

ELEMENTS 2024

Newsletter 1 for Service Team

Key information for our service volunteers



Eloise Moore and Jo Revell are your Service Team Guiders. We are really pleased that you've volunteered to help on the Service Team at Elements to make it a memorable Camp for the Guides, Brownies and Rangers from Shropshire.

The red bits of this newsletter are reminders about things to do or bring to camp.

The Camp

Plans for the camp are well underway now and there will be over 200 Guides and Brownies camping but only 8 of us in the Service Team! The site is part of the Chetwynd Deer Park near Newport. It is lovely parkland next to a lake but has no permanent facilities of any sort. The Service Team will all be camping in our own sub camp called Stars (the other sub camps will be earth, water, air and fire). The site is grassy, bear in mind that it may well be wet so make sure you bring wellies and walking boots or old trainers.



Tents and facilities

You'll need to bring your own sleeping tent or arrange to share one with friends on the Service Team. If you have any difficulties with this, let us know as we have access to light weight tents you can borrow. Our sub camp will also have a communal tent so we'll all be able to get together undercover, we suggest you bring your own camp chair for added comfort. Portable loos, hand wash stations and showers will be provided. The showers are for use after water activities but you might be able to have shower on one other occasion during the camp. We'll have a wash tent on our sub camp so bring a thermos flask if you'd like to have some warm water to wash in. Baby wipes are also useful for a quick clean up. A plastic beaker for teeth cleaning will be useful as you won't have a tap to hand.



Cash

£20 is maximum pocket money to bring. There will be a souvenir shop and a cafe.

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...there is so much to tell you!



Our Gateway

All the sub camps will have a gateway, we've already got bunting and a banner to decorate ours. Has anyone got battery operated LED fairy lights that we could borrow to light up the gateway at night?



Phones

You are welcome to bring your phone to camp at your own risk but please only use them on our sub camp.

As there won't be any electricity on site you won't be able to recharge phones – sorry. I suggest you bring a **fully charged charging pack**, if you have one, so you can keep your phone topped up.



Clothing

Included in the Service Team fee for the camp you will have a pink T shirt. **Make sure you've ordered the size you want at :**

<https://girlguidingshropshire.org.uk/elements/>

Our neckers will be dark pink edged in blue. Both will have Elements camp badges sewn to them.

An optional extra is a grey hoody cost £27.50 see the link to the order form at as above.

A kit list is on the same page.

Bring something wacky and colourful to wear at the evening activities eg a hat, garland etc.



Food

All food will be provided by the Central Catering Team except a **packed lunch on the first day** which you will need to bring with you.



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...Tasks!

For those of you who haven't been on a Service Team before you'll be working in small groups on a rota to do a variety of important jobs at camp. These will include such things as:



Friday 26th July; evening:

- If anyone is able to arrive on Friday evening you can pitch your own tent and put up the gateway and the wash tent and help with other preparations.
- We'll get a takeaway for supper.

Saturday 27th July:

- Check that all loos are ready for use.
- Meeting campers as they arrive and escorting them to their sub camps.
- Help organise parking as people arrive.
- Organise campers arriving for supper.
- Issue head sets for the silent disco.

Sunday 28th July:

- Organise campers arriving for breakfast and at supper.
- Check, clean and restock loos and wash stations.
- Help with Rainbow and Brownie visitors.
- Help marshall girls at campfire

Monday 29th July:

- Organise campers arriving for breakfast and at supper.
- Check, clean and restock loos and wash stations.
- Issue popcorn and headphones for the cinema evening.

Tuesday 30th July:

- Organise campers arriving for breakfast and at supper.
- Check, clean and restock loos and wash stations.
- Help run the finale in the evening.

Wednesday 31st July:

- Organise campers arriving for breakfast
- Check, clean and restock loos and wash stations.
- Help strike camp.
- Depart by 16:30

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...lets have some fun!



Four special sessions are planned exclusively for the Service Team:

- A coracle session on the lake and perhaps canoeing too. So you'll need to bring spare clothing and old trainers or canvas shoes that won't matter if they get wet.
- The Army will be on site on Tuesday with some team building challenges for you to try.
- A cream tea in the cafe
- Forest bathing

As time permits you can try other activities too such as crafts, climbing, archery, escape room, football, camp traditions, mindfulness etc.

There'll be some chill time too so you may like to bring a game to share.

Gold Dof E and Queens Guide Award

If anyone would like to use their time with the Service Team for their residential section of the Gold Dof E and/or Queens Guide Award please let me know.

Any questions?

If at any time you want to contact us our details are:

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Would you like to be part of the Service Team What's App Group? If so I just need your phone number to set this up.

We hope to have a Zoom meeting with you all during the week commencing 7th July to answer further queries and meet up virtually before camp. Please let me know which evenings that week are good for you.

I look forward to hearing from you all soon - by email, phone or text.

Jo Revell