



Cleveland Scouts' County Camp

Leader Question & Answer Sheet



1. Why are we running the camp? What's the point?

To celebrate and unify scouting in Cleveland! To give all young people in the County the chance to take part in a large scale event, to be given access to an inclusive, adventurous and fun packed programme in a different environment to their normal scouting experiences. This camp also aims to give all young people and leaders the opportunity to meet and learn from a wide variety of people across the County.

2. Where is the camp? Why are we going so far away?

Hesley Wood Scout Campsite, Sheffield. The attraction for this campsite is it has the capacity to have more than 500 people camping (Ravengill capacity), it also has a myriad of available on site activities (such as a cave-bus, climbing wall, zip-line etc), and is close to off-site activities that Cleveland scouts may not have experienced before (e.g. Magma park, caving etc)

3. How much is the camp? What do the costs include?

There is a multi-tier camp fee approach which reflects the time spent at camp & the type of activities. The fees are listed below:

Beavers: £51. Same price for beaver leaders

Cubs: £129

Scouts: £184

Explorers: £193

Scout & Explorer Leaders: £105

Cub Leaders: £96

There is a £5 discount (£2 for beavers) is available for any sections signing up early for the camp (discount not applicable to leaders)

These costs aim to include everything needed for the camp: transport, accommodation, food, activities, activity transport, welfare facilities etc. We will however need sections to help out with cooking and camping equipment

4. What activities will the beavers / cubs / scouts / explorers be doing?

Sections signing up will be asked to preferentially select activity zones they wish to participate in. Example activities include:

- Beavers: crafts, kite making, assault course, slip & slide, grass sledges, twists & smores, campfire
- Cubs: climbing, water slide, cavebus, survival skills, kites, crafts, archery, boat making, Magma, swimming
- Scouts: Climbing, kayaking, water park, survival skills, biking, assault course, zip line, backwoods cooking
- Explorers: As above + expedition & caving



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5. What are the NAN arrangements?

The organisers of the camp include many experienced nights away permit holders to ensure the appropriate facilities are in place for the camp. We will also ensure each sub-camp is led by experienced nights away permit holders. As such sections are able to attend the camp if their leaders are not nights away permit holders.

6. What is the alcohol policy?

Whilst this has not been documented in detail we will be adhering to the scouting alcohol guidelines laid out in the green card

7. What are the leader / child arrangements?

We will need leaders from across the County to sign-up to attend the camp, however individual colonies, troops, packs, units are able to attend even if they do not have sufficient leaders to maintain ratios on a section by section basis.

8. What are the camping arrangements?

The campsite will be arranged into sub-camps. Catering will be done within each sub-camp, and some camp competitions will be done within sub-camps. There will be one sub-camp for Explorers, one for beavers, and then cubs & scouts will be camping in their groups and each group allocated to a sub-camp. Groups, sections etc will be using their own tents to camp in.

9. Why do we feel beavers in tents are ok?

POR allows beavers to do overnight experiences in tents and we have a number of groups that use tents to allow for Beaver Scouts residential experience. We want to role that experience & knowledge out to all beaver colonies across the county.

10. Can young leaders camp with their sections or do they have to be with the explorers?

Young Leaders can choose whether to attend as a Young Leader or as an Explorer. As a Young Leader they will camp with their section, take part in their section activities and pay the same price as their section. If an Explorer then they take part in Explorer activities, camp with Explorers and pay the Explorer price. Please note, the young leader must make this decision upfront and then cannot switch to do Explorer activities, if they have paid for a younger section programme.

11. Why do leaders have to pay?

Leaders costs cover their share of the accommodation, facilities and welfare costs, along with food costs, necker, badges, transport etc. These are individual costs that we feel it is appropriate that leaders pay, rather than putting the costs on the young people.

12. Can leaders or young people just do part of the camp?



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This would have to be by exception for a specific reason. The individual in question would need to be responsible for their own transport if leaving early/arriving late and the cost would not be reduced for partial attendance.

13. What happens if a child gets homesick?

Homesickness would be managed in the same way it would be with any other camp being participated in, where the aim is to ensure the young person is able to continue throughout the camp and enjoy it as much as possible. In the ultimate scenario where it is in the young person's best interest to return home this would need to be arranged in conjunction with the young person's parents. However if we can organise transport etc in this situation we would do our best to help.

14. What are the overnight welfare arrangements?

Group & section leaders will be camping with their young people as with any other camp, and will be the first point of contact in the event of an issue overnight. There will be 24hr medical cover provided on site by the UK ScoutMed organisation. There will also be 24hr cover by the organising team. The sub-camps will be able to communicate with both by radios dedicated to each sub-camp.

15. Why can't beavers & explorers camp with their groups?

Explorers are a district based organisation, rather than being based within groups. Whilst we understand that some explorer units don't operate in this manner, others do, and as such it isn't appropriate for Explorers to camp with groups. We also think that Explorers across the County could really benefit & enjoy camping as a group together.

Beavers are only at the camp for approximately 30hrs, and for this reason we would prefer to handle their camping and catering arrangements separately to make the organisation of this easier. It would also make dedicating activities for beavers easier and we believe the beavers would benefit from having their own sleep-over!

16. Why can't groups just camp on their own? Why sub-camps?

Sub-camps are proposed for a couple of reasons:

- It makes coordinating catering for a large event much easier to organise. It also makes sorting camp facilities easier.
- It gives young people and leaders the opportunity to meet, camp, eat & play with other people across the county, who they wouldn't normally get the chance to be with. This gives the opportunity to learn from new people and groups, sharing ideas & information.

17. Can young people attend without their leaders?

The success of the County Camp is dependent upon leaders in the County taking part and camping with their young people so we do need leaders to attend with their beavers, cubs, scouts or explorers. That being said we don't want young people to be prevented from attending if for whatever reason their leaders cannot attend. If leaders are in this situation we request that they contact the organisers to discuss their section taking part without them.

18. What are the disabled facilities?



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The disabled facilities on the site are quite good with inclusive showers and toilets, wheelchair access is manageable; depending on individual needs there is also limited indoor accommodation. The organising team aim to ensure every Scout in Cleveland is able to attend, regardless of personal circumstances.

19. What are the medical facilities?

Scout Med are in attendance 24 - 7 for the duration of the camp. There are also hospitals with A&E within a short travelling distance

20. What are the meal arrangements? Are dietary requirements handled?

Each sub-camp will be provided the menu, food and instructions to prepare 3 meals per day within the sub-camp. Typically this will be a hot breakfast & tea, cold lunch. Yes we will manage all dietary requirements (not fussy eaters!) as long as we are told about them

21. What kit is being used for camping, cooking etc?

We will be asking groups to use their camping & catering equipment in their sub-camps.

22. Is there telephone reception at the campsite?

Yes, but we can't guarantee every network is covered

23. What if the group kit is damaged at camp?

All group equipment should be covered by their own insurance, but if the county are borrowing equipment from groups we would expect that we will recompense loss or repair.