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About Forest School

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 1947 when former pupils and staff came together, keen 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; care and concern for others, the environment and ourselves; resourcefulness and self-confidence; tolerance and respect. FSC is determined that all people be treated equally, regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, ethnic origin, religion or disability. These are high ideals; we don't always succeed.

A Native American belief is that you will only be in touch with nature if you 'sit and sleep on the earth'. This feeling for the wholeness of life on our planet is expressed in some of our rituals and the names we give things at camp.

The philosophy developed at camp is practised throughout the administrative organisation of FSC. When you enrol your children you become part of FSC and this approach. Many staff members begin their association with FSC as parents or campers.

Camp is great fun, though at a practical level it can also be cold and wet, and often dirty. Despite this, many people camp again and again and again. Join us to find out why!



www.fsc.org.uk

How to Enrol

Please read this section carefully before applying to camp, even if you are a seasoned camper.

You can only apply for camps on the personalised application forms, which have been sent to you. Do not make copies for other people or use another child's forms.* Ensure you use the correct postage - A4 envelopes need a "large letter" stamp. Do not send anything by registered post, as it will be held at the sorting office and will delay your application. If you would like us to acknowledge receipt of your forms, you should enclose a stamped addressed postcard or sealed envelope.

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

Please return your forms by FRIDAY 29th JANUARY for February and Easter camps and by FRIDAY 5TH FEBRUARY for later camps. If you want to attend the February Cave Training, please apply as soon as possible. Check the application form for the return address and deadline for each camp. Our camps are over-subscribed and late applicants will be at a disadvantage. However, we place children to ensure that camps are balanced by age, gender and experience, so some applicants applying before the deadline may still be disappointed.

Please make sure your email contact details are correct when you return your application. Successful applicants for Easter and February camps will be notified as soon as possible. You should hear by the 3rd week of March whether you have a place on a weekend, Whitsun or summer camp. Places on the October camps will be confirmed later in the year.



All campers can apply for Easter and weekend camps as well as for summer or Whitsun. In order to give as many children as possible a camp place, children under 12 will be enrolled on either a Whitsun or a summer camp - not both. If you apply for both periods, please indicate which is your first choice. Trackers and Pathfinders can camp in both periods and Trailseekers may also be able to if spaces permit, but all campers should still tell us which they would prefer. We cannot guarantee that you will be placed on your first choice of camp. We will do our best to offer you a place in the same period. You should cross out any camps you definitely do not want to attend, but you are more likely to be offered a place if you are flexible in your choices.

Please tell us on your child's form if brothers and sisters are also applying and whether or not they want to camp together. We will put siblings on the same camp unless you ask us not to.

Where both children request it, we will also try to place two friends together, but not larger groups. If you ask to camp with a friend we will assume that this takes priority over your choice of camp. If a child requests to camp with a sibling and a friend we will prioritise placing with a sibling over placing with a friend.

Most activity camps are for experienced

*Only children who have already registered with FSC can apply to camp in 2016. Applicants for camp in 2016 must have registered before 30th November 2015. You only need to register once: information about how to do this is in the "Parents' Reference" section of our website at www.fsc.org.uk. 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.

FSC campers only, i.e. children who have attended 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. Some camps also have a lower age limit.

Please check that your child is eligible for a camp before applying.

At camp, children will join a group based on their age on 31st August 2016. 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:

Group	Age on 31.08	School Year	
Elves	6.6 - 8.11	1, 2 & 3	
Woodlings	9.0 - 11.11	4,5 & 6	
Trailseekers	12.0 - 13.11	7 & 8	
Trackers	14.0 - 15.11	9 & 10	
Pathfinders	16.0 - 17.11	11 & 12	

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

All children who camp 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 are given priority over completely new applicants and most potential new campers will not be placed in the first year they apply.

Camp Fees

Fees for each camp are listed with the individual camp details. FSC keeps the cost of camps as low as possible while taking into account travel, food and other expenses. Therefore fees may not always relate directly to the length of the camp. It is FSC policy that no child will be refused a place because they cannot afford the fees (see Camper Support and Aid Fund below)

although we do sometimes have to turn down applications due to the high demand for places.

Fees normally 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
- When you have been allocated a place on a 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 traveling independently to camp
- 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.

Cancellation

If you have to cancel a place at a camp, please write to the Children's Secretary;

Forest School Camps,

PO Box 3185

London SW18 3JG

or email Children.Secretary@fsc.org.uk giving the reason, as soon as possible.

If you cancel we will refund fees as follows: Less than 6 weeks before camp – no refund (because we are unlikely to be able to enrol another child)

Less than 8 weeks before camp - 70% refund More than 8 weeks before camp - 90% refund

FSC does not insure you against cancellation. Holiday insurance (available from most travel agents and banks) may cover you against this risk. Such insurance could also cover loss or damage to a camper's equipment, for which FSC cannot accept responsibility.

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

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Camper Support and Aid Fund

FSC offers assistance with camp fees for one camp a year to families who cannot afford to pay the full amount. This may include parents who are students, 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.

The Aid Fund also has equipment, such as tents, 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

Donations

FSC is very grateful to receive donations. This enables other children to enjoy the experience of FSC and for our kit to be maintained. Please go to the paying fees online section of our website. Alternatively make cheques payable to Forest School Camps and send them to the Finance Group (see contacts page). If you would like to make your donation more tax efficient through the use of Gift Aid, or would like to make a regular donation by standing order, please visit our website and download the form, or let the Finance Group know and they will send you the appropriate form.



DBS Checks

All FSC staff are required to have an up to date enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS – formally CRB) check, standard procedure for anyone working with children or vulnerable adults, before they can be enrolled on our camps. We continue to operate our own internal procedures to ensure the suitability of our staff, over and above the information obtained from DBS checks. We keep the process of DBS checking our staff under regular review.

New Sites

We are always keen to find new sites and there have been occasions in the past when we have had to cancel camps (due to Foot and Mouth disease, for instance). Our need to cancel would be reduced if more sites were available to us. If you have, or know of, twelve acres or so of land which would be suitable for a camp, whether as emergency back-up or as a regular site, please contact Ruth Illingworth at new.sites@fsc.org.uk

Parents' Meeting

There will be a meeting in April 2016 in London for parents, guardians and sponsors whose children are enrolled on spring, Whitsun or summer camps for the first time. 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 2016. 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.





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 ranges -known as 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. Older children may occasionally take part in more independent activities which are unsupervised or lightly supervised.



The end of camp is marked by two major events: Merrymoot and Lodge Common Council. At Merrymoot, the whole camp gathers to entertain each other with a mixture of songs, sketches and improvisations. At Lodge Common Council, the campers gather around a 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, raft or by sailboat. The campers buy their food (with camp funds) every few days and cook in small groups. Activity camps are generally smaller than standing camps, usually with 15 to 25 children. Some mobiles are strenuous, others are easier. The descriptions of the camps give more information. Many activity camps are for experienced FSC members only, i.e., those who have attended 2 standing camps. There is a choice of active and mobile camps in the 2016 programme. Why not make this





New Campers

Going to camp for the first time can seem scary. Camp life is very different from the lifestyle most of us are used to, but children fit in very quickly and enjoy the experience of living in an FSC community. Both staff and children are learning all the time, and every camp has its own good and bad times for everyone.

Each year there are some children who are camping for the first time. Staff make every effort to ensure that new children feel at home and secure. Camp is a caring community where everyone tries to be alert to each individual's hopes and fears. The camp starts on the escort journey, and it's a good idea for children to travel with the escorted party if at all possible. This is where people first start to get to know each other. Further information and advice will come by email a few weeks before camp starts.

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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.

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Mendip Cave Training

Camp Chief: Flow Stone Organiser: Molly Hopkinshaw Dates: Friday 5th to Sunday 7th Feb

Ages: 15 to 17.11 Fees: £45

An opportunity for pathfinders and last year trackers who are experienced cavers to learn new skills and expand their capabilities in the Mendip caves. Please come with enthusiasm to learn, with a view to helping the staff lead trips for younger children on the main camp. We also welcome staff new to caving and of course experienced caving staff to share skills and learn from each other!

Travel: Campers to make their own way to the site. We will try to co-ordinate lifts where possible.





2 Mendip Caving

Camp Chief: Giles Vellacott Organiser: Sara Monahan

Dates: Saturday 13th Feb to Wed 17th Feb

Ages: 10 to 17.11 Fees: £135

The mystical Mendips are calling us back this February! The limestone caves are awaiting our exploring hands and feet, while the hut is always welcoming with warm cosy sofas and beds. We will come together as a lodge to see the earth as only those who dare to see it can; from the clear skies full of starry shapes to the glistening stalactites and stalagmites waiting for you to admire them. We would love to welcome young new cave explorers to our nurturing yet challenging camps to come and see the Mendips as never before.

Travel: Fees include travel to the site from Bristol, but not travel costs from London or elsewhere. We will organise an escorted party from London and ask for an additional payment.

3 Easter In Dorset

Camp Chiefs: Daphne Carré and Lucy Roberts

Organiser: Emma O'Bryen

Dates: Sat 26th March to Sat 2nd April

Ages: 9 to 17.11 Fees: £295

We return to this site, the perfect place to watch the arrival of Spring. We hope to see young calves and lambs and the first flush of growth on the trees. It may be cold so we will keep warm round the campfire but will also go on an overnight hike to explore some of this beautiful corner of Dorset. Come along, join the fun and help us hunt for the Easter Bunny.

2 sleeping bags, warm clothes (including hats, gloves, thermals and warm socks) and good waterproofs are ESSENTIAL.

Travel: Coach from London



Camp Chiefs: Hester Feld & Nicky Birch

Organiser: Judy Hallgarten

Dates: Sat 26th March to Sat 2nd April

Ages: 9 to 17.11 Fees: £295

Easter camps are for the hardy and adventurous; come to Quantocks ready for shelter building, fire dancing, lodge games and mischief. Bring two sleeping bags and some stout waterproofs and the sun will shine for us every day. After a week in the wild hills, you'll head back to school a conquering hero with fire in your belly.

Travel: Coach from London



Please send your applications to: FSC Enrolments, PO BOX 3185, London, SW18 3JG

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Spring Camps



Stockton Sprummer

Camp Chief: Julian Welsh Organiser: Caroline Emlyn Jones Dates: Friday 29th April to Monday 2nd May Ages: 6.6 to 17.11 Fees: £110

What will you be doing on the May Day weekend? I'll be sitting in a tree watching for rabbits and deer; blowing on my porridge to cool it down; sitting by an orange campfire dipping my toasted dampers in jam; singing a song about nothing; giggling to sleep; hearing new stories from new friends. Come along.

Travel: Coach from London
This camp is suitable for all abilities.

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Venice

Camp Chiefs: Roddy Brooks & Stephan Ash-

ford

Organiser: Catherine Clark

Dates: (early) Sat 30th April to (late) Monday

2nd May Ages: 9 to 17.11 Fees: £95

Walking and riding with our (t)rusty narrowboat along canals to the west of the Black Country, we camp overnight standing camp style. On Monday morning we clear the site and then spend the day at the Black Country Living Museum before the train home. It can be cold and wet at this time of year so make sure waterproofs and bedding are adequate.

Travel: Train from Marylebone





7 If The Gurners are United-They Will Never Be Divided

Camp Chiefs: Vic Doggart & Jimmy Proudlock Organiser: Natasha Lewer

Dates: Friday 29th April to Monday 2nd May

Ages: 6.6 to 17.11 Fees: £110

Stop the press......the wonderous woods await our return for a beautiful coming together of old friends and new......Please join the Gurnalogical Fam for a weekend of peace and passion, of wildness and watching, of healing and hilarity of love,laughter and listening.....let us don our dancing shoes and get on down to some magical mayday grooves against the mighty bluebell backdrop where the great beeches reside in all their glory ready for action....

everybody is very welcome for this rip-roaring, hearty shindig jam packed with jolly shenanigans.....

Travel: Escort from London
This camp is suitable for all abilities



Whitsun & Early Summer



Hoping For Hodore

Camp Chief: Daniel Simon Organiser: Liz Ball

Dates: Sat 28th May to Sat 4th June

Ages: 6.6 to 17.11 Fees: £295

Welcome to Hodore- a camp jam-packed with adventure. The nightgame, capture the flag, pea fair, merrymoot, craft and woodcraft - two weeks packed into one. There's a wood to make shelters in, a field for games and a river for damming and paddling. All the while we will build our small community. cook, camp and toast marshmallows around our campfires.

Travel: Coach from London This camp is suitable for all abilities.



Whitsun at Stockton

Camp Chief: Dan Brandenburger Organiser: Christina Wier

Dates: Sat 28th May to Sat 4th June

Ages: 6.6 to 15.11 Fees: £295

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

Travel: Coach from London This camp is suitable for all abilities.



Striding In Snowdonia

Camp Chief: Nick Bard and Rod Gritten

Organiser: Kate Hall

Dates: Sat 28th May to Sat 4th June

Ages: 12 to 17.11 Fees: £295

Boots tight, packs on, heads up and we're away! Like migrating buffalo our team will be self sufficient, navigating by day and night as the wild landscape unfolds. We'll swim in glacial lakes, scale mighty peaks and celebrate in song. This camp will be physically demanding, for those willing to experience pain and fatigue in return for the joy of discovering some of Wales' most epic mountains. Good kit required.

Travel: Escort from London

Quantocks Camp Stew

Camp Chief: Alice Freedman and Dave Fuller

Organiser: Joan Fuller

Dates: Sat 28th May to Sat 4th June

Ages: 6.6 to 17.11 Fees: £295

Today's special is Quantocks Camp Stew. We enjoy so much of this people wonder what we put in it. We're gonna tell you right now...

Give me half a teacup of custard. Now I need a pound of play in the sun. Now give me four tablespoons of steaming hot cow pats, this is going to taste allIII right.

Now just a little pinch of courage, now give me half a pint of laughter

Place on the fire grid, and bring to a boil. That's it, that's it, that's it right there.

Travel: Coach from London This camp is suitable for all abilities.

Canoe Training Weekend

Camp Chief: Joe Hallgarten Organiser: Carolyn Cohn

Dates: Friday 3rd June to Sunday 5th June

Ages: 10 to 17.11 Fees: £100

Canoe Kayak? Yes you can, even if you've never picked up a paddle before. We'll spend a weekend splashing around on the calm and beautiful River Ouse, paddling to Newport Pagnell to buy our food. We'll learn the basics of kayaking, and everything else you might need in case your next step is a canoe mobile camp. We'll cook in small groups and enjoy the long June days. Rain or shine, we will definitely get soaked. This camp may leave in school time or shortly after the end of the day.

Travel: Escort from London Extra Info: All campers must be able to swim 50 metres.

Two Days on

Camp Chief: Simon Oatley Organiser: Miranda Green

Dates: Friday 10th June to Sunday 12th June

Ages: 11 to 17.11 Fees: £100

Carrying only what we need each day (luggage fairies will take the rest), we will leave Richmond and weave our way into Surrey, past palaces and royal parks to Epsom. This camp is an introduction to mobile camping and cycling with FSC. Cooking in groups and moving on each day, we will cycle on tracks and roads and learn about the mysterious peloton. There will be games, songs and plenty of fun.

Travel: No escorted party. Drop off at Richmond (Little Richmond green 6.30pm). Pick up at Epsom (Epsom station - station approach 3.30pm)

Campus staff skills week-

Camp Chief: Giles Last & Giles Vellacott Organiser: Giles Vellacott Dates: Friday 8th July to Monday 11th July

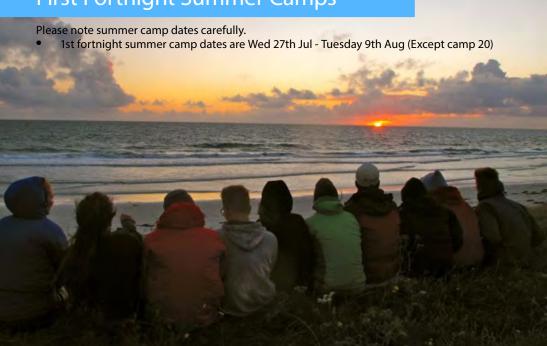
Ages: Staff Only

Following on from the successful Campus skills weekend in 2015 we are running Campus 2016 at the beautiful Kittisford site in Somerset. This is an opportunity for staff of FSC to acquire, develop and share a variety of core skills that enhance and contribute to the camp experience. See the additional training sheet for full details.

Apply online or contact organiser directly.

Fees: We will try to minimise costs through car sharing, and ask for a voluntary contribution of food costs at approx. £5.00/day, but all expenses will be paid if needed.

First Fortnight Summer Camps



Carry On Hodore

Camp Chief: Robin McKeown and Jonny Morris

Organiser: Denise Largin

Dates: Wed 27th July to Friday 5th Aug

Ages: 6.6 to 17.11 Fees: £450

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Grab your gaffaws, lasso that laughter and join us in Hodore for a rib-tickling round of singing, dancing, crafting, rafting, paddling, pondering and panto. And anything else that snickers your giggler. Titter we will.

Travel: Coach from London This camp is only for campers with disabili-

West Country Wild Swim

Camp Chief: Sue Brearley Organiser: Karen Mautner Dates: Wed 27th July to Tues 9th Aug

Ages: 12 to 17.11 Fees: £450

On this active standing camp we'll spend our time with the otters and kingfishers in, on and around the beautiful River Stour; doing all the usual FSC activities as well as swimming every day. Fancy a hike to the Jurassic Coast? A clan sleepout? An aquatic Merrymoot? Are you ready to immerse yourself in adventure? Dive in! This camp is for experienced FSC campers who can confidently swim 200 metres.

Travel: Coach from London

Extra Info: A one day swim safety training event will be held on 9th July 2016 in London for Pathfinders attending this camp. If you hope to camp with us on Wild Swim, please put this date in your diary. We will contact you once you are enrolled on the camp. Travel: You will need to organ is e your own travel. Fees: Free. Age 16+

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Camp Chiefs: Corinne Howells, Andy Freed-

man, Daniel Jacks

Organiser: Emma Gledhill

Dates: Wed 27th July to Tues 9th Aug

Ages: 6.6 to 17.11 Fees: £450

On a beautiful new site overlooking the sea, we'll have fun sharpening our senses, following our curiosity and being awake to what's happening in nature around us.

Learning new skills and making new friends we'll sleep out, light fires, climb trees, play games, build dens, tell stories, make things out of materials around us, listen, sing and laugh.

We'll explore some of the timeless things at the roots of FSC, borrowed from the Native Americans, like the four winds, the flow of the seasons, and how roles within the camp can be shared amongst the lodge.

Travel: Escort from London This camp is suitable for all abilities.

Nantddu 1

Camp Chiefs: Johnny Morton and Ed Straw

Organiser: Tessa Bull

Dates: Wed 27th July to Tues 9th Aug

Ages: 6.6 to 17.11 Fees: £450

This new site near Llandovery on the edge of the Brecon Beacons in Carmarthenshire is, if anything, too beautiful. Let's hope the ring of oaks, the dingly dells, the three streams, the Iron Age fortifications and the breath-taking view don't distract us too much from all the exploring, making, singing (SO MUCH!), hiding and seeking we'll be getting up to. Ever wanted to dance your socks off under evening skies? Or to learn how to light a fire using only the power of your mind, some wood and a box of matches? Ever wanted to make a woodcraft cinema? We'll be the first camp ever to discover the secrets of this idvllic, secluded site. Bring your ideas, your energy, and together we can do extraordinary thinas!

Travel: Escort from London This camp is suitable for all abilities.

Farndale 1

Camp Chiefs: Celeste Datta & Ben McCarthy

Organiser: Nicola Malin

Dates: Wed 27th July to Tues 9th Aug

Ages: 6.6 to 17.11 Fees: £450

There is a field in North Yorkshire where, if you look very closely, you will find an almost invisible glow. The glow, undetectable by Google Maps or satellite photos, is the quiet beginnings of Farndale 1. Join us to blow life into the embers of previous camps; let's work together to create a new community where, in the glow of the campfire, we will sing, dance, learn and play together.

Travel: Escort from London This camp is suitable for all abilities.



Harlech 1

Camp Chiefs: Sophie Holloway-Hintzen & Rory Blackman

Organiser: Francesca Ratnatunga Dates: Wed 27th July to Tues 9th Aug

Ages: 6.6 to 17.11 Fees: £450

Roll up, roll up, we are looking for recruits for an inclusive, fun filled camp in the stunning heart of Wales. Get ready to explore what can happen when we all work together, using consensus. Let's look outside the box and learn to communicate with each other in different ways. Bring walking boots, fancy dress, musical instruments and a sense of adventure. This is an inclusive camp, on a fairly flat site and we are keen to encourage applications from disabled campers.

Travel: Escort From London

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Camp Coast: Call of the Gull

Camp Chief: Hannah McMahon & Theo Middleton

Organiser: Dinah Bornat

Dates: Wed 27th July to Tues 9th Aug

Age: 6.6 to 17.11 Fee: £450

A sailor went to sea, sea, sea to see what they could sea, sea, sea but all that they could sea, sea, sea was CAMP

where the land runs out let the splashing begin we will find our spirit seagulls and hear the mermaids sing

sea you there

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ps: it's by the sea

Travel:Escort from London
This camp is suitable for all abilities.

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

Dates: Wed 27th July to Tues 9th Aug

Ages: 6.6 to 17.11 Fees: £450

A full range and 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 an active, creative and caring community with 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.

Travel: Coach from London
This camp is suitable for all abilities



Second Fortnight Summer Camps

Important Information: **Please note** that Second Fortnight Standing Camps this year will be shorter.



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Moor the Merrier at Farndale

Camp Chiefs: Jamie Ward & Bates Abbott Organiser: Penny Wiles

Dates: Saturday 13th to Sunday 21st Aug

Ages: 6.6 to 17.11 Fees: £350

9 fires a burning.

8 nights in a toasty warm sleeping bag.

7 ways to whittle sticks.

6 zillion stars to gaze at.

5 fantastic groups.

4 points on a compass, which way shall we go?

3 six gallons full of glorious grub.

2 potato war champion caterers.

1 river to dam.

So pack your enthusiasm and we'll see you in the magnificent magical valley.

Travel: Escort from London
This camp is suitable for all abilities

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Music and Mayhem

Camp Chief: Polly Haste & Ruth Armitage

Organiser: Jamie Risner

Dates: Saturday 13th to Sunday 21st Aug

Ages: 6.6 to 17.11 Fees: £350

Pack your whistles and warm your vocal chords as we will be filling 9 days with music and mayhem! Be prepared for wild swimming, wild games, raucous dancing and plenty of fun.

No need for screens, we will be making our entertainment the ole' fashioned way with camp craft, song and more than a little pinch of mischief....

Travel: Escort from London
This camp is suitable for all abilities

Ages: 6.6 to 17.11 Fees: £350

Join us for the traditional and the original. A 9 day extravaganza in beautiful South Wales with 1 match fires, silliness and laughter, star strewn nights, songs that delight, delicious food that's just right and friends old and new.

Come rain or shine, we'll build an amazing community for all.

Travel: Escort From London

Scottish Adventure

Camp Chiefs: Jenny Dingle & Cadi St John Organiser: Cadi St John

Dates: Saturday 13th to Saturday 27th Aug

Ages: 12 to 17.11 Fees: £450

We will journey through the extraordinary wildly beautiful mountains of North West Scotland. We will carry all we need on our backs. In several places we will camp for 2 nights so we can explore a big mountain with a light pack. Come if you love wild places - we can all get fit enough to do the walking; the point of the journey is to learn lots of stuff on the way and to be in the present as much as we can.

Sailing Bye

Camp Chief: Dave Monk Organiser: Sarah Monahan

Dates: Saturday 13th to Saturday 27th Aug

Ages: 12 to 17.11 Fees: £450

We shall anchor out 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 we will be sailing from quay to wharf in local traditional boats. We will cargo the baggage in our boats, set full sails, seek provisions from local merchants, doze on decks, steer by stars whilst sleeping in boats or in tents on the banks. Along the way we'll enjoy a real Sou'wester so bring your Sea legs, good waterproofs. The ability to Swim and be comfortable in and under the water is a necessity for this camp. Bouyancy aids will be worn at all times when on board the boats.

Travel: Coach from London Extra Info: All campers must be able to swim 50 metres.



Autumn Camps

Pathfinder Postcamps

Camp Chiefs: Lisa Hallgarten and Liam

Smeeth

Organiser: Liam Smeeth

Dates: Friday 9th Sep to Sunday 11th Sep

Ages: 17 +

Fees: £15 plus £10 escort

Last-year pathfinders are invited to get together with old friends and new for a weekend of song, dance and play, to celebrate your time as a child on FSC and send you out into the world with a spring in your step. Prepare to work a little, laugh alot, and find out the secrets of camp, the universe and (almost) everything. Note: All last-year pathfinders will be sent an invitation by May. Please book a.s.a.p. to ensure your place on camp.

Travel: Coach from London

Lancashire Cave Training

Camp Chief: Flow Stone Organiser: Molly Hopkinshaw

Dates: Sunday 23rd to Monday 24th Oct Age: 15 to 17.11

Fees: £10

An opportunity for pathfinders and last year trackers who are experienced cavers to learn new skills and expand their capabilities in the caves. In Lancashire some of the caves require ropes and ladders for exploration so this extra day before camp is likely to focus on that. Please come with an enthusiasm to learn with a view to helping the staff lead trips for the younger children on the main camp. Staff who are able to come early, welcome from evening Friday 21st.

Travel: Campers to make their own way to the site. We will try to co-ordinate lifts where possible.



Lancashire Caving

Camp Chief: Giles Vellacott **Organiser: Sophie Meekings** Dates: Monday 24th to Friday 28th Oct

Ages: 10 to 17.11 Fees: £135

This autumn we are returning to the wild and beautiful Lancashire Dales. We will explore caves deep and fells high returning to our cosy caving hut base at Bull Pot Farm nestled on the flank of Casterton Fell. The Dales weather can be fickle so be sure to bring good winter hiking gear and plenty of warm jumpers as well as your sense of adventure.

Travel: Fees do not include travel to the site from London or elsewhere. We will try to organise an escorted party from London (via Birmingham) and will ask for an additional payment based on the lowest cost we can obtain.

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Dates: Monday 24th to 29th Oct 2016 Ages: 9 to 17.11

Fees: £155

The lodge will be dropped into an unprepared woodland for 6 days & 5 nights, with one catering tent, a couple of cooking pots and a few tarps for basic shelter only - from Day 1, staff and children alike will be creating their own individual or shared shelters, and they'll have to as we will NOT be taking individual tents on this adventure! Some meals will be prepared by a clan system, but many will be self-cook, with the opportunity to experiment with different methods of cooking & styles of fire, For the other 23 hours in the day we will play and survive in the woods.

If you want to expand your woodcraft skills, bring just the Bare Necessities of Camp - a knife, a spoon, a bowl, a sleeping bag or two, warm clothes & waterproofs to live in and, of course, an exploring mind!

Extra Info: This camp is for experienced campers only.

Camp Leaders: Leo Murray & Lily Sida-Murray

Organiser: Lilv Sida-Murráv

Dates: Saturday 26th to Sunday 27th Nov Ages: 9 to 17.11

FenWoodStock

Fees: £35

Ten years ago FSC planted 5000 trees on a windswept field behind our stores on the Fens. Now a thriving young forest grows there. Meet up with new friends from summer to celebrate our woodland's 10th birthday*, and help make history by planting your own tree for FSC. As the night draws in, we'll welcome the new trees to the land with an almighty campfire.

Extra Info: This camp is for experienced campers only

If you want to guarantee your place on this camp, please apply alongside your summer camp application. However, we will reopen enrolment for this camp for the month of September, and try to take every camper that wants to come.

Travel: Coach from London

*May contain fireworks.

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Ages: Family

Organiser: Jayne Jenkins

Dates: 29th April to 2nd May

May Day at Assington Mill

Camp Leaders: Nelleke van Helfteren and Ouentin Rea

Camp Leaders: Jan Holloway and Anita An-

What better way to begin the summer than

to camp with a group of companionable

people, watch the red kites soar overhead

We will be learning and sharing new wood-

craft skills and our knowledge of the coun-

tryside, exploring our surroundings, singing,

dancing, and watching our children enjoy

and smell the wood smoke in the air?

Organiser: Jayne Jenkins

the freedom of the field.

Dates: Friday 29th April to Monday 2nd May

Ages: Family

We look forward to welcoming you to the culinary, musical, ecological and hare-brained adventure that will take place at Assington Mill over the May Day weekend. Bring your ideas and energy, an instrument (preferably musical) and your voice, melodic or otherwise, and we will have a hootenanny of good old fashioned woodcraft fun. Bring an extra sleeping bag as the nights may be chilly

Camp Leaders: Liz Gravson Organiser: David and Hilary Hughes Dates: Friday 24th to Sunday 26th June Ages: Family

We are returning to the much loved Borrowbeck site for a weekend of walking, cooking, singing, country dancing and swimming in the river - meeting old friends and getting to know new ones.



Going For Gelt!

Camp Leader: Jenny Willis Organiser: David and Hilary Hughes Dates: Thurs 28th July to Sunday 31st July Ages: Family

Join us at Gelt Mill in North Cumbria. There will be a regatta, merry moot, night game (will Gary the Gorilla find his bananas?!) and plenty of food, fire and song...

Associate Camps

Parents and supporters who become Associate Members of FSC receive news of FSC's activities. There are also weekend family camps especially for Associate Members and their families. The annual subscription is £5 but you can add a donation on top, which will go into the Aid Fund of the organisation. Associate membership registration forms are available from the website in downloads or contact the membership secretary for more information. To keep costs down we prefer to communicate via email.

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. Lifts from train stations are offered. 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. 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.

Ass End of May

Camp Leaders: Adrian Matthews and Simon Glenister

Organiser: Jayne Jenkins

Dates: Friday 27th May to Monday 30th May

Ages: Family

As the weather warms and the nights lengthen come down and make stuff and chatter lots down at the Assington dingley dell. Tread ancient paths, glimpse the fairies work their magic in the gloaming and figure out why the whole is so much more than the sum of its parts.

Back to Our Roots

Camp Leaders: Hazel Powell and Tom Broad-

Organiser: Jayne Jenkins Dates: Wed Aug 3rd to Tuesday Aug 9th

Ages: Family

A one-week camp with the Order of Woodcraft Chivalry. This is the group who founded the Forest School in the New Forest, and from whom many of our camping methods came. Site probably in the South West.

Travel: FSC does not provide transport to Associates Family Camps

FSC Stores

Haddenham 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 play games; you can come join us. It's even free since FSC can 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. Under 18s need the written consent of their parent or guardian in order to attend; an appropriate form is available on the FSC website in Downloads (or drag them along as well!).

Four additional weekends a year (February, Easter, August and November) are given over to maintaining our buildings, grounds and our lovely woodland, rather than the stuff you see in the field on camp.

This year these will run on: February 26th-28th March 24th-28th August 26th-29th November 26th-27th

How do I get there?

Escort is usually arranged from London Kings Cross every month, and there are regular attendees traveling 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 FSC Stores Conveners:

Christy Kaye and Alex Hurt stores@fsc.org.uk

For any queries regarding travel to or from Stores weekends, please contact the Stores Hostesses:

Maddy Hubbard and James Keith hostess@fsc.org.uk

Stores Weekends this year (2016): Weekends run from Friday evening to mid afternoon on Sunday.

Please check dates before making plans, as some are provisional.

January	8th-10th
February	12th-14th
March	11th-13th
May	13th-15th
June	10th-12th
July	1st-3rd
September	9th-11th
October	7th-9th
November	11th-13th
December	9th-11th

Haddenham (House) and Fenwood

The 8.5 acre field we named Fenwood was purchased by FSC in 2005, as an extension to our existing 1.5 acre Stores Centre at Haddenham, Cambs CB6 3PA. In 2006 we planted the bare field with several thousand trees and these are now 12-15' high. The created woodland is now used as a campsite and a training area to meet our educational needs. The stores site and its adjoining woodland have 4 dedicated weekends each year during which we manage the trees and fences and maintain the buildings. Help is always needed to ensure that the woodland matures into a valuable resource for FSC to camp and train in and the barns and workshops continue to support the equipment vital to the running of our annual programme.

Skills & Conservation Camps

Join us for activities ranging from coppicing, hedging, and pond management, to path laying, building bridges, constructing compost toilets and stiles, and even repairing and renovating farm buildings. No special qualifications are needed and it's a great opportunity to try your hand at something new or to hone existing skills. We also enjoy good food, good company and starry evenings around the fire.

These camps run on similar lines to small standing camps and make a good introduction to FSC for newcomers. Children under 18 are welcome with their parent or guardian; families bringing younger children are asked to include at least one adult per child.

There are no camp fees except a small contribution to cover food, usually about £5 per day. There is also no organised travel, so attendees make their own way to the site. Full location details are sent out in advance and most sites are not far from public transport and a friendly lift.

Weekend camps run from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon. Bring your normal kit for camping, plus old clothes, work boots and gloves.

For more information and to enrol please contact the FSC SACCs secretary by email at conservation@fsc.org.uk

No.	Camp	Leaders	Dates	
56	Danbury Wooding	Tom Brock	04/03/16-6/03/16	
57	Spring at Rushall Manor	Matt Knight	01/04/16-3/04/16	
58	Spring at Braziers Park	Rad Wagon	22/04/16-24/04/16	
59	Late Summer at Braziers Park	Dan Bogle	23/09/16-25/09/16	
60	Autumn at Rushall Manor	Lucy Roberts	21/10/16-23/10/16	

Ages: 18+ Unless accompanied by a parent/guardian.

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

All campers should be fully protected against tetanus well before camp.

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 normally travel between London and our camps. Where coaches are used for escort, there will be 1 or 2 specific meet-up points where your child can join the escort party on the route. These are usually service stations on motorways. The number of stops will depend on the length and route of the journey. The organiser of the camp will communicate where the meet-up points are when travel is arranged.

If travel is by train, campers may arrange to join the escorted party at any station at which the train stops, but those doing so will be asked to purchase their own tickets to and from the destination. A travel refund will be made.



Insurance

Forest School Camps takes responsibility only for the activities listed in this programme. Forest School Camps insures for its liabilities at law. While all possible care is taken to avoid accidents, Forest School Camps does not insure for personal accident or for loss or damage to personal property. Those who are not already insured for personal accident and for all risks in respect of personal effects may wish to make their own arrangements.

Children and staff of camps who travel from the UK to foreign countries, including the Republic of Ireland, are covered by a 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. 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.

Alcohol, Cigarettes 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, probably by email. 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 3 bags multiple items increase the chance of loss, and items strapped or tied on to the top of bags are at risk of coming off and being lost. In addition to a rucksack, a canvas bag, kitbag, or zipped holdall is good for remaining luggage. Line all luggage with waterproof bags rubble sacks or strong bin liners are great for this. Inside these, it is a good idea to separate different types of clothing and put them in different, supermarket-style plastic bags one each for underwear, socks, tops, trousers, jumpers, etc. Label these bags to show their contents and it's much easier for your child (and their group staff) to find what they need, rather than rummaging around in an enormous sack.

Clothing

For a one-week camp.

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

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

And depending on the length of camp, an appropriate number of...

- 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)
- rucksack (Note 7)
- Ordnance Survey map (1:25000)*
- compass* ('Silva' type recommended)
- waterbottle

Miscellaneous

Cloth draw-string 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)
- plasticbags/binliners (for keeping things clean and dry)
- sunblock
- insect repellent*
- musical instrument*
- 'dressing up' clothes*
- materials for making things (e.g. embroidery thread)*



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 coat is made of polyurethane- or PVC-coated nylon with taped seams to ensure it's fully waterproof. Ideally this sort of coat should also have a fabric or mesh lining for the child's comfort.
- 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.

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.

^{*}optional

Note 4: Tents

FSC holds a limited supply of small tents which we can lend to campers at standing camps. Those who continue to camp will want to get a tent of their own.

Tents should be fully waterproof, and should have 2 layers – an inner and a flysheet. Single-layer nylon tents will not withstand heavy rain and are unsuitable.

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

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

Pop-up tents are becoming increasingly popular, however they are awkward to carry as they do not fit into or attach easily to rucksacks. Please note these are unsuitable for mobile camps. They can be ok for younger children on shorter standing camps if they are a good make and have a porch. Please make sure your child knows how to strike/pop down their tent before camp.

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., 'Hollow-fill') 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, and 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, 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 rucksack. See the general notes above concerning additional luggage.

Note 8: Torch

Good lightweight torches are widely available. Torches will need to be carried on hike so don't bring a massive searchlight, and remember the spare batteries.

Note 9: Penknife

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

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 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 rucksack are best; anything larger will not fit into a canoe. On cycling mobiles, you must wear a helmet and all your kit must fit inside your panniers and saddle bags (leaving some space for food!).





Under-Tens

Our experience at camp convinces us that the under-tens need extra underwear, socks and two pairs of pyjamas (three for a fort-night). Waterproofs should be large enough for the tops to fit comfortably over several layers, and the bottoms to fit over wellingtons.

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 expenses – but the good company of likeminded 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 can have more energy for boisterous games and activities. Whether you're zany and imaginative or down to earth 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 Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS – formally CRB) check, standard procedure for anyone working with children or vulnerable adults.

For more details on the process of applying to be a member of staff with FSC, check out the page on our website – http://fsc.org.uk/parent/new_staff.htm

You can also email new.staff@fsc.org.uk, or write to

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Camp Dates Summary

No.	Dates	Name	Location	Age	Fees	Info
1	5.2-7.2	Mendip Cave Training	Mendips	15-17.11	£45	Е
2	13.2-17.2	Mendip Caving	Mendips	10-17.11	£135	-
3	26.3-2.4	Easter in Dorset	Dorset	9-17.11	£295	-
4	26.3-2.4	Easter at Quantock	Quantocks	9-17.11	£295	-
5	29.4-2.5	Stockton Sprummer	Stockton	6.6-17.11	£110	D
6	30.4-2.5	Venice	Midlands	9-17.11	£95	-
7	29.4-2.5	If the Gurners are United	Danbury	6.6-17.11	£110	D
8	28.5-4.6	Hoping for Hodore	Hodore	6.617.11	£295	D
9	28.5-4.6	Whitsun at Stockton	Stockton	6.6-15.11	£295	D
10	28.5-4.6	Striding in Snowdonia	Snowdonia	12-17.11	£295	
11	28.5-4.6	Quantocks Camp Stew	Quantocks	6.6-17.11	£295	D
12	3.6-5.6	Canoe Training Weekend	Bucks	10-17.11	£100	D
13	10.6-12.6	Two Days on Two Wheels	Surrey	10-17.11	£100	Е
14	8.7-11.7	Campus staff skills weekend	Somerset	Staff Only		
20	27.7-5.8	Carry on Hodore	Hodore	6.6-17.11	£450	D
21	27.7-9.8	West Country Wild Swim	Dorset	12-17.11	£450	Е
22	27.7-9.8	Cefngweiriog	W.Wales	6.6-17.11	£450	D
23	27.7-9.8	Nantddu 1	S.Wales	6.6-17.11	£450	D
24	27.7-9.8	Farndale 1	Farndale	6.6-1711	£450	D
25	27.7-9.8	Rousing Radnor	Radnor	6.6-17.11	£450	D
26	27.7-9.8	Camp Coast: Call of the Gull	Pembrokeshire	6.6-17.11	£450	D
27	27.7-9.8	Harlech 1	Harlech	6.6-17.11	£450	D
30	13.8-21.8	Moor the Merrier at Farndale	Farndale	6.6-17.11	£350	D
31	13.8-21.8	Music and Mayhem	Radnor	6.6-17.11	£350	D
32	13.8-21.8	Nantddu's the Camp for you	S.Wales	6.6-17.11	£350	D
33	13.8-27.8	Scottish Adventure	N.W Scotland	12-17.11	£450	Е
34	13.8-27.8	Sailing Bye	Norfolk	12-17.11	£450	Е
40	9.9-11-9	Pathfinder Postcamps	Fenwood	17-17.11	£25	-
41	23.10-24.10	Lancashire Cave Training	Lancashire	15-17.11	£10	Е
42	24.10-28.10	Lancashire Caving	Lancashire	10-17.11	£135	-
43	24.10-29.10	Bare Necessities	Danbury	9-17.11	£155	Е
44	26.10-27.10	FenWoodstock	Fenwood	9-17.11	£35	Е
50	29.4-2.5	May Day at Braziers	Braziers	Family		Α
51	29.4-2.5	May Day at Assington Mill	Assington	Family		Α
52	27.5-30.5	Ass End of May	Assington	Family		Α
53	24.6-26.6	Borrowbeck Associates	Borrowbeck	Family		Α
54	28.7-31.7	Going for Gelt!	Cumbria	Family		Α
55	3.8-9.8	Back to Our Roots	South West	Family		Α
56	4.3-6.3	Danbury Wooding	Danbury	18+		SACC
57	1.4-3.4	Spring at Rushall Manor	Rushall	18+		SACC
58	22.4-24.4	Spring at Braziers Park	Braziers	18+		SACC
59	23.9-25.9	Late Summer at Braziers Park	Braziers	18+		SACC
60	21.10-23.10	Autumn at Rushall Manor	Rushall	18+		SACC

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Camp Sites





