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Dear Parents

Camp 2014 is approaching and we now have a firm idea of the numbers involved and the offers of help. Only a small unit is needed on the advanced Friday party in addition to the staff attending camp.

Thank you for your replies to the first letter and offers of help over the weekend. Below is the list of helpers (please let me know if you are now unavailable) and the roles you will be in over the weekend – groups will be determined later. **Please note** that this is still a provisional list as I have not yet received the final confirmations from County. I shall confirm with parents as soon as possible next week but felt it best to give you some advance warning that you may be required!

Friday (Advanced party)

Steve Edwards, David Shearn, Andy Warrener, Di Lewis, Ian Clifford, Suzi Morris, Mark Hodson, Fraser Keep, Alison Reynolds-Young.

Saturday/Sunday (Main activities units – this is still a provisional list and therefore I will ring individuals next week to confirm)

Catering

Suzi Morris
Angela Morris
Nicky Warrener
Melissa Hirst
Ursula Taylor
Caroline Cusselle
Alison Reynolds-Young
Deena Galpin
Jane Edwards
Alison/Simon Bigwood

Group Leaders

Steve Edwards
Mark Hodson
Gwen Hill
Vincent Ward
Pete Reynolds-Young
Mike Pettitt
Di Lewis
Martin Cusselle
David Shearn
Ian Clifford
Shaun Tibbals
Pete Reynolds-Young
Louise Saville
Stuart Smith

David Clark
Nigel Fox
Andy Warrener
Sue Hodgkinson
Stuart Ayden
Mandy Hodson
Jo Rumm
Nigel Jarvis
Fraser Keep
Georgina Leake
Carl Miller
Jim Porter

With so many events happening in the meantime I thought it best to issue the kit list now so that your children can be prepared. Further details of groups and activity times will be issued closer to the time.

Please could all parent helpers bring some cakes either homemade or bought for the weekend. Parent helpers will also need to send in their £20 contribution towards camp plus payment for older siblings, if attending, by the due date shown above. Please note older siblings will be required to be group leaders and may not be able to do all the activities offered.



Diocese of Chichester
Commendation



KIT LIST

Wellingtons

Protection against rain – cagoule AND separate coat.

(It can be cold at night, also cold and wet during the day. We are active and outside for much of the day. **Waterproof**, not showerproof, and warm clothes are therefore essential as are any clothes to change into!)

2 warm jumpers or warm tracksuits. (Vital during the evening activities.)

Hat – for sun protection. Sun barrier cream.

Proper bedding – 2 blankets. Sleeping bag. Substantial ground sheet. (NOT polythene bag) – larger than sleeping bag – ¼" high density foam bed roll (optional).

(The main point here is that your child must be insulated from the ground temperature, which will be lower than the air temperature. The sleeping bag and blankets should be wrapped up completely and tied up so that none of the bedding shows or can get wet.)

Trainers

Nightwear (Tracksuit might be a good idea)

Shorts/Trousers

2 pairs of socks

2 "T" Shirts

Spare old T-shirt

Old plimsolls or trainers

2 Towels

Plastic bag for wet clothes

Plastic bag for dirty clothes

Change of underwear

Brush/comb

Handkerchiefs

Soap/flannel/toothpaste and brush/toilet bag etc

Torch and tea cloth

Unbreakable plate/dish/beaker/knives/forks/spoons – all in single drawstring bag.

It is best not to bring a tin mug (i.e. hot soup, cocoa, etc. makes life difficult).

Water bottle

NO Money or Mobile Phones

N.B. ALL CLOTHING MUST BE CLEARLY MARKED. (This is absolutely essential to avoid unclaimed kit at the end of camp!).

Clarification:

1. A word to group leaders. Despite the misconceptions of a few about the nature of this kind of event, it **is** hard work! The overriding principle, of course, is being to display care and enthusiasm so that the children might have the best possible weekend. More information at Group Leader briefing at 8:30 a.m. Saturday 19th July.
2. The weekend is an action-packed affair with many demands being placed upon adults. For Health and safety reasons, we discourage adult helpers from bringing under 7's along.
3. As last year, older siblings can come along provided parents are on the attached helper list. These older ones will be 'adopted' by St. John's for the weekend and integrated as group leaders into all that happens, we therefore require a **£20** fee for these older ones, plus the **£20** due to be paid by all parents attending camp. This should be sent into school by **Monday 14th July**. Thank you.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you need any further clarification.

Yours sincerely



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