



Scout Summer Camp 2018

Dear Parents,

Next year we are heading to the beautiful coast of Northumberland for Summer Camp to the hamlet of Horwick, which is about a mile from the fishing village of Craster.

The camp dates are between Thursday 2nd August to Saturday 11th August. We plan to make the most of this picturesque site and maximise our proximity to the coast. Already planned are a trip to Alnwick Castle and 'Poison Gardens', a trip to the Sea Houses to soak in the seaside, cooking a campfire on the beach to see the sunset and an activity day on the coast.

We will spend the first two days setting up camp. Throughout the camp, the patrols will be inspected daily and accrue points towards the Summer Camp Inter Patrol trophy – our main competition of the year.

Camp fees and payment information.

This year's cost is £180. This includes, amongst other things, transport to and from the venue, food for ten days, badges and awards and transport throughout the camp.

Payments can be made via cash, cheque or by On-line bank transfer. Cheques are to be made payable to 150th Wadsley Church Scout Group. Cash or cheques should be posted into the camp and activities box in the Den at the Scout HQ. Please ensure the envelop is marked with the young person's name and 'Scout Summer Camp 2018'.

To give us a firm idea of numbers, we are asking for a £50 deposit. Could you please pay this when you complete the form to secure the scouts place on this event.

We would suggest additional payments in February, April and finally June to pay the full fee to break up the fee in smaller chunks. You can, of course pay in full prior to June 14th.

For On-line bank transfer use the following information

- **Recipient:** 150th Sheffield Scout Group
- **S/Code:** 40-41-11
- **Acc/No:** 01414135
- **Reference:** This should be 'SSC' for Scout Summer Camp followed by child's surname & first name. Don't worry if you run out of characters. If this happens, we can still identify who the payment is for. Use slash (/) to separate words, e.g: WW/Bloggs/Joe WW/Smith/Connor

Please click on the following link to complete the form. Places are being allocated on a first come, first served basis. <https://goo.gl/wCZY4F>

Maximum numbers

As this is the main event of the scouting year [the chance to put all the training and leadership/ team work skills to the test] we always try to encourage as many scouts as possible to attend. However, as we now have three large troops and comprising of 108, I am having to limit places on the event to **42**; we would struggle to transport a larger number to the venue.

To allow an equal participation from each troop, I am offering fourteen spaces to scouts from Tuesday, Thursday and Friday Scouts. These will be allocated to seven camping patrols.

Day to day camping on site

During the camp the scouts will camp in patrols and are responsible for cooking their own meals on open fires, prepare and maintain their sites and deal with their patrol's hygiene. They have a daily inspection which provides points for the camping competition- the main competition of the scouting year!

The menu is varied, yet challenging. We see no point in the scouts going through the hassle of collecting wood and lighting a fire to simply boil a tin of beans or the like.

Though the scouts are competing and working in patrols for the mornings, following lunch they mix together for activities and have a game, wide game or campfire in the evenings.

Travel information

We will be travelling to the venue and returning in a coach which will depart at 09:30 am on the 2nd August and return at approximately 4.30pm on the 11th. Scouts need to travel in full uniform. This is important for two reasons: firstly, for insurance reasons, it also means scouts don't forget it! **ALL SCOUTS WILL NEED A PACKED LUNCH FOR THE JOURNEY.**

VAN

If you are able and willing to drive an equipment van to the site on Wednesday 1st and or Friday 10th/Saturday morning of the 11th Please contact Dave Wright.

If you have a Luton style van and would consider helping us with the transportation of equipment, this would be amazing, though I appreciate, it is highly unlikely to have a van owner to hand.

Contact information

Please contact me on 07805305296 if you have any questions about the camp. My email address is 150th.Friday@gmail.com will also be the point of contact throughout the event.

Alternatively, If you cannot get through, contact the assistant camp leader Dave Wright on 07712581034 of at dswright1977@hotmail.com

Our Facebook page is 150th Sheffield Scout Group- if you 'like' this, you will be able to keep up to date with information as it comes out and also whilst we are at camp.

The Group Web page is www.150th.org.uk, again letters and information will be available for you to access.

Yours in scouting;

Paul Renner Camp Leader

Frequently asked questions

Q-Is the cooking supervised?

A- All meals are supervised by a leader who is selected specially to inspect cooking.

Q- Will my child be with someone they know?

A- We do our best to make sure that scouts are with friends which they would usually be with on a meeting night. I will be discussing with the three Tracey, Henry and Paul which groupings will work best.

Q- Why is the camp so long?

A- This summer camp is eight days long because it allows us to test for everything which has been instructed over the year. It also means that the scouts qualify for many badges that a shorter camp would not suit.

Q- Can they bring their own sweet supply?

A- We try to avoid this as it can lead to upset in the tents. We do provide a tuck shop throughout the camp.

Q- Can my child bring a mobile phone?

A- We strongly advise against this. There is no mobile signal in the field and most modern phones having inbuilt cameras there becomes issues regarding picture messaging which can lead to upset. We have a lock box on camp to keep mobiles safe and secure.

Patrol Leader information

If your child is selected to be the Lead PL of one of the competing patrols (or if they are sharing the role which happens when we merge a patrol) they will need to bring a **spade**, an alarm clock, first aid kit, supply of paper and matches or lighters for fire lighting, notepad and pen and an abundance of patience and compassion.

Kit List

Sleeping bag, Carry mat, ground sheet

Pen knife/small sheaf knife (blade to be shorter than 6 inches)

T-shirts, shorts jumpers tracksuit bottoms/ non denim trousers, underwear to last 11 days. Swimming trunks. Camp fire blanket. Waterproofs

Eating utensils – plate bowl mug and cutlery. Wash kit to include nail brush and two towels. Torch and batteries. Tea towel River shoes. Outdoor shoes Walking boots/sturdy boots

Patrol Leaders Kit:

Contact Paul on 07805305296 for any further questions.

PL's see above information for extra equipment.