

ELEMENTS 2024

Newsletter 2

All about camping...



With just 16 weeks to go, this newsletter is about getting ready for camp! Need some support with the practical aspects of camping? Let us know and we will put you in touch with the Outdoor team who can help you.

PREPARING FOR CAMP

- Getting excited yet? We've created a suggested camp kit list for you to share with participants including everything we think you might need. There's also a downloadable version on our Elements website page <https://girlguidingshropshire.org.uk/elements/>
- It's time to start thinking about the tents you will be bringing, very soon we will ask you for a list of any tentage so we can ensure you have enough space in your subcamp.
- We will provide plenty of Portaloo toilets and hand washing facilities.
- Units will need to bring their own wash tents and washing bowls for personal hygiene and a method of heating water.
- Showers will be provided immediately after the water activities sessions and then on a rotation basis but not every day.
- There are cold water taps around the site so don't forget water containers.
- Make a list of tentage and rough sizes, think about the catering option you have chosen e.g. self-catering units will need a store tent, Coleman/other shelter for eating/sitting under, also think about the number and size of patrol tents, leader's tents, and wash tents plus anything else you might bring that will take up camping space!
- Coming as a solo participant? Let us know if you would like to join a subcamp or camp with other adult volunteers in a separate area.
- Make sure your gas stoves have been checked in advance and replace hoses/clips etc. where required.
- If you are fully catered, you will still need to bring your plate bag. Meals will be served in the food marquee where you can wash up your plates etc. afterwards.
- Hot chocolate will be provided centrally every evening, girls will need a suitable mug, if you have any large thermos flasks/jugs please bring them with you.
- Tea, coffee and squash will also be available for everyone during the day. Please bring a travel mug and refillable water bottle.

Don't forget that camper vans and caravans will be in a separate area to tents so please plan for this in your ratios.

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....and now for the fun bits!



DECORATE YOUR SUBCAMP

Now you have received an email to let you know which subcamp your unit is in and your colour theme, you will be able to start planning in your unit meetings. Think about ways you can bring some colour and fun to your subcamp and remember something really visible will help you find your way back to your tents in the day and the dark! What about making some bunting or bringing fairy lights? Make sure the decorations are sturdy enough to survive all weathers!

EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

Every evening starts with a parade! Bring something to wear in your subcamp colours. It could be a head dress you've made, a bright scarf or a hawaiian flower garlands to name a few ideas. Why not make some maracas or some other homemade percussion! Be creative and join in the fun.



FREE TIME AT CAMP

We have an action-packed programme each day but there will also be free time to explore and make new friends. Visit the Oasis Cafe for coffee and cake at sensible prices. Browse the camp shop where you can find a tuck shop, badges and camp souvenirs. The suggested maximum for pocket money is £20 which is of course subject to parents' discretion. We will be a cash only camp so please save your coins. Volunteers can order badges in advance from Marion our Badge Secretary and collect them at camp.



AND FINALLY.....

- We are planning to offer 1st response, Going Away With and Ranger Permit trainings in camp on Monday 29th July. Please book in advance by emailing training@girlguidingshropshire.org.uk by 1st May 2024
- Please bring your unit flag/Brownie Pennant for the opening ceremony.
- Don't forget to join our camp Facebook group.

Look out for the next Newsletter on the 26th May 2024.

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Camp Hoodie Sizes and prices

Child sizes aged 5-13
£20.50

Adult sizes small to 2XL
£27.50



CHILD HOODIE SIZES

S (age 5-6 chest 82cm)

M (age 7-8 chest 86cm)

L (age 9-11 chest 92cm)

XL (age 12-13 chest 98cm)

ADULT HOODIE SIZES

XS (98cm chest)

S (102cm chest)

M (112cm chest)

L (122cm chest)

XL (130cm chest)

XXL (138cm chest)

Camp hoodies are now available to order – [click here.](#)

For mealtimes/moving about the site

- Lunch box for packed lunch and a reusable drinks bottle
- A cutlery bag (drawstring bag, clearly marked with name and unit and all items labelled) including an unbreakable plate, bowl for cereal/pudding, mug (suitable for hot chocolate and other hot drinks) knife, fork, spoon, and a tea towel
- A small day sack to carry everything in and a purse for your pocket money
- The recommended maximum amount for pocket money is £20
- Hair bobble or hair clip for tying back long hair during adventurous activities
- A camping chair or sitter (something waterproof you can easily carry and sit comfortably on)

In your tent

- Small pillow/cushion, sleeping bag, sleeping mat – all in a closable waterproof bag/bedding roll (not a bin bag please as these tear easily)
- Warm Pyjamas/nightwear (nightdresses are not suitable), spare blanket (even when it's hot weather it can get chilly in the tent at night)
- Torch, reading book, pen and notebook, teddy

Clothing

- Wet weather gear including a waterproof coat with a hood and wellies
- Footwear for a variety of activities, trainers/pumps, maybe walking boots if you have them – remember we will be in a field
- Several changes of clothing – hopefully the sun will shine but be prepared for all weathers!
- Trousers or leggings (not jeans please as these get very wet and cold in the rain and are difficult to dry)
- Shorts
- T-shirts, Jumpers/Hoodies/Fleece (a mix of things that can be worn in layers for all weathers whether it's hot or cold, windy and raining)
- Underwear & socks (include spares!)
- Your uniform
- Clothing for water activities, including a swimming costume and towel plus some footwear you don't mind getting wet and a waterproof bag to put it all in together

Personal kit

- Wash Kit – in a bag.
- Soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, hairbrush, travel shower gel/soap
- Anything else you might like to use
- Sun hat & sun cream.
- Towel
- Sanitary products if needed
- Your medication, if you need any – labelled clearly with your name and instructions for administering – everything should be clearly listed on your health form

There will be no charging facilities for mobile phones for young members. We do not insure personal items/valuables so if you're worried you might lose/damage something, please leave it at home.