



FAMILY CAMP 2024 - Saturday 18th May – Sunday 19th May

Dear Parents,

This year are heading off to Rhydd Covert Campsite, Kidderminster Road, Kidderminster DY12 1LF, right next to the West Midlands Safari Park. The weekend looks set to be a fun packed family weekend. We have booked a camping area close to the toilets and shower block. Get your diaries out now to enter this not to be missed date. Our family camp has been running for around 20 years and in the past we have had at least 90 of us. It is great fun.

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Now for those of you who have been before don't be put off as the programme will be different from previous years, with new challenges and activities! The sessions will include a selection of activities suitable for all ages. Young children from Squirrel age upwards will be able to join in and all the activities will be run by fully qualified instructors from Rhydd Covert or our own leaders with the relevant qualifications. There will be a number of activities on offer including Tomahawk throwing, grass sledging, Belay tower, all terrain boards, frisbee golf and much more. We will also be having a traditional campfire and BBQ on the Saturday evening plus the highly competitive 'rocket' competition on the Sunday.

All Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and Parents/Guardians along with accompanied sisters and brothers are invited to take part in the weekend. **The idea behind the weekend is for families to enjoy scouting together.**

<p>Cost per parent/guardian or squirrel/beaver/cub/scout/explorer or sister/brother is £55 (U4's are free)</p>

This will cover the cost of food, accommodation and activities. You get to spend the whole time with your children sharing in their scouting activities and doing things together. Families work together in teams and please don't worry it's not all serious stuff, if there is something you don't want to do then you can just sit that activity out and cheer the others on.

Tents - We will provide a tent for you to sleep in your family unit (i.e. partner and any children who are non-members). We just ask that you help us to put up and take down the tent as we have to put up so many! If you would like to bring your own tent that you are very welcome to do so

- All Cubs, Scouts and Explorers will sleep together in their units and their leaders will be responsible for them during the camp.
- Squirrels and Beavers need to camp with and be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Food – We fully cater for you over the weekend and previous campers will testify this exceeds most people's expectations and no one goes hungry, we may just ask for your help with the washing up and clearing tables.

Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) clearance required for adults

The Scout Association's POR (policies and rules) have clear guidelines with regard to child protection and they require that "all persons likely to have access to young people must be checked using the DBS procedures. Such persons include: Warranted Leaders, Skills Instructors, Activities Authorisations, Helpers/Assistants. Additionally, Officers of the Group, (e.g. Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer) must also be checked as well as all adults, **especially those attending camps**, who may have more than just a fleeting contact with our young members."

As such we have to ask that any parent/guardian who would like to attend the camp must have DBS clearance. All of our section leaders and Parent Support Group members have already passed through this clearance. We understand that some of you may feel offended and uncomfortable with filling out the forms for DBS clearance however it has become a necessary procedure in most organisations, clubs and schools where people come into contact with young people. The knowledge that everyone who attends the camp will have gone through the DBS process should give you peace of mind as it will safeguard your own children who are attending.

What does DBS involve?

The DBS process is a simple one, which we will guide you through. Once you have indicated that you would like to attend the camp on the reply slip attached -we will arrange a time on a section night to complete the online form with our membership secretary.

"All spent / unspent recordable convictions plus any relevant police intelligence will be revealed on a Disclosure. As a general guideline, recordable convictions are those that may attract a prison sentence. Such offences are held on the Police National Computer (PNC). A criminal record will include all police reprimands, cautions, warnings and offences that have accrued since the age of criminal responsibility. In England & Wales this age is currently 10. A minor traffic offence is not normally recordable unless, for example, the driver was arrested for it, or it was heard in conjunction with another recordable offence. "

- The results are confidential to you and the DBS will issue you with a clearance certificate sent directly to your address.
- If anything adverse is found the DBS advises Scout HQ who decide whether clearance is given. At no time will any information be disclosed to anyone at the 20th.
- Not all convictions are considered adverse and the Scout Association will only reject clearance based on those which are child protection related.

Many of you may have already obtained DBS clearance because of your job, or other reasons. However, the Scout Association insists that you apply for clearance through them as well. Please indicate on the form that you already have DBS clearance from the Scout Association and we will check against our records. We need you to apply for this asap as the clearance can take a number of weeks so don't delay!

We hope that the DBS clearance will not put you off joining us for our camp as we do really want you all to attend. If you do have any questions about the process then please give Graham or your unit leader a call as we would be happy to discuss it with you.

If you would like your family to attend then please complete the attached form and return it to your leader as soon as possible, with a £10 deposit per person attending. We also have access to online payment if preferred. All camp balance monies should be received by Saturday 4th May 2024, however, if there is any difficulty with this please contact Graham.

PLEASE RESPOND TO YOUR UNIT LEADER and complete the attached form.

DBS checks take 8 weeks to process so we need to start applications immediately

Yours in Scouting
Graham Smith - Group Scout Leader

0121 357 2797

20th Walsall (St. Margaret's Great Barr) Scout Group



SQUIRRELS - BEAVERS – CUBS – SCOUTS – EXPLORERS

www.20thwalsallscouts.org.uk

Chairman – Richard Cliff
0121 357 7260

Group Leader - Graham Smith
0121 357 2797

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I the parent/guardian of (member name/s).....
Request that a place be reserved for the above person from
Squirrels/Beavers/Cubs/Scouts/Explorers. (please circle)

ADDRESS.....
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Mobile NO.....

I have enclosed a deposit of £10 per person attending or will be paying online (please tick)

Payment by cheque Payment by cash Wish to make online payment
 Card payment (to be paid during section night)

Cheques payable to 20th Walsall Scout Group. You can either pay via a link or bank transfer, we can text/email you details.

I would also like to reserve places for the above event for the following family members

(Indicate age if under 18) Scout DBS already obtained

NAME.....	RELATIONSHIP.....	Age.....	<input type="checkbox"/> (Tick)
NAME.....	RELATIONSHIP.....	Age....	<input type="checkbox"/>
NAME.....	RELATIONSHIP.....	Age....	<input type="checkbox"/>
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NAME.....	RELATIONSHIP.....	Age....	<input type="checkbox"/>

In reserving these places I/we agree to complete the necessary forms for anyone over the age of 18 to obtain DBS clearance before 20th WALSALL SCOUT GROUP confirm their acceptance of me/us to join the camp. I/we acknowledge that no DBS clearance means that we cannot attend the camp.

SIGNED..... DATE.....

PRINT NAME.....

The cost of camp will be £55.00 per person.

Please return your form to your unit leader ASAP or post to Louise Maher 55 Truro Road, Walsall, WS5 3EQ 07808079214. Act quickly if you require a DBS application.