

Forest School Camps Programme 2012



An Adventure in Education

Welcome

Welcome to the FSC Programme 2012. 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 2012, potential first time campers must have a date of birth between 01.09.2000 and 28.02.2006.
- Please see the Camp Fees section for fee information. No child will be refused a place due to financial circumstances, see Camper Support & Aid Fund section.

1st Fortnight summer camps dates are Thursday 26th July to Wednesday 8th August
Except Camps nos. 20 & 27 which run from Thursday 26th July to Saturday 4th August
2nd Fortnight summer camp dates are Monday 13th August to Sunday 26th August
Except Camp 30 no. which runs from Thursday 9th August to Wednesday 22nd August
and Camp no. 36 which run from Monday 13th August to Monday 20th August

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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 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, 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!



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

Important Information

How to Enrol

Please return your enrolment forms
by Friday 3rd February 2012.

Please use the personalised application forms which have been sent to you. Do not photocopy or use another child's forms.* Please check that you have used the correct postage, especially if using an A4 envelope. Do not send forms by registered post, it will delay your child's application if our volunteers have to collect mail from the post office.

Demand for places is high and children whose applications are received after the deadline will be at a disadvantage. However, we place children to ensure that camps are balanced by age, sex and experience, so some applicants applying earlier than 3rd February may still be disappointed.

You should hear by 16th March whether you have a place on a weekend, Whitsun or summer camp. Applicants for Easter and early Caving camps will be notified as soon as possible.

In order to give as many children as possible a camp place during the year, children under 14 will not be able to go on both a Whitsun camp and a summer camp. If you apply for both periods you should make it clear which is your first choice.

Trackers and Pathfinders may be able to go on both camps if spaces permit, but should still tell us which they prefer. All campers can apply for Easter and weekend camps as well as for summer or Whitsun.

Please tell us on your child's form if his/her siblings are also applying to camp and whether or not they want to camp together. We will also try to place two friends together if asked, but not larger groups.

All children who have camped with us are youth members of FSC until they are eighteen. Members are placed ahead of new applicants and priority for new membership is given to siblings of existing members. Children who have previously applied unsuccessfully will get priority over completely new applicants. Most potential new campers will not be placed in the first year that they apply.

Most activity camps are for experienced FSC campers only; children who have attended at least two FSC standing camps. This applies even if your child has camped with other organisations. Our standing camps impart the basic FSC philosophy essential for activity camps.

At camp, children will join a group based on their age on 31st August 2012. Each group camps separately from the others, so siblings or friends can only share a tent if they are in the same group. The groups are:

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

When youth members reach the age of 18 we hope to welcome them back as staff or Waywardens.

*Only children who have already registered with FSC can apply to camp in 2012. First time applicants for camp in 2013 should register before 30th November 2012. You only need to register once, information is on the website in the "Parents' Reference" section.

As our older groups are over subscribed, we are unable to register children who will be over primary school age when they first apply to camp. This includes children who have siblings who are already FSC campers.

Camp Fees

Fees for each camp are listed with the individual camp details.

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

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.

DO NOT send any money with your form. We will invoice you if your application is successful.

- When you have been allocated a place on a camp we will write to you with the payment details.
- 10% of this total fee is treated as a non-refundable deposit, to cover our administration costs, once you have accepted 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 amount. 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 never be refused a place because they cannot afford the fees, but 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 email aid.fund@fsc.org.uk, or write to FSC Aid Fund, Frances Rainford, Hill Row Causeway, Haddenham, Ely, CB6 3PA.



Children with Special Needs

FSC runs some camps suitable for active children with special needs due to learning difficulties or physical disabilities. These camps are marked throughout the programme.

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 send their applications directly to Michael Whelan: special@fsc.org.uk or FSC Special Enrolments, PO Box 3185, London SW18 3JG.

Social workers, teachers, care workers, foster parents and others wishing to enrol children who would benefit from our camps should also contact Michael 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 would cover you against this risk (see Insurance section, page 26). 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 North London (Tufnell Park) for parents, guardians and sponsors whose children are enrolled on this year's Spring, Whitsun or summer camps:

Saturday 21st April 2012

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 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.

Camp Life

Most of our Easter, Whitsun and summer 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 ranges, 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 in the early evening 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 sailing boat. 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 two 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 arrive by post or e-mail a few weeks before camp.



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

Easter and Earlier Camps

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 Devon Cave Training 2 Easter Caving, Dartmoor

Camp Chief & Organiser: **Flow Stone**

Cave training camps are an opportunity for older campers and staff who have caved before to increase their experience and knowledge in order to lead and support others on main caving camps. They are also a good opportunity for staff new to caving to try it too.

Note: This camp is for children who have attended at least two standing camps. We welcome new cavers. Caving equipment supplied.

Age: 15.0 - 17.11

Date: Fri 10th Feb - Sun 12th Feb

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

Fee: £40



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

We are returning to Dartmoor to explore the gloriously muddy Pridhams Leigh cave, and the warm and dry Bakers Pot. We also plan a day on Dartmoor - so come prepared for moorland walking in wet or windy weather. New cavers are welcome to join this friendly and exciting camp.

Note: This camp is for children who have attended at least two standing camps. We welcome new cavers. Caving equipment supplied.

Age: 11.0 - 17.11

Date: Tues 10th April - Fri 13th April

Travel: Train to Totnes. We will coordinate travel to and from camp (campers to pay cost as an addition to camp fee).

Fee: £100



3 Basic Shakin'

Camp Chiefs: **Neale Jenvey & Dave Monk**
Organiser: **Sarah Wynick**

With the help of a few beautiful basic knots, we will hang about in trees and seek shelter under canopies of our own creation. Can you make fire from rock and steel, bake a birthday cake and do you know where North is? And that's all in the first day!!! The weather will challenge us, twixt bright sun and two sleeping bag nights! Bring lots of energy, laughter and an exploring mind. 168 hours of extreme time is Basic Shakin'!

Age: 9.0 - 17.11

Date: Fri 6th April - Fri 13th April

Travel: Coach from London

Fee: £225



4 Easter at Hodore

Camp Chiefs: **Damien Parrott & Rachel Sweetman**
Organiser: **Sheila Gore**

They say strange rabbits hop around the woods of Hodore, laying, would you believe it, chocolate eggs. Will they lay them in your shelter, up a tree, down by the river? Only one way to find out. Come prepared to be a Hodore rabbit with silly clothes to wear over your warm jumper.

Age: 6.6 - 17.11

Date: Fri 6th April - Fri 13th April

Travel: Coach from London

Fee: £225



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Spring Weekend Camps

5 Venice

Camp Chiefs: **Roddy Brooks & Stephan Ashford**
Organiser: **Lesley Morrison**

A walking weekend on the canals round the western edge of the Black Country with our (t)rusty narrow boat. We will spend the evenings and mornings on the same site standing camp style, with cooking fires, lats and campfires. On Monday we clear the site and go to the Black Country Museum for the day before taking the train home.

Note: Early May can be cold and wet; please have good waterproofs and footwear and bring warm clothes and sleeping bags.

Age: 9.0 - 17.11

Date: Early Sat 5th May - Mon 7th May

Travel: Train from London

Fee: £65

6 Wild White Horse

Camp Chiefs: **Kevin Hafter & Liam Smeeth**
Organiser: **Ruth Mazet**

It may only be three days, but we'll pack in everything you'd expect on a two week camp and more. Come with energy and ideas for having fun. We aim to be welcoming to all including people with special needs. This camp is particularly well suited to first time campers. Come and see what FSC is all about.

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

Age: 6.6 - 17.11

Date: Fri 4th May - Mon 7th May

Travel: Coach from London

Fee: £85

7 Spring Weekend at Hodore

Camp Chiefs: **Polly Shields & Emily Kerr**
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.

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

Age: 6.6 - 17.11

Date: Fri 4th May - Mon 7th May

Travel: Coach from London

Fee: £85



Whitsun Camps

8 The Danbury Adventure

Camp Chiefs: **Jack Sloan & Sam Raphael**
Organiser: **Elizabeth Ball**

Can the Queen light a fire with a flint and steel? Has Charles ever slept out under the stars and stayed warm and dry? Does Prince Philip know all the words to 'Hallelujah, I'm a Bum'? We doubt it, but after seven days of adventure in the beauty of Danbury Woods, you'll have done the lot and more! You'll leave with friends galore and a ton of happy memories. Come and join us for a revolutionary week of marshmallows, laughter and song. Off with their heads!

Age: 6.6 - 13.11

Date: Sat 2nd June - Sat 9th June

Travel: Coach from London

Fee: £225

9 Whitsun at Hodore

Camp Chiefs: **Ellie Bard & Laurence Higgins**
Organiser: **Caroline Emlyn Jones**

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

Age: 9.0 - 17.11

Date: Sat 2nd June - Sat 9th June

Travel: Coach from London

Fee: £225



10 Whitsun at Stockton

Camp Chiefs: **Jess McQuail & Davy Starkey**
Organisers: **Esmée Jenkins & Allan Hill**

Come and join us for a wonderful week in Wiltshire. We will build shelters and fires, play lots of games, eat fabulous food and make new friends.

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

Age: 6.6 - 17.11

Date: Sat 2nd June - Sat 9th June

Travel: Coach from London

Fee: £225



Please send your applications for Whitsun Camps to FSC Enrolments, PO BOX 3185, London, SW18 3JG

11 HQ & Beyond: A Cycling Mobile

Camp Chief: **Stephen Bowler**
Organiser: **Sylvie Leithgoe**

Starting from Haddenham, near Cambridge, we'll pedal north and see how far we get. We'll be moving on every day, demonstrating tremendous resourcefulness as we eat up the tarmac. You'll need an appropriate comfortable bike (not 'full suspension') with a sturdy rack and bags in which to carry your kit with room for a little food. We'll take our road riding skills very seriously whilst looking after ourselves and each other as we go. It's like hike with a bike for one whole week.

Note: This camp is for experienced campers. Please e-mail Stephen Bowler (see Contacts page) with queries about bikes and ability.

Age: 12.0 - 17.11

Date: Sat 2nd June - Sat 9th June

Travel: Coach from London

Fee: £225

12 Walking Mobile, Wales

Camp Chief: **Jenny Dingle**
Organiser: **Chrissie Wood-Unwins**

We will walk from Machynlleth to Devil's Bridge, camping in some great wild places on the way. We'll walk every day but definitely make time for learning skills, swimming by waterfalls, campfires, playing games and enjoying being on a journey.

Note: This camp is for both experienced and less experienced walkers.

Age: 10.0 - 17.11

Date: Sat 2nd June - Sat 9th June

Travel: Train from London

Fee: £225

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Early Summer Camps

Please send your applications for Camps 13 & 14 to FSC Enrolments, PO BOX 3185, London, SW18 3JG

13 Great Ouse Canoe

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

Do you enjoy being on and in the water? If so come and try canoeing. We will learn to control our boats in fast water whilst paddling upstream to Newport Pagnell. This weekend is a good introduction to the way we camp on summer canoe treks, as we will be shopping and cooking in small groups on Trangias and primuses.

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

Age: 10.0 - 17.11

Date: Fri 8th June - Sun 10th June

Travel: Train from London

Fee: £65

14 Pathfinders Skills & Glee Camp at Braziers

Camp Chiefs: **Tom Bennett & Corinne Howells**
Organiser: **Natasha Lewer**

This will be a tip-top weekend full of woodcraft skills and glee. You'll be up early and exhausted by sundown, learning new skills and songs, and building confidence in ones you already know. Skills focus will be on fire lighting, shelter building and map reading, plus extra surprises and plenty of songs and games.

Age: 16.0 - 17.11

Date: Fri 13th July - Mon 16th July

Travel: Coach from London

Fee: £85

1st Fortnight Summer Camps

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

Please note summer camp dates carefully:

1st Fortnight summer camp dates are
Thurs 26th July - Wed 8th August
(Except Nos. 20 & 27)

2nd Fortnight summer camp dates are
Mon 13th August - Sun 26th August
(Except Nos. 30 & 36)

20 The Stockton Stomp

Note: This is a 10 day camp

Camp Chiefs: **Sophie Holloway-Hintzen & Rory Blackman**
Organiser: **Fran Ratnatunga**

Come join us in sunny Stockton for fun and frivolity. We will be playing games, doing arts and crafts and getting involved in lots of sensory activities. Bring fancy dress, musical instruments and a loud singing voice.

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

Age: 9.0 - 17.11
Date: Thurs 26th July – Sat 4th August
Travel: Coach from London
Fee: £270



21 Farndale 1

Camp Chiefs: **Ruth Armitage & Tom Walters**
Organiser: **Hana Leithgoe**

We will be singing, a-walking, skidding, siz-zling, stalking, dancing, star gazing, rolling, swimming, engulfing, mud bathing, exploring, digging, hiding, skulking, dressing up, launching, metamorphosing, climbing, shouting, improvising, percolating, carving, winning and making friends for two glorious weeks in the Yorkshire countryside. If you want to or can do any of these things, come and join us.

Age: 6.6 - 17.11
Date: Thurs 26th July – Wed 8th August
Travel: Coach from London
Fee: £350

22 South Cornwall 1

Camp Chief: **Nell Cameron**
Organiser: **Carolyn Cohn**

Hoooooraaaay!!! Camp!! Sun! Rain? A full lodge of friends to meet, old and new, in a cosy Cornish valley. Listening, talking and laughing. Fires to learn how to light (again!). Food to cook for ourselves and for others. Songs to sing and games to play...hike to the sea?

Age: 6.6 - 17.11
Date: Thurs 26th July – Wed 8th August
Travel: Coach from London
Fee: £350



23 Parallel Campiverse - Radnor 1

Camp Chiefs: **Polly Sands & Hannah McMahon Major**
Organiser: **Christina Weir**

Rest your feet, after a hard days play
in a lodge built woodcraft retreat

A parallel campiverse,
jump in and get submersed
Down with chat, up with action,
a working making interaction.

Nurture and share skills and qualities,
appreciating those of others

Old news this is not,
fresh and new with the crew

Revitalise your unwanted tat,
bring a piece of bric-a-brac

1 A funny familiar feel,
same same but different yes?

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

Age: 6.6 - 17.11
Date: Thurs 26th July – Wed 8th August
Travel: Coach from London
Fee: £350



24 Harlech 1

Camp Chiefs: **George Torode & Andy Doyle**
Organiser: **Karen Patrick**

A full range traditional standing camp set in the beautiful and dramatic hills above Harlech, with views of both Snowdon and the Irish sea. So 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.

Age: 6.6 - 17.11
Date: Thurs 26th July – Wed 8th August
Travel: Coach from London
Fee: £350

25 Dinas 1

Camp Chief: **Stefan Baker**
Organiser: **Kate Williamson**

Hands in the earth, eyes on the fire, feet upon the ground and head up in the sky. Come and camp in a magical Welsh valley called home, where we can make our minds into matter and our voices into songs, our mouths into laughter and eyes into smiles. We will aim to create a close and caring community for everyone, learning and living together as a lodge, whatever the weather, whoever we are.

Age: 6.6 - 17.11
Date: Thurs 26th July – Wed 8th August
Travel: Coach from London
Fee: £350

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26 Borrowbeck 1

Camp Chiefs: **Daphne Carré & Tom Bennett**
Organiser: **Hanna Heffner**

Make new friends and rekindle old friendships at our traditional camp in the blissful Borrowdale Valley. This secluded valley, nestled between the Lake District and the Howgill Fells, will be our home for two weeks. We shall explore and delight in our natural surroundings, feel part of the earth on which we sit and sleep, swim in the river and of course have roaring campfires.

Age: 6.6 - 17.11

Date: Thurs 26th July – Wed 8th August

Travel: Coach from London

Fee: £350



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27 Snowdonia Adventure

Note: This is a 10 day camp

Camp Chiefs: **John & Roger Bradshaw**
Organiser: **Ayshah Jansen-Blackman**

Stunning Snowdonia has much to offer to those who want to push themselves. We will explore the hills and mountains in this amazing part of the world. We plan to walk (lots) and to sleep in the mountains if we dare.

This camp is aimed at those who want to walk and spend time in the hills of Wales so please be prepared to exert yourself and to push the boundaries of your camping experience!

So join us as we trek, swim and climb with a few surprises in store.

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

Age: 12.0 - 17.11

Date: Thurs 26th July – Sat 4th August

Travel: Coach from London

Fee: £270

2nd Fortnight Summer Camps

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30 Sailing By

Note: The dates of this camp do not coordinate with other summer camps.

Camp Chief: **Dave Monk**
Organiser: **Rory Coase**

We shall anchor our tents in a small woodland, perfectly placed on the Norfolk Broads yet only a throwing line distance from sand dunes and the beach at Waxham. Half our time will be spent ashore the other six days will be sailing from Quay to Wharf in local traditional wooden boats. We will cargo the baggage in our boats, set full sails, seek provisions from local merchants, doze on decks, steer by stars, sleeping in boats or on the bank along the way and enjoy a real Sou'wester. Sea legs, good waterproofs and the ability to be comfortable in and under the water are a necessity for this camp.

Note: Life jackets will be supplied and worn at all times on the water.

Age: 12.0 - 17.11

Date: Thurs 9th August – Wed 22nd August

Travel: Coach from London

Fee: £350



31 Farndale 2

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

In Crow Wood by the waters of Blakey Gill in the Yorkshire Dales we will be establishing our small community. Adventurous days of swimming, walking, dancing and woodcraft will give way to beautiful campfires at night under the moorland stars. So come in good voice to make the dales ring both day and night with our song and laughter.

Age: 6.6 - 17.11

Date: Mon 13th August - Sun 26th August

Travel: Coach from London

Fee: £350

32 South Cornwall 2

Camp Chiefs: **Jack Freedman & Ed Straw**
Organiser: **Penny Wiles**

Since the dawn of time it has been written that a camp would rise from the space where chaos, creativity, order and disorder collide. The legend tells of a lodge of woodcraft warriors that stands on the edge of chaos, looks into the abyss, laughs, eats a hearty bowl of porridge, and then builds a dam.

Some say that this camp is an FSC myth. But some say that camp is this camp. Who knows, who can say, there is only one way to find out.

Age: 9.0 - 17.11

Date: Mon 13th August - Sun 26th August

Travel: Coach from London

Fee: £350



33 Radnor 2

Camp Chiefs: **Lottie Davies & Sophie Mautner-Hudson**
Organiser: **Karen Mautner**

Come to this beautiful corner of Wales with us, to chase adventures, fire and fun. We will be running a traditional standing camp where all ages and abilities are welcome. With an emphasis on silliness, games, woodcraft and lots of messing around, we'll be singing and romping through mud, rain and sun in the Welsh countryside. It's a brilliant opportunity to swim in a river, watch shooting stars, toast marshmallows and discover the amazing-ness in everything around us.

Age: 6.6 - 17.11
Date: Mon 13th August - Sun 26th August
Travel: Coach from London
Fee: £350



34 Harlech 2

Camp Chiefs: **Ben Keith & Matt Megarry**
Organiser: **Careen Hertzog**

Why are leaves green and can you make a candle out of bark? How many painted faces can you hide in misty bracken, after dark? How long a mountain song, can your singing brain contain? And how do you light a fire, on a river, in the rain?

These are just some of the questions we'll be asking as we're building, sharing, staring, playing, making, baking and awakening, up in the hills over Harlech.

Age: 9.0 - 17.11
Date: Mon 13th August - Sun 26th August
Travel: Coach from London
Fee: £350



Please send your applications for Summer Camps to FSC Enrolments, PO Box 3185, London, SW18 3JG

35 Mark Twain Camping Ultimatum

Camp Chiefs: **Rad Wagon & Sue Brearley**
Organiser: **Jane Wightwick**

A traditional standing camp with a twist in the golden Pang valley. We'll hike on bikes - no blisters or backache as our two wheels carry us through the stunning scenery of rolling West Berkshire. Add in treasure hunts, swimming, our own home-built amphitheatre and whatever we each bring to complete our community.

Note: For experienced FSC campers only. You don't need to have cycled with FSC before but will need a mountain bike with rack and panniers, although help can be arranged.

Age: 12.0 - 17.11
Date: Mon 13th August - Sun 26th August
Travel: Coach from London
Fee: £350

Please send your applications for Summer Camps to FSC Enrolments, PO Box 3185, London, SW18 3JG



36 North Pennines

Note: This is a 7 day camp

Camp Chiefs: **Jimmy Proudlock & Bates Abbott**
Organiser: **Anne Francis**

Have you got the gumption to take a walk on the wild side?

Let's try to create new horizons in a week, on this cracking new site in the beautiful North Pennines. All the delights of camp... new friendships... whittling... chit and chat... building fires... star gazing... fabulous food... plus more...

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

Age: 6.6 - 17.11
Date: Mon 13th August - Mon 20th August
Travel: Coach from London
Fee: £225





Autumn Camps

37 Mendip Cave Training

Camp Chief & Organiser: **Flow Stone**

Cave training camps are an opportunity for older campers and staff who have caved before to increase their experience and knowledge of the caves in order to lead and support others on main caving camps. It is also a good chance for staff new to caving to try it.

Note: This camp is for children who have attended at least two standing camps. We welcome new cavers. Caving equipment supplied.

Age: 15.0 - 17.11

Date: Fri 19th October - Sun 21st October

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

Fee: £40



38 Mendip Caves in Autumn

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

The Mendips have a wealth of caves, something for everyone from complete novices to experienced cavers. Wet or dry, tight or roomy, you will find wonders or challenges to suit all tastes. We also plan a days walk on the hills, which can be wet and windy at this season. 15 years and above are also invited to join the training camp.

Note: This camp is for children who have attended at least two standing camps. We welcome new cavers. Caving equipment supplied.

Age: 11.0 - 17.11

Date: Sat 27th October - Wed 31st October

Travel: Escort party from Bristol Temple Meads only –We can help coordinate travel (campers to pay cost).

Fee: £100



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 they are run on similar lines to small standing camps. They are generally attended by staff of all ages as there is no upper age limit, of course. Associate members, families with younger children 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, Tim Abbott: conservation@fsc.org.uk.

No.	Camp	Leaders	Dates
50	Danbury Woodchuck	Bryson Gore	Fri 16th March - Sun 18th March
51	Spring at Rushall	Matt Knight & Martin Powell	Fri 30th March – Sun 1st April
52	Easter at Grayhill	Stuart Peachey	Sat 31st March – Mon 9th April
53	Brazier's Park	Tim Abbott & Rad Wagon	Fri 27th April – Sun 29th April
54	Summer Grayhill	Stuart Peachey	Sat 16th June – Sat 23rd June
55	Brazier's Park	Tim Abbott & Rad Wagon	Fri 21st Sept – Sun 23rd Sept
56	Assington Mill	Nelleke van Helfteren & Peter Kessler	Fri 19th Oct – Sun 21st Oct
57	Autumn at Rushall	Lucy Roberts & Janet Powell	Fri 26th Oct - Sun 28th Oct
58	Pre-Christmas Grayhill	Stuart Peachey	Sat 15th Dec – Wed 19th Dec

Age: 18+ unless accompanied by a parent/guardian

Please send your applications for Autumn Camps to
FSC Enrolments, 46 Corringham Road, London NW11 7BU

Associate Membership and Camps

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. Places are allocated first come first served basis 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.



Associate Camps

40 We'll Keep the Red Kites Flying

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

If you like the idea of another insane weekend of May Day idiocy then join us at Brazier's Park where we shall sing, hum and strum our way to blissful distraction. If you have a musical instrument then bring it along as there will be plentiful opportunities to play together and perform, whatever your level of confidence.

Energetic folk may like to hunt through the woods until they find the Maharajah's Well while the more laid back can relax and enjoy the bluebells. The site is easily accessible for people with limited mobility.

Note: This will be a vegetarian camp.

Date: Fri 4th May - Mon 7th May



41 Assington Aloha!

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

This beautiful Suffolk site is surrounded by woods and fields teeming with wildlife. We plan to light fires, make maps and sing songs. Come and join us with your ideas, waterproofs and sun hats!

Note: This camp is mainly vegetarian.

Date: Fri 18th May - Sun 20th May

42 Suffolk Right Royal Knees Up

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

Welcome to the bumper edition of the Suffolk Associate Camp – thanks to the Queen we have an additional day for community goodness under the Suffolk skies!

A chance for family campers, old and new, to create and enjoy a bunch of great activities in the diverse setting of the Assington Mill farm. We'll be giving back to our lovely hosts with some work around the farm, mixed in with plenty of playtime. Fun times..... Come and be involved!

Date: Sat 2nd June - Tues 5th June

43 Allendale Camp

Camp Leader: **Liz Grayson**

This camp is at a new site not far from the river West Allen in Northumberland in beautiful wild countryside. We will be walking, singing, cooking, doing country dancing and meeting old and new friends. Swimming may be a possibility and paddling in the river will be a certainty.

Date: Fri 22nd June - Sun 24th June

44 Northern August Bank Holiday Camp

Camp Leaders: **Jacky Scott-Combes & Jim Pearse**

We will be meeting, yet again, for a fun-filled Bank Holiday weekend. This is a traditional camp with an emphasis on camp and woodcraft skills to enhance the comfort of our tent community. We like to make music, sing and dance too, so come prepared to join in and bring your own ideas. Costumes are always a good idea as there is often some light hearted 'theatre', as well as games, walks and good food. To add variety we are looking for a new 'Northern site', so the venue has yet to be announced but it will definitely be in a hilly region north of York.

Date: 6pm Thurs 23rd - 3pm Mon 27th August

Location: TBC

Please send your applications for Camps 40, 41 & 42 to
Jayne Jenkins, 5 West Chantry,
Harrow, HA3 6NX

Please send your applications for Camps 43 & 44 to
David and Hilary Hughes, Malkin House,
Brow Lane, Holmfirth, HD71RJ

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. We unpack, maintain and repack at our site in Cambridgeshire. While we do so we sing, dance, laugh and you can come join us. It's free since FSC will pay reasonable travel expenses. We are always on the lookout for new volunteers, even if it's only the one weekend a year you can give.

Two weekends (House) a year (April and August) are given to maintaining our buildings and grounds rather than the camping gear.

Age: 16 + (16.0 - 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 regarding travel to or from Stores weekends please contact the Stores Hostess: hostess@fsc.org.uk



Weekends in 2012 year:

Weekends run from Friday evening to mid afternoon Sunday, apart from House weekends which end on a Monday.

- January 13th - 15th
- February 10th - 12th
- March 9th - 11th
- April 6th - 9th (House)
- May 11th - 13th
- June 15th - 17th
- July 13th - 15th
- August 24th - 27th (House)
- September 7th - 9th
- October 12th - 14th
- November 9th - 11th
- December 7th - 9th



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. Dates and events are decided in January, and if you would like to find out more, or be involved in some way, please contact Tom Bennett: western.region@fsc.org.uk

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 three weekends a year which we dedicate our efforts to the care of the trees and the surrounding field areas. When the work is over there is plenty of time to play.

Age: 16 + (16.0 - 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).

FSC will pay reasonable travel expenses

For further information regarding Fenwood weekends, including travel to and from the site, please contact Dave Monk: fenwood@fsc.org.uk





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. 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 pick up point listed. If joining an escorted train journey please purchase the tickets to and from the destination identified in the pre-camp circular. 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 should make their own arrangements. 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.

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.

Can we remind parents and campers that it is against the law for children under eighteen to buy cigarettes or tobacco, or to smoke in public places.

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.



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, kit bag, 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

Numbers identified below are a guide for a one week camp. For longer or shorter camps, increase or decrease accordingly. Doubling the quantities for a two week camp is especially necessary for under 11s.

- rainwear (Note 1)
 - footwear (Note 2)
 - 4 warm tops (sweatshirts/fleeces etc)
 - light tops with sleeves to protect the shoulders from sun
 - 4 pairs of trousers/jeans (Note 3) (8 for a fortnight for under 11s)
 - thick socks, 2 pairs (4 for a fortnight for under 11s)
 - pyjamas/track suit
 - swimming costume
 - sunhat
 - woollen hat and gloves
 - shorts/dress/skirt*
- Depending on the length of camp, an appropriate number of...
- 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)

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)
 - rucksack (Note 7)
 - Ordnance Survey map (1:25000)*
 - compass* ('Silva' recommended)
 - 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 are not waterproof in sustained wet conditions, are difficult to dry 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.

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. An entrance porch is useful for removal and storage of wet clothing and boots under shelter. Tents should be suitable for at least 2 people but also remember that they may need to be carried on hike or mobile camps. Both A frame (less common now, and more costly), and dome tents are suitable subject to the previous conditions.

When choosing a tent, make sure it is both stable and waterproof in windy conditions (if the flysheet and inner tent can touch in the wind, it will leak). If flexible poles are used, alloy are stronger than fibre glass, 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.

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: Rucksack

Most importantly, a rucksack 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. Rucksacks are graded by capacity, as a rough guide, consider 35-40 litres for smaller children and 50-65 litres for larger ones. It is worth testing a rucksack fully loaded before camp, preferably when trying it on in the shop. 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 rucksack. See 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 rucksack 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 elevens need extra underwear, socks and two pairs of pyjamas (three for a fortnight). Waterproof tops should be large enough 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 11, 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 rucksack. Strong, waterproof walking boots with Vibram type 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. Kit bags (maximum size 80cm by 30cm diameter) and a small frameless rucksack 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!).





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 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 lasts for two or three days (generally over a bank holiday), and runs within 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 the training weekend dates and the CRB process, and to receive an application form, please send your name, address, phone numbers, email and date of birth to Kevin Hafter; new.staff@fsc.org.uk or 30 Marlborough Road, London, W4 4ET.



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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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Camp Dates Summary

No.	Dates	Name	Where	Ages	Fee	Info
1	10/02/12 - 12/02/12	Devon Cave Training	Devon	15.0 - 17.11	£40	E
50	16/03/12 - 18/03/12	Danbury Woodchuck	Danbury	18 +	-	CS
51	30/03/12 - 01/04/12	Spring at Rushall	Rushall	18+	-	CS
52	31/03/12 - 09/04/12	Easter at Grayhill	Grayhill	18+	-	CS
3	06/04/12 - 13/04/12	Basic Shakin'	Danbury	9.0 - 17.11	£225	
4	06/04/12 - 13/04/12	Easter at Hodore	Hodore	6.6 - 17.11	£225	
2	10/04/12 - 13/04/12	Easter Caving, Dartmoor	Dartmoor	11.0 - 17.11	£100	E
53	27/04/12 - 29/04/12	Brazier's Park	Brazier's	18+	-	CS
6	04/05/12 - 07/05/12	Wild White Horse	Vale of WH	6.6 - 17.11	£85	LPD
7	04/05/12 - 07/05/12	Spring Weekend at Hodore	Hodore	6.6 - 17.11	£85	LPD
40	04/05/12 - 07/05/12	We'll Keep the Red Kites Flying	Brazier's	Family		A
5	05/05/12 - 07/05/12	Venice	Venice	9.0 - 17.11	£65	
41	18/05/12 - 20/05/12	Assington Aloha!	Assington	Family		A
8	02/06/12 - 09/06/12	The Danbury Adventure	Danbury	6.6 - 17.11	£225	
9	02/06/12 - 09/06/12	Whitsun at Hodore	Hodore	9.0 - 17.11	£225	
10	02/06/12 - 09/06/12	Whitsun at Stockton	Stockton	6.6 - 17.11	£225	LPD
11	02/06/12 - 09/06/12	HQ & Beyond: A Cycling Mob	Haddenham	12.0 - 17.11	£225	E
12	02/06/12 - 09/06/12	Walking Mobile	Mid Wales	10.0 - 17.11	£225	E
42	02/06/12 - 05/06/12	Suffolk Right Royal Knees Up	Suffolk	Family		A
13	08/06/12 - 10/06/12	Great Ouse Canoe	Sherrington	10.0 - 17.11	£65	
54	16/06/12 - 23/06/12	Summer at Grayhill	Grayhill	18 +	-	CS
43	22/06/12 - 24/06/12	Allendale Camp	Allendale	Family		A
14	13/07/12 - 16/07/12	Pathfinder Skills & Glee	Brazier's	16.0 - 17.11	£85	
20	26/07/12 - 04/08/12	The Stockton Stomp	Stockton	9.0 - 17.11	£270	LPD
21	26/07/12 - 08/08/12	Farndale 1	Farndale	6.6 - 17.11	£350	
22	26/07/12 - 08/08/12	South Cornwall 1	S Cornwall	6.6 - 17.11	£350	
23	26/07/12 - 08/08/12	Parallel Campiverse	Radnor	6.6 - 17.11	£350	LPD
24	26/07/12 - 08/08/12	Harlech 1	Harlech	6.6 - 17.11	£350	
25	26/07/12 - 08/08/12	Dinas 1	Dinas	6.6 - 17.11	£350	
26	26/07/12 - 08/08/12	Borrowbeck 1	Borrowbeck	6.6 - 17.11	£350	
27	26/07/12 - 04/08/12	Snowdonia Adventure	Snowdonia	12.0 - 17.11	£270	LPD
30	09/08/12 - 22/08/12	Sailing By	Norfolk	12.0 - 17.11	£350	
31	13/08/12 - 26/08/12	Farndale 2	Farndale	6.6 - 17.11	£350	
32	13/08/12 - 26/08/12	South Cornwall 2	S Cornwall	9.0 - 17.11	£350	
33	13/08/12 - 26/08/12	Radnor 2	Radnor	6.6 - 17.11	£350	
34	13/08/12 - 26/08/12	Harlech	Harlech	9.0 - 17.11	£350	
35	13/08/12 - 26/08/12	Mark Twain Camping Ultimatum	Rushall	12.0 - 17.11	£350	E
36	13/08/12 - 20/08/12	North Pennines	N Pennines	6.6 - 17.11	£225	LPD
44	23/08/12 - 27/08/12	Northern August BH Camp	TBC	Family		A
55	21/09/12 - 23/09/12	Brazier's Park	Brazier's	18 +	-	CS
37	19/10/12 - 21/10/12	Mendip Cave Training	Mendips	15.0 - 17.11	£40	E
56	19/10/12 - 21/10/12	Assington Mill	Assington	18 +	-	CS
57	26/10/12 - 28/10/12	Autumn at Rushall	Rushall	18 +	-	CS
38	27/10/12 - 31/10/12	Mendip Caves in Autumn	Mendips	11.0 - 17.11	£100	E
58	15/12/12 - 19/12/12	Pre Christmas at Grayhill	Grayhill	18 +	-	CS

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