

### Summer Camp 2005: Final Instructions

#### Departure

We are booked on the 09:00 vehicle ferry departure from Southampton to Cowes on Sunday 7th August. We all need to meet at the ferry terminal by 08:30 to travel together on the boat. If you miss the boat, you will have to find your own way to the island!

All Scouts and Explorers need to travel in full uniform (shirt, tie or scarf and woggle, trousers), except that they should wear shoes suitable for cycling and should leave their hats at home.

Scouts and Explorers should expect to embark and disembark the ferry carrying their own personal kit and wheeling their bikes; there will probably not be room for either bikes or personal kit in the vehicle or on the trailer. Once on the Island, kit will be shuttled to the camp site and Scouts and Explorers will be encouraged to cycle.

Waterproofs, helmet, high-vis jacket and cycle clips should be packed where they can easily be reached. A packed lunch will *not* be needed.

#### Return

We are booked on the 17:30 departure on Sunday 14th August from Cowes which should arrive in Southampton at 18:30. Scouts and Explorers will need to help unload the equipment at Crosshouse; I expect they should be ready to be collected from Crosshouse at about 19:30.

#### Visits

Families are very welcome to visit the Scouts in camp. We have set aside Wednesday as a visit day. Please contact me by telephone before you set out so that we can ensure your child is in camp. If Wednesday is inconvenient, we should be able to accommodate you at other times, by prior arrangement. The attached map shows you how to get to the campsite.

#### Camp Staff

I will be attending the whole camp along with my wife Rose and Matthew Deacon, one of our assistant leaders. Other leaders will be coming for a few days each: they will include Kevin Heslop and Maurice Petty (sailing instructors), Clive Aylett (kayak instructor), Paul Brown (power instructor) John Griffin and Robert Grafton.

#### Activities

We expect to do a lot of cycling at the camp, both on and off road. Please try to bring a bike, and make sure it is fully serviceable and equipped with lights, helmet, high-vis top and cycle clips.

We will also be boating in Picos and kayaks; Scouts will need their usual boating kit including old shoes, waterproofs and wet suit if they have one.

Swimwear will be needed for the beach and, possibly, a swimming pool.

Around camp, Scouts need to be able to dress for UK weather. In the rain, shorts and open shoes are often best; in the sun, light cotton clothes that fully cover arms, legs and head are ideal. Jeans are not very good in either sun or rain. A fleece or jersey

will be needed for colder evenings. The site is close to water and you may find that insect repellent is needed.

## **Organisation**

We are camping in sites 23 and 24 on the attached map. The camp will be organised as a Patrol of Scouts and a Patrol of Explorers. Each Patrol will camp independently and cook for itself on a mixture of wood and camping gas. There will also be different activity programmes for Scouts and Explorers.

## **Camp Form**

You have all already filled out a camp form, but I have enclosed another copy in case anything has changed. It is essential that we know how to contact you during camp and have the full details of any medications, medical conditions and special diets. We normally keep all medicines and money safe for the Scouts.

## **Money**

All food and camp activities are covered by the fee you have paid. Scouts will not *need* any money at camp. You might like to give them a small amount to cover occasional sweets (when an activity takes them near to a shop), gifts for family, or rides on a funfair that we *might* visit. The coloured sands at Alum Bay make popular gifts.

## **Kit list**

All items should be clearly labelled with the young person's name, and must be packed so that the Scout can carry their kit *and* wheel their bike. Scouts should not bring any valuable items to camp, nor should they bring radios, TVs, computer games or large quantities of sweets. A disposable camera can be fun.

Uniform: shirt, tie or scarf and woggle, navy trousers

Boating kit: old (warm) clothes or wetsuit, waterproofs, boating shoes.

Cycling kit: helmet, lights, puncture kit, high-vis, cycle clips.

Warm sweater, jumper or sweatshirt	Sun hat, high factor sun cream
T-shirt or similar	Sleeping bag
Trousers and shorts	Plate, bowl, mug and cutlery
Spare underclothes	Tea towel
Spare socks	Towel
Nightware	Personal first aid kit
Hike boots or strong shoes	Personal; washing requirements
Training shoes	Hankies
Waterproof	Water bottle
Swimwear	Insect repellent
Wool hat, scarf and gloves	Small day sack

## **Enquiries**

Please contact Denis Nicole on 023 8059 2703 or 023 8022 7258 in the first instance.