



## Stroud and Tetbury District

To : *Parents of Scouts*

Date : *15 January 2010*

From : *Kevin Brewer, Assistant District Commissioner (Activities)*

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### **Water Activity Camp - Tuesday 1 June – Friday 4 June 2010**

In order to provide an opportunity for Scouts to take part in a range of water activities we are organising a four day District "Water Activities Camp". The details for this are as follows:

**Venue:** The National Scout Water Activity Centre at Longridge, near Marlow, Buckinghamshire. Longridge is a Royal Yachting Association Recognised Sailing School and a British Canoe Union Approved Centre. It is situated on the banks of the Thames below Marlow Lock and is sheltered from the mainstream of the river by Sheriff Island.

**Activities:** Activities (weather permitting) will include dinghy sailing, canoeing, kayaking, bell boating, raft building, dragon boating, gig rowing, climbing wall, assault course, orienteering, games, cooking, short hike and more. Please note that all activity instructors are approved by the Scout Association and hold the appropriate RYA, BCU or BMC qualifications. If activities are not possible due to unsuitable weather a refund is made for that activity module. This rarely happens (but happened two years ago for the first time in our seventeen years of annually taking groups to Longridge).

**Dates:** Tuesday 1 June – Friday 4 June 2010

**Transport:** The cost includes the cost of travel, by train, from Stroud railway station

**Badges & Awards** Scouts have the opportunity to complete part of the Adventure Challenge Badge, and nights towards their next nights away badge.

**Swimming:** All participants need to be able to swim 50 metres in ordinary "water activities" clothing and be confident when in the water (including an ability to tread water in normal clothing), and may be asked to demonstrate this.

**Cost:** The cost of the trip will be £95, and includes all transport, food, instruction, etc.

**Kit List** Please find below a kit list for clothing that Scouts need to bring to camp. This list is offered as a guide and Scouts are encouraged to select and pack their own kit. Please note however that:

**Uniform** (as detailed below) must be worn to camp. We are travelling by public transport and it is important that uniform is worn smartly and correctly. For the purposes of this camp the following uniform is required and **MUST** be worn for travelling to Longridge:

#### **Scout uniform shirt or Uniform Polo Shirt**

Scout Association **uniform trousers** (or Scout Association **uniform shorts** if hot)  
**Neckerchief.**

Please note that for Scouts requiring items of uniform or equipment for this or other camps or Scouting activities, the District Scout Shop is open every Tuesday and Thursday evening (6.00pm - 8pm) and in the morning on the first Saturday in the month (9.30am – 11am) during term time.

**Naming of ALL items** on camp is important. With lots of people on camp + staff, all of whom will have wet clothing that will need drying etc., returning items to the correct owner can be near impossible if items of clothing are not named with the owner's **NAME**. Please do not simply write initials on the washing label (or other part) of the garment – there may be more than one person on camp with the same initials. We will make no attempt to return lost property if it is not named.

Some items are NOT allowed on camp and if the following (or similar) items found to have been brought to camp they will be confiscated and retained until the end of camp:

Sweets or additional food

Mobile 'phones

Radios, electronic games, MP3 players, CD players or other electronic items.

Scouts **do not** require plates, bowls, knives, forks, spoons, etc. as these will be provided.

**Kit will have to be carried** when we change trains and for just over a mile from the train station to the camp-site.

### **Footwear for water activities:**

It is essential that you have at least one pair of plimsolls, trainers or other soft soled canvas / trainer type shoe which you don't mind getting wet. Footwear must be worn at all times.

### **Clothing for water activities**

A windproof nylon (or better) waterproof **MUST BE BROUGHT** to camp (for protection from the wind whilst you are on the water).

Given that we can't guarantee that it will be hot in May please bring ...

4 x T-Shirts / polo shirts

2 x Shorts

1 x swimming trunks

1 x Warm top eg. sweat shirts, track suit tops, etc. for sailing

1 or 2x Track suit trousers or similar, (NOT denim / jeans or other heavy cloth)

1 x Woolly hat (for sailing if cold) - optional

1 x Waterproof/windproof over trousers (for sailing) - optional if owned

### **In ADDITION to the above: clothing for wear when not on the water**

4 x Pairs of socks & underclothes

1 x Extra Rugby top / t-shirt / polo shirt or similar for wear when not on the water

1 x Extra warm top eg. sweat shirt / jumper or similar for wear when not on the water

1 x Trainers for wear when not on the water

### **You will also need**

1 x Towel (for showers etc.)

4 x Plastic bags for wet clothes (when coming home).

1 x Sleeping bag, etc for night time.

Wash kit (**Must** include soap, tooth-brush, and toothpaste)

**Small** torch

Packed lunch for Tuesday lunchtime.

Anything else that you consider **essential**

**Medication:**

With the exception of medication that may be needed at a moments notice and which is self-administering (e.g asthma inhalers) **ALL** medication must be handed to me upon arrival at camp. Medication must be clearly labelled with the name of the Scout to whom it should administered along with the correct dosage.

**Accommodation:**

Please note that we will be camping at Longridge, so accommodation will be in tents.

**Pocket money:**

Participants do not require any money on camp. There is a small camp shop selling camp blanket badges, pencils, etc., if you do choose to bring any money to camp please limit this to a sensible amount, and to **no more than £3**. Leaders at camp will take no responsibility for the safe keeping of Scouts' pocket money.

**Home contact details**

When you booked a place on the District Water Activity Camp you completed a form telling us how we may contact you in the unlikely event that this is necessary during the duration of the camp. If those contact details have now changed (e.g you are going way to visit friends or relatives, or have a new mobile 'phone number, etc.) please inform us of this. Details of how to contact us via our home contact will be sent to those taking part.

**How to take part:**

If you would like your child to take part in this trip please return the attached form to District Scout Leader, Kevin Brewer, Four Winds, Bosbury Road, Cradley, Worcestershire, WR13 5LT. Please enclose a cheque for the deposit of £47.50 (made payable to "Stroud and Tetbury District Scout Council").

Please note that deposits are NOT refundable if you subsequently withdraw from the activity as these are already paid to the Longridge Water Activities Centre. The balance of £47.50 will be due by the end of April 2009; this is also not refundable if you subsequently withdraw from the event.

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis and the closing date is 28 February 2010.

If you have any queries or require any further information regarding this trip them please do not hesitate to contact me on 01886 880017, mobile 07790 806787 or you can e-mail me at: kevrbrewer@aol.com

# Personal/Medical Details/Consent Form Water Activities Camp at Longridge 2010

## Details of Scout

Name ..... Date of Birth .....  
Address ..... E-mail .....  
..... 'Phone N<sup>o</sup>. of parents ..... evening or ..... day  
..... Parents' Mobile numbers..... mother – or ..... father

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## Additional contact details (NOT parents, eg. grandparent, or aunt) to be used if parents are unobtainable

Emergency Contact ..... Relationship .....  
Address ..... 'Phone N<sup>o</sup>. .....  
..... Mobile .....

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## Health details of Scout

Special dietary requirements.....

National Health Number ..... Family Doctor's Name and Address .....

Is your child known to suffer from any of the following (please delete the response that does NOT apply)

Hayfever	YES	/	NO
Epilepsy	YES	/	NO
Giddy spells	YES	/	NO
Asthma	YES	/	NO
Diabetes	YES	/	NO
Angina (or other heart condition)	YES	/	NO
Any other disability or known allergy e.g. penicillin (if yes please give details)	YES	/	NO

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Does your child take any form of medication? (If yes please give details below) YES / NO

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If he/she has to take pills or medicine, I will hand them to the leader in charge, clearly marked with their name and the exact dose, before departure

Has your child received a tetanus injection ? YES / NO Date ..... (If yes please give date)

I agree to my child attending this event. I will inform the leader in charge if he/she is in contact with any infectious disease within 3 weeks of the event.

I understand that during the Water Activity Camp 2010 photographs and video depicting Scouting activities may be taken in which my child appears. I, being the parent/guardian of the person named above, confirm that I consent to photographs / video taken at the Water Activity Camp in June 2010 in which my child appears, being used either in print or as part of electronic media to publicise or promote Scouting.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent / Guardian) Date \_\_\_\_\_

In the event of illness or accident requiring emergency hospital treatment, I authorise the camp leader to sign on my behalf any written form of consent required by the hospital authorities, if the delay required to obtain my own signature is considered inadvisable by the doctor or surgeon concerned.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent / Guardian) Date \_\_\_\_\_

Note: The medical profession takes the view that the parent's consent to medical treatment cannot be delegated. This view is explicit in the Children Act 1989. Thus medical consent forms have no legal status and a doctor/nurse insisting on the consent of a parent to a particular treatment has the right to do so. For this reason, we do not recommend that Leaders insist on parents signing the statement above. However, it can be a comfort to medical staff to have general consent in advance from parents or to have a Leader on hand able to sign forms required by medical authorities.