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Badge Weekend 2017: Survival Skills

Friday 27 – Sunday 29 October 2017



Scout Adventures Hawkhirst

Kielder Water, Hexham

NE48 1QZ

Information Pack



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Scout Section Badge Weekend 2017

The sectional badge weekends for Scouts are to support Scout Leaders across the County in delivering particular areas of the programme. This year's weekend is no different with general feedback from around the County that it would be useful to have some support around survival activities.

Scouts attending will each leave having put together a personal survival kit.

The weekend will take place at Kielder Water with the aim of the weekend to experience different survival activities and scenarios. Scouts will be in groups on various instructed activities and outside of this time participants will be supervised by their Leaders.

Accommodation will be camping. Section Leaders will be responsible for camping and general catering arrangements, however it will be possible to arrange for Hawkirst to cater via the onsite canteen for an additional fee. The event programme will include building and sleeping in a shelter overnight on the Saturday, as well as preparing and cooking a meal on an open fire (ingredients and equipment for this will be provided by the event).

Teams will be made up of a mix of Scouts from different Troops.

The total cost for the weekend is **£15.00 per Scout** and £8.50 for Leaders (please contact us if you would like to discuss any alternative arrangements for example catering being provided by the centre).

We welcome any Leaders offering to support activities on this event.

We will require Leaders to be available on site during the weekend.

Bookings will open at the start of September.

Booking deadline is 12 noon on Monday 9th October.



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Outline Programme (subject to adjustment)

Friday 27 October 2017

1800	Leaders and participants may arrive from this time (please report to site office on arrival) to set up camp with their Troops. Grid Reference NY656892. Site address: Hawkhurst Scout Activity Centre, Kielder Water, Hexham NE48 1QZ
1930	Participants + at least 1 Leader from each Troop to meet in Activity Barn adjacent to site office
2130	Leader meeting in Activity Barn (please send at least 1 Leader from your party)
2230	Lights out

Saturday 28 October 2017

0800	Breakfast in own Troops
0900 prompt	Participants meet at picnic tables opposite shop in correct clothing (confirmed on the previous day)
0915-1230	Activity session 1
1230-1330	Lunch in own Troops
1330-1630	Activity session 2
1630-1930	Shelter building, fire preparation and cooking



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1930-2130	Activity session 3
2130	Camp fire
2300	Lights out

Sunday 29 October 2017

0800	Breakfast
0900 prompt	Participants meet at picnic tables opposite shop in correct clothing (confirmed on the previous day)
0915-1230	Activity session 1
1230-1330	Lunch in own Troops
1330-1500	Activity session 4
1515	Camp close
1530	Participants depart



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Catering

Leaders will be responsible for ensuring that their participants:

- Have an evening meal on the Friday (before arrival or on site)
- Carry a drink with them during the day as required
- Take part in mealtimes as per programme (Saturday evening meal responsibility of event team)
- Follow instructions from staff and select appropriate food items based on any dietary requirements and allergies, having informed organisers in advance.

First Aid

Leaders should deal with any minor first aid incidents themselves as per their training and Nights Away procedure. Any emergencies should be dealt with by following the Purple Card.

In the event of a serious incident that cannot be dealt with by Leaders, the duty instructor should be summoned using the bell push outside the site office, or via staff in the office during normal hours.

Mobile phone reception on site is poor. A landline phone is available for emergencies on 01434 250217.

The Site

Hawkhirst is part of *Scout Adventures* and is one of the nationally-operated Scout Activity Centres and facilities available include:

- Large car park suitable for small and large vehicles and trailers
- Shop selling confectionary as well as a range of camping and outdoor supplies
- Two toilet blocks including showers, washing up area and laundry (chargeable).

The site offers a wide range of activities with full instruction. Please see the website for further details: <https://www.scoutadventures.org.uk/centre/hawkhirst>



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Supervision and Support

Before the Event

This badge weekend has been organised to support Section Leaders in offering particular activities as part of the Scout programme. If you would like a member of the team to visit you or your Troop before the event either to assist with planning or preparing your Scouts for the weekend please let us know.

During the Event

During activity times, the event team will be responsible for the safety of participants. Leaders must be available on site for the whole weekend unless otherwise agreed. At times other than activity sessions, Leaders will be responsible for their participants. If in doubt, please ask a member of site staff or the event team.

After the Event

If we can help with any other Section related matters please contact County Office.

Organising Team

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Deputy Event Leader: Will Reynolds, Assistant County Commissioner (Scouts)

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Suggested Kit List

All participants will need to bring their personal equipment and should be encouraged to pack themselves. This list is only a guide. We suggest not bringing phones or similar devices, which are not covered by our insurance and will not be needed for the weekend.

Item	Details	Packed?	
Uniform shirt and necker (required)	For arrival and departure		
Trainers or similar			
Walking boots or wellingtons			
Socks x3	Not trainer socks		
Underwear x3			
Suitable trousers x2	Not denim or chino type material		
T shirt or base layer x3			
Fleece x2	Or similar		
Waterproof jacket and trousers			
Hat and gloves			
Drink bottle(s)	No glass		
Midge repellent			
Toiletries			
Towel and tea towel			
Torch with spare batteries			
Tissues			
Polythene bags	To separate wet/dry/dirty clothing		
Watch			



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What do Leaders need to do before the event?

1. **Nights Away Notification (NAN) Form** – send off as normal.
2. **In Touch** – arrange as normal and also pass to the organising team.
3. **Health Forms** – a copy of each of these must also be passed to the organising team.
4. **Information for Parents/Carers** – from this information pack you will be able to give parents/carers the information you would normally find on the camp information form. You may wish to do this in the form of a letter including **your In Touch details** and any additional details about travel arrangements.

Badge Requirements: Survival

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| 1. Show that you know: |
| i. basic knife or multi-tool skills, including safety and sharpening |
| ii. first aid treatment you may need to use while on a survival event, considering you may have limited resources available |
| iii. how to construct different kinds of shelter |
| iv. how to build a fire and use basic lighting techniques. You should not use man-made materials such as paper or firelighters. |
| v. the various burning qualities of different woods |
| vi. how to maintain hygiene in a survival situation |
| vii. the correct use of international distress signals, using a whistle, torch, mirror or markers |
| viii. some basic actions to take while waiting rescue that will both keep you (and your group) safe and will assist your rescuers in locating you. |
| 2. Put together a personal survival kit. |
| 3. With a group of at least three Scouts, take part in a survival exercise. It should last about 24 hours and the group should: |
| i. construct a shelter of natural or salvaged materials and sleep in it |
| ii. prepare a meal using raw ingredients that could have been found or caught |
| iii. cook all meals over an open fire |
| iv. cook without utensils, although you may use a knife. |

Nights Away Information Form (to be circulated separately to allow personalisation)

Event Evaluation (to be circulated separately which can be filled in electronically)



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