

Plus 2 Leaders Pack

General Information

We hope the contents of this Leaders Pack will help you all in the final preparations for bringing your young people to this fantastic event.

2007 saw a worldwide celebration of the centenary of Scouting. In May that year we in Cromwell District held our first all Sections Camp since Beavers began.

Plus 2 aims to build on the success of that event, and take the young people even further on their scouting adventure through zones based on land, sea and air. Activities will be a mixture of favourite and new, traditional and modern - suitable for all ages.

We are pleased to confirm that 95 Scouts, 135 Cubs and 140 Beavers (plus adults and Explorers) have booked to attend.

For those that take part a commemorative cloth badge has been designed. This is an occasional badge which may be worn on uniform until the 31st December 2009. →



Some clarification.... event rules

As with any District Event it helps to clarify some of the basic rules, as these can often vary from Group to Group. For the duration of this event these rules apply to everyone taking part.

Identification

All Scouts / Cubs/Beavers and Leaders must wear their Group neckers throughout Plus 2.

Leave no trace

The site should be left exactly as it was found. Any items moved (natural or man-made!) should be returned to where they came from, all rubbish should be disposed of correctly. All tents must be removed from site on Sunday 3rd May. All camping sites will be inspected by the Site Team before departure. All leaders will be required to share the responsibility for maintaining the toilet blocks on Copley and Holt– a rota will be posted for these activities so please take your turn!

Vehicle Access

There is no vehicle access down to Copley, so all tents and kit will need to be carried to / from the booking in / collection point.

No electronics etc

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts should not bring mobile phones, music gadgets (anything from MP3 to IPOD), electronic games etc. Not only can these items be easily lost or damaged (for which we accept no liability) they will be far too busy having fun to need them!

Smoking and Alcohol

Smoking is allowed, for those legally old enough, in designated areas only – either in the 'chapel', at the bottom end of Oak (the top field) beyond the bridge or along the edge of the Copley building between the emergency door and the end of the building. Signs will indicate the appropriate location.

No alcohol allowed on site - Scouts or adults!

Booking In

The booking in desks will be at the bottom of the Leisure Centre Car park on Friday evening. Booking-in will be done by Group, not by Section, and everyone needs to be in uniform.

Scout Troops and Cub Packs should plan to meet 10-15 minutes before their booking-in time to allow Leaders to check weekend phone contact numbers and indicate attendance on their contact list.

At the allotted time one Leader from each Group will need to bring the completed contact list to the desk to finish the booking-in process, collect event passports and adult identification. **Please keep to your check in time.** You will not be allowed to check in before this time unless the desk is clear. Scouts/Cubs should stay with the Group and not approach the desk. All children need to have arrived before booking-in can take place.

	DESK ONE	DESK TWO
6.00pm	Erith, Bluntisham & Colne	Fenstanton & Hilton
6.10pm	Somersham	Gateway
6.20pm	5th St Ives	Hemingford
6.30pm	Bury & Upwood	Ramsey
6.40pm	Needingworth	Wyton
6.50pm	Warboys	

Parents and carers should all say goodbye in the Leisure Centre Car park. Organising staff will be available to show Groups where they will be camping. Scouts and Cubs will be expected to carry their own kit and to help with the carriage of tents down to the campsite as there is no vehicle access to Copley. There are two trolleys and wheelbarrows to assist with the transportation of heavy patrol tents.

Beavers should arrive in uniform and meet at 12 noon on The Waites—where Sue Baldock will be waiting to book everyone in.

Camping

Cubs, Scouts, Young Leaders and adults from each Group will be allocated a camping area together at Copley. Instructor Explorer Scouts, Leaders, Network & Fellowship members who are not directly responsible for the welfare of young people will be camping at Copley. The catering team will be camping on Holt Island.



Only tents required for sleeping need to be brought along, and these can be put up once you have booked in and walked down to Copley.

Scouts will be expected to put up their tents **before** starting to build their bivvies (as we all know from experience even some of those that start the night in a bivvy find their way into a tent before sunrise!)

Mike Wenham has the unenviable challenge of working out how we can all fit in as space will be tight. When Groups book in you will be handed a map showing your camping area. Due to the high concentration of canvas on site there are to be NO naked flames anywhere onsite. This includes gas lamps and small stoves for hot drinks. Please ensure any additional lighting is battery powered only.

Catering

The good news for everyone camping is that all catering will be provided by a central team.

We have listened to feedback after Centenary Camp so :

- meal times are split between Cubs and Scouts (to try and reduce queuing).
- average portions should reflect what hungry young people need after such busy activities.
- adults will be able to access hot and cold drinks for themselves and the young people throughout the event.



Those who have stated they are vegetarian and / or have specified food allergies (only those declared on forms sent to Lynne Radbone) will be catered for accordingly.

As always though we would like to remind everyone that when catering for such large numbers we do not factor in “likes” and “dislikes” as to do so would be impractical (we’re sure many of us also know that when on camp it’s amazing what young people will eat when they are hungry and away from parents...).

Outline menu for all

Saturday & Sunday Lunch

A buffet style lunch that everyone will help themselves to, and will include fresh bread made from scratch on site.

Saturday Evening Meal

There will be chicken or fish, fresh vegetables and home made chips.

Other

There will also be supper on Friday & Saturday; breakfast on Saturday & Sunday ; various snacks.

Please remind everyone to wash their hands before meals, especially given some of the activities taking place.

Facilities will be provided for everyone to wash up their personal items, hence the reason why tea towels are on the kit list!

Kit List

Please remind everyone attending that personal property is their responsibility at all times, and we accept no liability for loss or damage. It's also worth reminding them that naming things is a good idea if they expect everything to return home again!



This is an indication of the basic kit we would expect Cubs and Scouts to bring, some is weather dependent but even warm days can lead to chilly evenings:

Suitable Sleeping Bag	Insect repellent	Suntan Cream and Sun Hat	Swim wear and Towel
Roll Mat or similar	Day Sac and refillable drinks bottle	Warm Hat, Gloves, Fleece / Coat	Old clothes and shoes for water activities
Plate, bowl, cup, knife, fork, spoon	Wash Kit and Towel	Suitable footwear (no open sandals or flip flops)	2 spare t-shirts
Tea towel	Empty plastic bag (s) for wet kit	Campfire blanket or similar	2 spare trousers / shorts
Torch and spare batteries	Tissues	Rainwear	Spare socks and underwear
Personal First Aid Kit and Medication	Watch	Uniform	Spare fleece / jumper

Please note that due to the opportunity we hope to be able to give the Scouts to build and sleep in bivvies (they don't have to sleep in them if they don't want to) and for ScoutBurst they will also need to bring:

- suitable tarpaulins for bivvy building (estimate 2-3 Scouts per bivvy), suggest Troops arrange to source these.
- we highly recommend that Scouts bring head torches rather than hand held ones, so that both hands are free to use.
- survival bag to use in bivvies, as sleeping bags can get damp when sleeping outside.
- pair of garden or similar gloves (for use on ScoutBurst).

All Cubs and Scouts also need to bring an empty fizzy drink can for use on Air Zone (Leaders may like to bring a few spares just in case anyone forgets)

This is an indication of the kit we would expect Beavers to bring, some is weather dependent but even warm days can lead to chilly evenings. They should come dressed in suitable clothing including their Beaver Sweatshirt and Group Necker. Please remind parents that Beavers will have to carry their own bags all day!

Day Sac	Complete spare set of clothing	Rainwear	Empty plastic bag (s) for wet kit
Snack, Picnic Tea and refillable drinks bottle	Fleece / coat	Spare shoes that can get wet	Tissues

Outline Programme

Please note below is **only** an outline programme, everything may vary by Section in each time slot and all is subject to change. A detailed programme and a list of spaces you have been allocated will be made available on the Plus 2 web pages in advance, and hardcopies provided as Groups book in.

Please try and ensure that you and the young people are in the right place at the right time, so that we can fit all the planned fun in!

Friday (evening only)

6.00 – 7.00	Groups booking in at allocated time slots
6.00 - 8.00	Groups setting up camp in designated areas
Once tents are pitched	Scouts building Bivvies / Cubs rotate amongst 4 organised bases. Supper (at some stage!)

Saturday

7.30-9.00	Breakfast—different times for Cubs & Scouts
8.30-12.00	Zone Activities—Cubs & Scouts
11.45-12.45	Lunch—different times for Cubs & Scouts
12.00-12.45	Beavers arrive / Beavers Opening Ceremony
12.30-3.45	Zone Activities—Beavers & Cubs ScoutBurst—Scouts VIPs event
3.45-5.15	St George's Day event (including parade to / from Church)
5.15-6.45	Tea – Beavers eat their picnics; different times for Cubs & Scouts
6.00-8.30	Zone Activities—Scouts (Scouts need to help clear Air Zone when finished) Mini Adventure then Campfire—Beavers Swimming—Cubs
8.30-9.30	Campfire—Cubs & Scouts
9.30-10.00	Supper

Sunday

8.00-9.30	Breakfast—different times for Cubs & Scouts
9.00-1.00	Zone Activities—Cubs & Scouts
1.00-1.30	Closing Ceremony
1.30-2.30	Lunch
2.30	Strike camp and leave

Event Passports

All Beavers, Cubs and Scouts will be issued with an Event Passport at the booking-in point. This passport will have boxes for every activity available in each of the zones which will be ticked each time an activity is completed.

Cubs / Scouts cannot return to a favoured activity until they have completed all in the zone. This is an attempt to minimise queues for more high impact activities where children are returning for more than one go and causing bottlenecks.

Some activities may appeal more to some than others, these will be “ticketed” events where a Cub / Scout chooses to take part or not depending, upon preference. Leaders will be provided with tickets and details of such activities in their booking-in pack.

St George's Event

The weekend programme will include a parade from Copley to the Parish Church for a “Renewal of Promises Service” (St George's Event). The theme will be “Helping others”.



Flag bearers and escorts should all be in full uniform.

Remaining Scouts/ Cubs /Beavers will be permitted to choose for themselves whether they wear uniform or activity wear for this service, but all should wear neckers and clothing chosen should be reasonably clean and dry.

Leaders are all encouraged to wear full uniform.

Please remember to bring your Section flags!

First Aid

The first aid station will be located within the main hall of the Copley building. The station will be manned for the duration of the whole camp.

The Team Leader will be Andy Bendon from the County First Aid Team. He will be supported during the weekend by Jane Warren and a team of Explorers from Newmarket.

Control and administration of medication remains the responsibility of each Section Leader. Details of medical requirements disclosed on health forms will be sent to individual leaders with their section's booking- in checklist.

In the event of an incident that may require professional medical treatment, Andy Bendon or Jane Warren **MUST** be called to assess the situation and coordinate the response before the emergency services are called. Lynne Radbone **MUST** be informed so that parents can be contacted. Leaders **MUST NOT** contact parents directly.



ScoutBurst

On the Saturday afternoon all Scouts will be working off site on a variety of community based projects, hence the need for Troops to ensure they have sufficient adults who have been CRB cleared through scouting.

There are two main aims of ScoutBurst:

- to show the local community scouting in action, and how the youth of today have so much to offer.
- to encourage Scouts to work in teams with those from other Troops.

Ed Sowell is in charge of ScoutBurst and will allocate Scouts and adults to a specific project.

The projects being worked on are:

- St Ives Town Council – working at a local Cemetery to clear vegetation and tidy up, making visiting easier for bereaved relatives
- St Ives Volunteer Bureau – carrying out work for local Senior Citizens such as small tasks around the home and garden
- Thorndown School – working on a Nature Area for the youngsters
- HDC Countryside Department – carrying out work along the Thicket Path and on Holt Island to improve areas for the public

All projects are within a thirty minute walking distance of Copley. Scouts must wear uniform shirt and necker, suitable trousers / shorts and appropriate footwear (no open sandals or flip flops for example!). If possible they should bring with them a pair of sturdy gardening type gloves (if not these will be supplied).

When going off site to ScoutBurst projects everyone should take a day sac containing a drink, a snack (provided), personal first aid kit, and gardening gloves if brought to camp.



Media

Local media have been invited to attend the event so please be aware that newspaper, radio or television journalists may be present. These will be escorted at all times by selected Explorer Scouts and an appropriate scouting adult – probably Louise Clover or Graham Dent.

By taking part in Plus 2 everyone attending accepts that photographs and other images may be taken and be used for the benefit of promoting scouting, except where denied on the medical / permission form received by Lynne Radbone. Where media request full names of those under 18 parental permission will be sought, those aged 18 and over will be asked at the time.

VIPs (including Hugh Duberley, Lord Lieutenant and President of Cambridgeshire Scout County) have been invited to attend on the Saturday afternoon. The plan is to take them to one of the ScoutBurst projects, show them some of the on-site activities taking place and finish off with a cup of tea.

Departure

Leaders should make their own decisions about “collection time” on Sunday, which will need to be after 2.30pm.

Please consider how long it will take to pack away kit. Scouts / Cubs are encouraged to assist in the clearing up process so please factor this in before issuing a pick up time.

Please note ALL kit will need to be removed on Sunday afternoon when camp is finished as there will be no facility to return later in the week to strike tents.

All camping areas will be inspected by the Site Team before departure to ensure the “Leave no Trace” policy has been implemented.

No cars will be allowed onto Copley at all. Heavy tents can be moved using the trolleys and wheelbarrows on site.

Parents should park in the Leisure Centre car park and walk down to Copley to collect children.

There will be staff to control access via the main gate but Pack/Troop leaders are responsible for ensuring Cubs and Scouts only leave with a trusted adult.

Adults on site

The core team of the Camp Organising Committee will be distinguished by their fluorescent black and silver neckers. Please contact any of them if you have any queries during the camp. Instructors and Assisting Explorers will wear conspicuous pink neckers.

Only adults with current Scout Organisation CRB Clearance will be allowed to stay overnight at Copley. There are **no** exceptions to this rule.

All attending adults, whether camping or attending part time, will be issued with an identification lanyard at booking-in. This must be worn at all times when on camp. Any adult seen on site without a lanyard should be challenged and reported to a member of the organising committee.

Please check the list of adults on the contact details that will be sent to you—to ensure all your attending adults are named (as lanyards will be individualised and issued against this list). Any attending adults not recorded on this list should complete a permission form which should be forwarded to Lynne Radbone by 28th April.

Only invited guests will be allowed on the campsite during Plus 2.

Map

For some parents / guardians this will be the first time they have been to Copley, so here's a map to help them find where it is in St Ives.



Please park at the Ivo Centre car park to meet your Pack / Troop Leaders.

This is where everyone will be booked in and kit etc off loaded.

Contact Information

Event Leader Contact Information

Name	Role	Phone number (pre_camp)_
Tony Best	Camp Chief	01480 494487
Graham Dent	Deputy Camp Chief	07845 315941
Josie Ratcliffe	Permit Holder	07808 829619
Sue Best	Beavers	01480 494487
Ed Sowell	ScoutBurst	01480 315941
Lynne Radbone	Administrator	01480 830824
Mark Hurley	Catering	07982718879
Mike Wenham	Finance & logistics	01480 497420
Louise Clover	Media	01480 831715

Should parents need to contact children at any time they MUST go through the Group Home Contact who will relay the information to the Camp Administrator - Lynne Radbone.

All Groups must nominate their own Home Contact whose details must be forwarded to Lynne Radbone at lynne.radbone@btinternet.com by 28th April. The contact lists that will be distributed on 20th April will contain all details needed by the Home Contact (for those leaders who may not have retained accurate lists of attendees and contact details when submitting permission forms).

Emergency contact details (during camp):

Copley 01480 497837

Lynne's Mobile: 07985 152127

And Finally.....

We hope that the information you have read in this pack answers all your questions for now. If it doesn't please feel free to contact the team and we'll do our best to answer them.



We look forward
to seeing you all
there!

