

Monday, 29th March 2021

Proposed Year 6 Residential

Dear Y6 Parents,

It was with much regret that we were forced to cancel our Class 4 trip to PGL last summer. Last year's Year 6 unfortunately missed out but we would like to provide the opportunity of an overnight stay for our current Year 6 before they move on to their new schools.

The Government's roadmap out of lockdown suggests that residential trips may be possible after May 17th; to this end, I have chosen a date in July to give us the best chance possible.

I have been in touch with Elaine Skates at Heart of England Forest and they are equipped to offer us an overnight stay under canvas. Elaine is the Head of Learning and Skills at Spenal (as well as being a Scouting leader) and is well known to all the children in Year 6. Whilst this will be the first school residential they have run, they have hosted many scout groups for overnight camping and activity weekends.

The itinerary would look something like this:

Arrival & Departure:

Friday, 9th July @ 10 a.m. – Saturday, 10th July @ 11 a.m.

Range of Activities:

Day of activities which might include:

- Erecting their own tents to sleep in
- Soft archery
- Fire lighting and maybe some campfire cooking
- Whittling/craft activities
- Orienteering challenge
- Camp fire songs/stories
- Bat detecting
- Wide games in the dark
- Star gazing
- Team building challenges – build the tallest tower etc
- Shelter building with the option to sleep in their own shelters for the brave!
- Problem solving activities such as making a frying pan to cook an egg using 2 sheets of paper and some Sellotape
- Water fight (if it's very hot)

If all parents are happy for us to go ahead with the plan, we will be discussing activities with the children so that they can help shape the residential.

Accommodation:

The children will be sleeping in 4 person scout tents (as will the teachers) and whilst there are toilet facilities, they will not be able to shower and so may return to you a little grubby!

All children and staff will need to provide their own sleeping bag, roll mat and pillow for their night under canvas.

Catering:

- The children bring a packed lunch
- We organise a pizza/fish n' chip supper delivery for tea on Friday evening.
- We have a camp-fire breakfast in the morning – hot dogs & baked beans around the fire.

Cost:

Approximately £50 per head – if the trip does not go ahead due to Covid restrictions, this money will be refundable.

Could you please respond by email to admin3066@welearn365.com to state either way whether or not you are happy for your child to take part in this proposed residential. We will not be telling the children until we know that you are all happy for us to proceed, at which point I will make the booking, provide further details regarding kit list and share the good news with Year 6.

Best wishes,



Mary Gray
Head of School

