

BUC Pathfinder Camporee
27 July – 3 August 2008
Skreens Park Scout Campsite
Roxwell, nr Chelmsford, Essex CM1 4NN
www.bucpathfindercamporee.org.uk



CLUB INFORMATION PACK

Firstly, may I invite you to come early on Sunday morning 27th July. This is to assist you in setting up your encampment and to get ready for the evening opening ceremony.

Upon arrival on the site, please go to the Registration Booth and register your club by bringing the registration sheet, with all the names of your club members. You will then be told where your club is to be sited and you can proceed to unload your equipment and begin the process of establishing yourself on the site.

Theme

The theme for the Camporee is "Serve Our Saviour". It is our hope that this theme will inspire our Pathfinders to service of both God our Father and the community from which we come.

Day of Special Prayer

I am proposing that with the size of the Camporee and the salvation of our youth at stake, we put aside Sabbath 26th July as a day of special prayer. Please invite your church pastors and elders to make time and space in the morning worship service to pray for this vital element of our ministry to the young people who attend Camporee.

Camporee Cost

The cost for the Camporee is £75 per person. This includes the cost of the site, Camporee tee-shirt & badge, all activities, excursions and any transportation to activities. **The cost does not include your food supplies.** Please note that we are encouraging all clubs to provide vegetarian foods while on the site.

Children under Pathfinder Age

The fee for children under the Pathfinder age is £25. Please note that these under-aged children will not receive a badge or t/shirt and will not be permitted to take part in the activities. I have made some concessions with a few activities which are 'safe' for their age. Please see activity list.

Parking

We will need you to inform us of what means of transportation you will be arriving with. We have limited space for coaches and will need to carefully co-ordinate the coming and going of coaches or we will find ourselves in a gridlock situation. There are car parking spaces for mini buses and cars. Upon arrival, you will be allowed to drive onto the site, unload and remove your vehicle to the parking place. Of course, it goes without saying that while driving on the site, please do so **slowly and with great care**, because the first priority is the safety of the children.

Registration

Registration will commence at 10am on Sunday 27th July. I will need to know your time of arrival so that we can set ourselves up to greet and register your club upon arrival. If you are delayed it would be a good idea to liaise with us on the site to update us on your arrival time. **My contact number is: 07979 712440.**

Tentage allowance

Your club will be allocated 25 sq mt per person. We will provide you with information on arrival regarding where your tents are to be pitched and distance between each for safety.

Dress Code

The dress code for Camporee is full dress uniform for the opening and Sabbath ceremony. At all other times, the only identity needed is scarf and woggle. Please ensure that your pathfinders are not inappropriately dressed while at the Camporee. Good manners and respect is always appreciated and will certainly earn the attention of the inspection team.

Activities

We shall have in excess of 40 separate activities taking place every day. This is a huge challenge and I would appreciate your full co-operation to ensure that the children are present and on time for each day's activities. A full activity list has been sent out to you and is also available for viewing on the Camporee website. Please ensure that parents have access to the list of activities because we are expecting that all the Pathfinders will be able to participate in all the activities except as parents indicates to the contrary on the application form. Each club leader should make sure that someone from your staff accompanies your Pathfinders and remains with them during the activities in order to provide additional supervision.

TeenZone Programme

There will be a nightly programme for 14-18 year old campers. This will include your junior counsellors. The nature of the programme is primarily a night hike, Bivvyng and socialising. Not all will be able to participate at the same time. There will be a rota for each night. Their activities will commence 10pm and conclude early the following morning, but please note that they will still be expected to participate and carry on their duties during the day. If possible, please invite that age group to bring a Bivvy bag for sleeping out, together with their sleeping bags

Staffing for Activities

Please note that it may become necessary to ask some of your clubs to assist with some activities. I appreciate your support in this regard. Please also note that staff members should always accompany their Pathfinders to worship and activities. If you do not have sufficient staff, please work with a neighbouring club or make some alternative arrangements. Children will need supervision while waiting in queue for activities. Please do your best to ensure that supervision is in place.

Daily Excursion

As part of our daily programme of activities, we shall be having an excursion. We have arranged a special circuit of activities at the Colchester Zoo to which we estimate about 300 will attend on a daily basis. The cost for the travel and entrance is included in the Camporee fee.

Impact Chelmsford

As a special feature of our Camporee, we are looking at conducting an **Impact** witnessing event in Chelmsford town centre. This activity will be in co-operation with the local pastor and the Chelmsford church.

Site Map

A site map showing where the activities will be sited will be posted on the web site and also given out upon registration.

Daily Programme Outline

A draft of the daily programme is enclosed for your information.

Flag Raising and Lowering

This will take place every morning and evening. Kevin James will be in touch with you to gather the names of the Pathfinder who could lead this. This will be a full dress uniform programme.

Morning Worship

We are preparing materials for you to use as part of the morning devotional in your club. As soon as we receive these from our speaker, Pastor A J Grant, we shall send them on to you via email or post for those of you who are not accessible electronically. This will also be posted to the website in due course.

Invitation to Bring Pathfinders for Baptism

I believe that Camporee should be a place where our young people make decisions for Christ. Research confirms that many do make their commitment at such events. With this in mind, I am proposing that we conduct a baptism at this Union Camporee. If any of your Pathfinders and staff would like to take the opportunity to affirm their love for Jesus and be baptised, please inform your Pastor and church board and then let us know their names.

Sabbath School Programme

We are having some specials materials prepared for use in the Sabbath School time on Sabbath morning in your clubs. This will be distributed upon arrival and registration.

Information about Sabbath Visitors

As the Camporee is very close to the Greater London Area, it is highly likely that there could be a large number people who would like to visit on the Sabbath. Because of the potential challenge this poses to our site security, the planning committee has suggested that we limit the numbers visiting the site.

To this end, visitors will be allowed onto the campsite on **Sabbath 2 August ONLY**. There will be a ticketing system with each ticket costing £3. These will be sent to your clubs for distribution by yourselves only on the basis that you send your request for the appropriate numbers with full payment to the BUC by **Monday 7 July**. Cheques should be payable to 'BUC' and sent with the list of names to Pathfinder Dept. BUC, Stanborough Park, Watford WD25 9JZ. We will not be in a position to provide meals for club visitors and trust that each club will ensure their visitors are adequately catered for.

Please note that no one will be allowed on the site without a ticket and, if anyone arrives without a ticket, regrettably, they shall be turned away. No tickets will be available or given out at the Camporee.

Security Assistance from Club Staff

In previous BUC Camporees, we have always relied on the additional support of all clubs to assist us with on-site security. This has worked well and we have appreciated your co-operation and willingness to work with us on this part of the programme. This year will be no exception, especially because we are expecting such a large contingent of campers on the site. One thing in our favour is the fact that we have the entire site to ourselves. However, this blessing could prove to be a challenge at the same time. We shall be asking each club to provide some personnel to bolster up our team and we look forward to your continued support. Tyrone Waldron and Amanda Questel-Lewis will be in touch with you to get the names of volunteers who could assist with this aspect of the event. Thank you!

Club Inspections

Please see the attached criteria sheet.

Special Needs Details

Please let us know if you have children with special needs so that if it is necessary, we can make arrangements to ensure, as much as possible, that they are not excluded from the programme.

Medical Matters

See attached document from our camp doctor and co-ordinator of the medical team, Dr Andrew West.

Sanitation Rota – Club Participation

Once again, as we have done in previous Camporees, we solicit the support of local club Pathfinders and staff to assist in cleaning the sanitary facilities. This will be done on a twice daily basis and will be co-ordinated by a team of staff.

Showers and Water Prudence

With such a large number of people on site and because we love being brilliantly clean, may I ask that when you use water, especially for showers, you bear in mind that the supply is likely to under-go abnormal use and could end up proving to be a challenge for the site management team. Therefore, please ask your Pathfinders to be water prudent at all times.

Discipline code

The discipline procedure that will apply is such: Firstly, all issues must be dealt with in the local club. Secondly, if the need arises, your conference/mission youth director should be brought in to assist in addressing the issue. If the matter is between inter conference/mission, the regional directors/sponsors will deal with it.

Let me stress that there will be a zero tolerance to any profanity or inappropriate behaviour such as fighting, swearing or vulgarity in any form.

Please encourage your campers not to enter another gender's tent as this is not part of the Camporee ethos.

Samples of Safe Structures

Please go to the following web page to see samples of what you can build at Camporee.

www.arklowseascouts.ie/resources/pioneering. I am referring you to this page because it may afford some of you who have the experience to undertake a small structure for your club's use. Please take note that all structures built within your encampment will be your responsibility to maintain and make safe. If in doubt, please contact my office.

Pioneering Poles

These will be supplied to clubs on the basis of one per person in your club. They range between 8-10ft long and you can cut them according to your requirements. This should be adequate for building structures and camping furniture. These poles will need to be collected from the Pioneering poles stock at the designated area on the site and must be delivered back at the end of the Camporee

Health and Safety Awareness

May I ask that you nominate a safety-conscious person within your club just to keep an eye out to ensure that your encampment is being kept safe and free of potentially dangerous items. This will contribute to a safer and happier environment all round.

Camp Shop Hours

Shop daily opening hours: 07.00 - 10.00; 12.00 - 14.30; 16.30 - 19.00; 21.30 - 22.30

We expect to have a fully stocked camp shop which should cater for all of your basic gastronomic needs. We will send the full list to you soon – when you receive it, please complete the form and return to me as a matter of importance.

E-Order of foodstuff

If any of you choose to order food from the major supermarkets, please note that we will not be responsible for taking delivery of any consignments. It is therefore your responsibility to ensure that someone will be waiting for the delivery in the car park. Once the Camporee commences, vehicles will not be permitted on the field as they pose a risk to the large number of Pathfinders on the site.

Order Form for Gas Cylinders

Gas will be available for you to purchase from the site. However, for you to benefit from the less expensive option, you will need to bring your own cylinder. If you opt for purchasing a full cylinder, you must know that this will be a very expensive option. Please complete your order for gas cylinder supply on the enclosed form making a note of the cylinder type.

Market Day

The event will be co-ordinated by Millie Williams. Any clubs intending to sell food will need to ensure that you have all the food and hygiene safety issues in place. There will be a safety person whose role will be to go around the stalls for the market day to ensure that you are conforming to the requirements. We do have some tables and will need to know if you have need of a table - please complete the attached form and return to the BUC.

Cooking Code of Conduct & Food Hygiene

Please ensure that you have an adequate way to extinguish a fire in your kitchen. This may comprise of a bucket with water or sand, or a hydrant appropriate for the kinds of cooking equipment you will be using or even a fire blanket. A Food hygiene certificate is the recommended standard for catering within clubs. Please also wash-up after every meal to prevent vermin and insects like wasps.

Club Camp Fires and Camporee Bonfires

There will be a bonfire at the fire bowl, organised most nights by the Camporee staff. It has been decided that because the whole camp will be divided into villages, there will not be individualised camp fires, but rather they will be organised by the village which your club is part of.

Pets on the Site

NO pets are permitted on site.

Personal Hygiene

Please encourage your Pathfinders to maintain their personal hygiene by washing their hands before eating and after using the toilet facilities. Please also make available and encourage them to drink an adequate amount of water throughout the day.

Swimming and Lake Activities

Please inform your club that apart from official activity time, the lake is not a place to be used for swimming at any time. **There will not be a swimming activity.** We shall be using the lake for rafting and canoeing but apart from that, nothing else.

Medical Procedures - Medical Station/First Aid

Please read the attachment from Dr Andrew West.

Insurance

All clubs registered with the Conference should be covered under your annual Pathfinder club insurance. If you are not or have any questions about your status, please do not hesitate to contact your Conference/Mission Pathfinder Department for advice.

CRB Clearance

It is your duty as club leader to ensure that **all** your staff are CRB cleared.

Club Leaders' Code of Conduct

Club leaders must at all times conduct themselves with Christian decorum. They must also seek to respect both themselves and the Pathfinders with whom they interact and lead. There is to be no inappropriate behaviour between staff or Pathfinders.

Club Equipment

Please check that the club equipment you will be bringing to Camporee is in good working order and safe. Please also check with your Conference Pathfinder Department to see if any transportation is being laid on which your club may be able to buy into.

Electronic Equipment

We have decided to ask you to discourage your Pathfinders from bringing mobile phones. *"If you can't afford to lose it, don't bring it"*. **Club leaders only** will be allowed to charge their phones (not cameras or other electrical equipment) at a cost of £1:00 per time. If there are not sufficient sockets available, then you will have to come back at another time. We will not hold your phone pending a socket becoming available for use. This fund will go toward our Camporee project. The BUC will not be responsible for any items left behind after the Camporee. Therefore please ensure that adequate care is taken of your property and that of your club members.

Pathfinder Award

We have decided that we would like to honour and recognise those Pathfinders who, over the past few years have contributed significantly to your club/area or on a regional/conference level. This is **NOT** a Pathfinder of the Year award. This is above and beyond an annual award. Please see the website for a list of criteria. If you have such a person, the protocol is that you must recommend the person's name to your area Pathfinder Co-ordinator, who will submit the best from their area to your conference with accompanying evidence to back the recommendation. The names from both conferences and all the missions will then be looked at by our committee and we will decide on the five that we consider merit the award. If your Pathfinder has been successful, we will advise you and ask that you both be prepared to be interviewed at Camporee or alternatively, you can submit a DVD to substantiate your recommendation that we can show at the Camporee.

Lights-out and Quiet Time

Lights out is 11:00pm and quiet is expected until 6am.

Directions to Site

The address of the camp site is as follows:

Skreens Park Scouts Campsite, Roxwell, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 4NN

See map online at www.bucpathfindercamporee.org.uk

For emergency contact only: 01245 248235, or 07979 712440