

Year 6 School Journey

Bushcraft Camp – Blenheim Woods - Oxfordshire

Monday 15th - Friday 19th May 2023

Today, your child heard about the Year 6 school journey to Bushcraft. The Bushcraft Camp at Blenheim Woods is run by The Bushcraft Company and is a wild camp site in a woodland setting. The children are looked after by the specialist camp staff and school staff they already know. Over the course of 5 days they will face a range of challenges and tasks.

The main themes of the trip are...

facing challenges together and ***learning responsibility and independence.***

Activities will include:

Archery & Axe Throwing

Assault courses and games

Shelter building in the woods

Building and cooking on the campfire

Night time walks

Problem solving and teamwork challenges

Lifesaving skills

Well-being activities

Nature trails

Survival skills including trap making

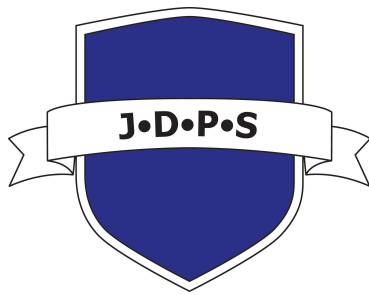
Some of these activities will be difficult, all of them offer an amazing experience. These camps are a great opportunity for the children to experience a very different way of life from what they might be used to in the city and will challenge them in many different ways.

The children will spend the whole week in the woods and really get to know the setting and the staff. Each camp has its own set of tents where the children sleep in small groups, a kitchen tent where they will be treated to an amazing array of food to keep them going through all of the activities they will do, and a group canopy where they can gather together and share their meals. All dietary requirements and medical needs can be taken care of.

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All of the activities are led by the centre staff and there will be at least three members of school staff on the trip. We are aware that some children will get home sick and find being away from home difficult. We want them to feel comfortable and secure and hope we will be able to reassure them and look after them as well as you would expect. We do not let the children bring their phones or call home as this often makes it worse and an important part of school journey is learning how to cope in new circumstances and develop their independence. We will set up a *WhatsApp* group for all parents who would like to be kept up to date with all the things the children been doing.





If you would like to know any more information about the company and the camps that they run, then take a look at their website. Follow the links to the different centres and courses they have and look for "The woods" and "Blenheim Woods".

<http://www.thebushcraftcompany.com>

The trip runs from Monday to Friday. This year we will be travelling to Oxfordshire by train. We feel this will be a more comfortable journey and will allow us to continue subsidising the cost of the trip to make it as affordable as possible to you.

The cost of the 5 days away is £180 per child.

This cost has been heavily subsidised by the school already and includes all travel and food expenses. Tents and specialist equipment are provided by the camp but appropriate clothing and sleeping bags should be provided by you. We will provide a detailed packing list once you have signed up for the trip.

Payment plan for 2022/23

Cost	Due date
£40 deposit NON-REFUNDABLE	Pay as soon as possible to get your name on the list and to set up your online payments.
£60	15 th November 2022
£40	19 th December 2022
£40 FINAL PAYMENT	24 th February 2023

What next?

If you are interested in signing your child up for this wonderful opportunity, please contact the school office for a consent form.

You can make payments online via schoolmoney www.schoolmoney.co.uk or at any paypoint shop using your unique paypoint slip that you can obtain from the school office.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Abdulmajid, Mr Crane, Ms De Carvalho, or any of the Year 6 team.