



May 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 7 Camp Wilderness at the Hatfield House Estate, Hertfordshire

Residential Trip

Group 1: 18-20 September 2017

Group 2: 20-22 September 2017

At Roundwood Park School we encourage our students to give their personal best and to work well as a team. To this avail our new Year 7 students have the opportunity to take part in a three-day residential course which will provide a fantastic chance for building new friendships and for taking a first step in growing invaluable leadership skills. The trip will challenge resourcefulness, creativity and team-working of all students, leaving them with a real sense of achievement, greater confidence and a new group of friends.

Students will be going on this trip in two groups based on their allocated Forms; one group is going from 18th – 20th September 2017 and the second is going from 20th – 22nd September 2017. Both groups will take part in identical activities, which are likely to be similar to the example itinerary below:

Day 1

- Arrive, introduction, fire workshop, lunch, wilderness trail, sports, dinner, games

Day 2

- Breakfast, shelter-building, Pizza Kitchen, , games, dinner, Night Line, hot chocolate and marshmallows

Day 3

- Breakfast, Bushcraft Tournament, Bushcraft BBQ, prize giving, depart

The course is run by The Bushcraft Company, a specialist school trip provider. You can find further information on what they offer under www.thebushcraftcompany.com.

The cost of this trip will be approximately £210, depending on numbers, which, in accordance with the Governors' policy on charging for trips, must be met by voluntary contributions. The price includes travel, full board accommodation in large tents within woodland, all activities and instructions, evening activities and insurance (please note: personal items such as mobile phones, iPods and cameras are not permitted on this trip and are not covered on the school's insurance policy).





There is an extensive kit list attached to this letter, however students only need to bring along the following essential items:

- a sleeping bag and roll mat,
- torch,
- appropriate footwear and
- warm clothes plus a wash bag including insect repellent and wet wipes.

To secure your son/daughter's place on this trip we require a **non-refundable deposit of £150**. Please pay this online via ParentPay, our online payment system, details of which you will receive by post separately. If you do not have access to a computer, we will accept a cheque deposit made payable to 'Roundwood Park School' (please write on the back of the cheque the student's name, Year 6 and "Wilderness deposit") and sent to:

Mrs J Blight - Finance Office
Roundwood Park School
Roundwood Park
Harpenden AL5 3AE

Alternatively, please drop it at Roundwood Park School Reception. *Please be aware that if you subsequently decide to withdraw your son/daughter from the trip, cancellations must be put in writing and sent to the Finance Office. Parents will be liable for any cancellation charges that are incurred if your son/daughter is withdrawn unless a replacement is found.* The school reserves the right to withdraw from the trip any student whose behavioural record at school proves inconsistent with the safe running of the trip.

Please complete the attached Trip Permission and return this together with your deposit to the Finance Office, **ensuring both reach us by Tuesday 21 June 2017 at the latest**. Please note that this date must be adhered to and that if any payments are received after this date, the students will be put on a reserve list.

In a separate communication, you will be receiving information regarding CareMonkey. This is a mobile health and safety solution that gives authorised teachers and carers instant access to important medical and emergency contact details when an incident occurs. This new system will be used for Camp Wilderness and we kindly ask that you complete the request for information you will receive in due course.

The school would like to give all students the opportunity to take part in this trip. In cases of *financial hardship* please contact me in confidence as soon as possible, but in any event *by 19th June*. The school applies for financial assistance to a local charity which has very limited resources and therefore assistance can only be given if certain financial criteria are met.

The full payment schedule for this trip is as follows:-

21st June – deposit payment £150

7th Sept – final payment of approx. £60; final cost will be confirmed by the end of July.



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Further details will be outlined in another letter which will be sent to you in due course.

This will also include the date of an information evening to be held at the beginning of September. In the meantime, if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With kind regards,

Mrs J. Blight

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TRIP PERMISSION

Yr 7 Camp Wilderness, Hertfordshire - September 2017

To be returned to the Finance Office by Tuesday 21st June 2017



I would like my son/daughter
..... to attend the above
three-day residential trip and confirm that I have completed all
requested forms.

I have paid using ParentPay () I enclose a cheque ()

I understand my deposit is non-refundable unless the school can find a replacement and that any cancellation must be put in writing to the Finance Office. Furthermore, I understand that I will be liable for any additional cancellation charges should my son/daughter withdraw from the trip.

Signed..... (Parent/Carer) Date.....





Details

Kit List

- Large rucksack (or alternative bag/suitcase)
- Warm sleeping bag (season 3)
- Pillow (optional)
- Roll mat
- Tracksuit/hardwearing trousers x 2
- T-Shirt (x 3)
- Warm jumper/fleece x 2
- Waterproof jacket and trousers
- Warm socks x 3
- Footwear x 2 – walking boots, old trainers
- Wellington Boots
- Wash bag including toothbrush, toothpaste and face wipes
- Warm hat and gloves
- Whistle
- Water bottle
- Good torch with fresh batteries
- Sun cream and sun hat
- Insect repellent and alcohol hand gel