to meet other groups including a group of Czech Woodcrafters. This is an opportunity for experienced FSCers.

Date: Tues 26th July - Tues 2nd August

44 Camp at Gormire

Camp Chief: **Jacky Scott-Combes & Jim Pearce**

We are looking forward to a camp with lots of traditional FSC activities. We will all help with preparing food and cooking on wood fires. We will entertain ourselves with singing around the camp fire, music, dancing and performing our very own camp play. We might climb trees, play games and swim - and there will certainly be lots of opportunities for building things. Join us and help make our site a magic place.

Date: Wed 24th August - Mon 29th August





Associate Camps

38 Red Kites Over Braziers Park

Camp Chiefs: **Quentin Rea & Adrian Matthews**

Join us and the Red Kites to relax and make merry in the stunning Chiltern Hills. We'll do gentle walking, intricate woodcraft, and entertain each other with an outrageously inventive Merrymoot. So be prepared to blast the cobwebs out of your vocal chords and to twang, scrape, bash or puff your instrument if you have one. The site is easily accessible for people with limited mobility whether young or old. So come along, bring your Mum or Dad, or both and... let's camp. This weekend will be a great opportunity for any FSC staff who may be thinking about running an associates camp in the future, to experience one of our family camps at first hand.

Note: This will be a vegetarian camp.
Date: Fri 29th April - Mon 2nd May

39 Suffolk All Stars

Camp Chiefs: **Nelleke van Helfteren & Luke Hope**

Join us for fun and frolics at the wonderful Assington Mill in Suffolk. A chance for campers, old and new, to enjoy a weekend building a community under the Suffolk sun and stars. Bring your creativity, positivity and voice; let's create, sing, work and play together and have a blast.

Note: This camp is mainly vegetarian.
Date: Sat 28th May - Mon 30th May

40 Reeling and Roving at Rushall Manor Farm

Camp Chief: **Tom Broadhurst**

Rushall is in the beautiful Pang Valley. We return to this lovely site for a summer associates camp. We will dance and sing, play games, paint and draw with charcoal we make, build shelters and explore the countryside while seeking to build a community in a weekend. In addition to cooking and caring for each other, we shall all do some tasks for the farmers who care for the land to part repay them for allowing us to camp in their field. Bring plans for outdoor games and dances, tents and teepees, musical instruments, gardening gloves, large sheets of paper and canvas, dancing shoes and clothes, and be of good voice for our songs for campfire and to work to.

Date: Fri 3rd June - Sun 5th June

41 Ribblesdale Associate Camp

Camp Chief: **Liz Grayson**

We are returning to the Ribblesdale site for a weekend of walking, cooking, singing, country dancing and swimming in the river – meeting old friends and getting to know new ones. This site is in a beautiful situation in the Yorkshire dales on the edge of Horton in Ribblesdale, 5 minutes walk from the station.

Date: Fri 17th June - Sun 19th June



25 Dinas 1

Camp Chiefs: **Julie & Rod Gritten**
Organiser: **Kate Williamson**

The only time we have ever seen a shooting star split into two was on this camp. Be prepared for star gazing and song filled evenings, days packed with serious woodcraft activities, fun and adventure in this hidden valley dominated by a spectacular waterfall. Be prepared to have your body, mind and spirit stretched as you become a self-reliant, valued member of our lodge. We shall swim, dance and be at one with the ancient Welsh spirits which still live in this remote place.

Age: 6.6 - 17.11
Date: Thur 28th July - Wed 10th August
Travel: Coach from London
Fee: £320

26 Borrowbeck 1

Camp Chief: **Leo Murray**
Organiser: **Careen Hertzog**

Head for the hills! We have important people to meet there, and important things to do together. Through the wind and the rain, in sunbeams and by firelight, singing as we go, we will find a good way. The trees will show us. Bring all of yourself! We need every last drop.

Age: 6.6 - 17.11
Date: Thur 28th July - Wed 10th August
Travel: Train from London
Fee: £320

27 Hebridean High-Jinx

Camp Chiefs: **Jack Sloan & Olly McGregor**
Organiser: **Christina Weir**

...What heady larks we have in store
...On this wild Hebridean shore!
...Building, playing, singing songs
...Righting all those rat-race wrongs
...Jump aboard the energy train -
...We'll get up and go come wind or rain.
...The air is clear, the peat-fire glowing,
...Pack your bags - let's get going!

Note: This camp is for experienced campers only
Age: 12 - 17.11
Date: Wed 27th July - Thur 11th August
Travel: Overnight coach from London, ferry and coach to site
Fee: £360



Summer 2nd Fortnight Camps

Please note summer camp dates carefully:

1st Fortnight summer camp dates are Thurs 28th July - Wed 10th Aug (Except No.20 & 27)
2nd Fortnight summer camp dates are Sun 14th Aug - Sat 27th Aug

30 Harlech 2

Camp Chief: **Francis Cooper**
Organiser: **Penny Wiles**

Join us as we make music and merry in the Land of the Red Dragon on a full standing camp in the company of the glorious Welsh weather. Nestled in the hills and in hiking distance of the sea, join us for fabulous food, fire and friendships. With little more than our ideas, a spade and a piece of string; we'll work our alchemists' magic to conjure a magnificent outdoor existence far from the madding crowd.

Age: 6.6 - 17.11
Date: Sun 14th August - Sat 27th August
Travel: Train from London
Fee: £320

31 South Cornwall 2

Camp Chief: **Bryson Gore**
Organiser: **Hanna Heffner**

A traditional standing camp, on our beautiful site in South Cornwall. The emphasis will be on ensuring that we are warm, dry and well fed (campcraft) and happy (spending time thinking of things to do together and... doing them!). Come and learn some new songs, share some old ones and make lots of new friends.

Age: 9 - 17.11
Date: Sun 14th August - Sat 27th August
Travel: Train from London
Fee: £320

32 Farndale 2

Camp Chief: **Craig Grady & Rosemary Ogle**
Organiser: **Cara Keam**

What can be seen from the top of the hill? Where is the waterfall? Who will cook breakfast? A lodge meal away from the site, how? Join us in beautiful North Yorkshire to answer these and many more questions. We aim to bring the lodge together to form new friendships, sing, share skills and have fun.

Age: 6.6 - 17.11
Date: Sun 14th August - Sat 27th August
Travel: Coach from London
Fee: £320



Associate Membership

Parents and supporters who become Associate Members of FSC receive news of FSC's activities in an annual newsletter. There are also 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.

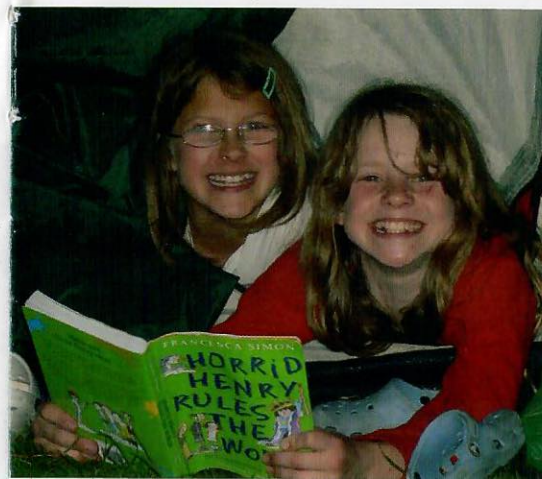
Associate Members and FSC staff are all welcome at family camps, with or without their children. There is no age limit, upper or lower, and these camps are particularly suitable for very young children who may be camping for the first time. Supervision of the children is the responsibility of their parents, 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 an application form from the downloads section of our website. Please note that these camps get booked up quickly, so don't delay in applying as places are allocated first come first served and this year we will be restricting families to one camp only in the first instance, so please state your order of preference if you are applying for more than one camp.

Note: 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.

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34 Find Your Welsh Feet

Camp Chief: **Andy Prag**
Organiser: **Jane Wightwick**

This camp is for those of you out there who want to try a mobile. Our journey will be adventurous, rewarding, educational, wacky, funny, interesting, relaxing and challenging. There will be no marching, no boredom, loads of freedom and a lodge who decides how far we walk, what we eat and where we go. Join us for unlimited camp glee, learning and laughs.

Note: This camp is for experienced campers only
Age: 12 - 17.11
Date: Sun 14th August - Sat 27th August
Travel: Train from London
Fee: £320



33 Radnor 2

Camp Chief: **Ben Keith & Ed Straw**
Organiser: **Dom Hawthorn**

This is the new site at Radnor, not prone to river bank floods nor hill top gales. But, as ever, one big reason for being there is to commune with nature in its many forms, from farm animals to 40,000 spiders and swimming in the river. Hopefully many bats too, which each eat 1000 midges a night. Thank you, bats. The site is near to the Victorian spa town of Llandrindod Wells, no longer a grand tourist destination but still with the majestic hiking country around it. As for what we shall do, then it will be all the usual. But what will make it sing is the energy and creativity we each bring to the activities and how we are with each other. Knowing the caterers, the food will be scrumptious.

Age: 6.6 - 17.11
Date: Sun 14th August - Sat 27th August
Travel: Coach from London
Fee: £320

35 Mark Twain Camping Continuum

Camp Chief: **Rad Wagon**
Organiser: **Hana Leithgoe**

After the raging success of the experiment last year, this camp aims to continue the bold steps to make a normal standing camp more exciting. From Rushall's dingly dell, using ancient byways that bedraggle the local hills we'll explore a little each day by bike. Is it possible to braid hair on two wheels? What about pizza cooked in a rack-mounted oven? Then there's the joy of lazing around knowing the last stage of hike is 5 miles downhill with no pedalling! You don't need to have cycled with FSC before but will need a mountain bike with rack and panniers, as well as a sense of adventure.

Note: This camp is for experienced campers only
Age: 12 - 17.11
Date: Sun 14th August - Sat 27th August
Travel: Coach from London
Fee: £320



Please send your applications for Summer Camps (1st & 2nd Fortnight) to
FSC Summer Enrolments, PO Box 3185, London, SW18 3JG

Autumn Camps

36 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 the main camp at half term. New and experienced staff cavers needed to come and train too!

Age: 15 - 17.11

Date: Fri 14th October - Sun 16th October

Travel: Campers to make own way to site or Bristol Temple Meads Station – We will try to co-ordinate lifts where possible.

Fee: £35



37 Mendip Caves in Autumn

Camp Chief & Organiser: **Giles Vellacott & Helen Spencer**

The Mendips have a huge variety of caves from simple and dry to strenuous and wet – an ideal camp to welcome new cavers to our special community. We 'camp' in a caving club hut with bunks and hot showers. We will also make time for traditional FSC activities such as singing and dancing, cooking and eating together, and will have a day's walking.

Note: This camp is for children who have done at least 2 standing camps. Caving equipment supplied.

Age: 11 - 17.11

Date: Sat 22nd October - Wed 26th October

Travel: Travel costs to Bristol are additional to the camp fees – but we will co-ordinate travel from London. We cannot guarantee escorted travel except from Bristol Temple Meads to the caving hut.

Fee: £100



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