



Scouting Ireland 6th Meath (Ashbourne Scout Group)

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Re: Wales Trip 2013

Dear Parent/Guardian,

This sheet contains the information you need to help you and your child prepare for our Summer Camp in Wales. Please feel free to contact the leadership team at any time if you have any questions about this camp.

Dates for your calendar

Friday 26th of July - Pack your bags!

Scouts must bring their rucksacks fully packed for the trip to Wales.

Leaders will inspect the bags and provide an assessment of any changes or additional equipment needed. Female leaders will inspect the girls' rucksacks and male leaders will inspect the boys' rucksacks.

Scouts must bring their passports and E111 cards; these will be handed over to the leaders for safe keeping at this time. They will be returned to scouts on our return to Ireland.

Saturday 3rd August - Off to Wales!

We need to be at Dublin Port at 7.15am sharp. We're sailing with Irish Ferries. If you're late the boat will sail without you! Uniform shirts (note the hoody is NOT uniform, but can be worn over it), neckerchiefs, and hiking boots **MUST** be worn while travelling; we regret that anyone not dressed as required will not be permitted to travel. **DON'T FORGET TO BRING A PACKED LUNCH!**

Thursday 8th August - Return from Wales

Irish Ferries to Dublin Port. We should be back in Dublin port for 5.25pm.

What your child should pack?

A full equipment list is provided as part of this information pack.

Accommodation

We will be staying in the Old School Lodge in Deiniolen, +44 1286 8790122.

Who will be looking after your Scout?

In Scouting we use the Small Group System as an element of your scout's development and learning. The small group, in our case, is the Patrol, and first and foremost, your scout will be working within the Patrol that they are a member of, and with the Patrol leader who leads it. In addition to this, each Patrol has been assigned Mentors from the leadership team who will be travelling. Details of Mentors for each Patrol have been communicated separately. The full list of the leadership team for this expedition is provided at the end of this note, including contact details for the Expedition Leader and Camp Chief, Declan Brady, and the Bean an Tí, Jennifer McGrath (see "in case of emergency" below).

Outline Programme

Some programme days are flexible and can be moved around subject to weather conditions at the time - We aim to undertake the Snowdon hike on the day with the most appropriate weather forecast.

Saturday 3rd August - Travel

Travel to camp, unpack and explore Deiniolen

Sunday 4th August - Activities around Llanberis.

Morning: Electric Mountain.

Afternoon/Evening: We will host a local Scout Troop for a BBQ followed by a camp fire.

Monday 5th August (Movable) - Snowdon

Hike up Snowdon. We will split into two groups according to level/ability. Both groups will meet at the top and descend together.

Tuesday 6th August (Movable) - Caernarfon

Day trip to Caernarfon including a visit to the famous Caernarfon Castle.

Wednesday 7th August – Ropes, Ladders and Activities

Morning: Ropes and ladders

Afternoon: Scouting activities with a focus on skills in track and trail, survival and emergencies including first-aid and rescue/recovery.

Evening: Packing

Thursday 8th August - Travel

Finish packing. Travel back to Hollyhead and catch the ferry home.

Outline Menu

Dinners: Saturday - Bolognese
 Sunday - BBQ
 Monday - Stew
 Tuesday - Chicken, Vegetables and Potatoes
 Wednesday - Mixed grill

Breakfast: Cereals and Toast

Lunch: Sandwiches – Ham, Chicken, Cheese, Salad,

Other: Fruit and healthy snacks will be provided, as will Hot chocolate and treats at specific times.

Drinks: Milk, Water, Fruit juice, occasional soft drinks

What if your child will not eat the food provided?

We have designed the menu to be as broadly accommodating as possible. We cannot cater individually, nor have we budgeted for “making up for meals” with other food or snacks. Please note that we will be doing adventure activities that require a great deal of energy. For this reason we have planned nutritious, balanced meals. If your child cannot eat properly then they may need to be excluded from activities on health and safety grounds. We regret that, since all activities are now paid for, there will be no refunds if this happens.

House rules

We will apply the usual house rules for Scout Camp.

There will be daily room inspections. It is a house rule of the hostel that bringing food into the bedrooms/dormitories is FORBIDDEN.

All scouts will be expected to participate in cooking, cleaning and chores on camp!

Please also note that scouts may be excluded from activities where, in the judgement of the camp chief, there has been consistent misbehaviour or causing danger to others.

In case of emergency

Expedition Leader and Camp Chief: Declan Brady 087 248 4929

Bean an Ti - Jennifer McGrath - 085 7879581

Expedition First Aider – David Flynn

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Consent form

Please sign the consent form and return to us as soon as possible and no later than July 26th.

Please pay particular attention to any medical conditions that your child has and about which you have not previously informed us. If your child is taking any medications that need to be brought on the trip, please also complete the attached “managing medications” form.

Yours in Scouting,

The leadership team, 6th Meath Ashbourne Wales Summer Camp 2013

Declan Brady (camp chief), Maria Brady, Jennifer McGrath, Paul Fanning (camp first aider), Suzie Rafter, Damian McGrath, David Flynn (camp first aider), Gráinne Docherty, Deirdre Murray, Stephen O’Keeffe, Marian Fanning

Camp equipment/packing list

- ☐ Rucksack
- ☐ Neckerchief and Uniform Shirt (to be worn travelling to/from camp)
- ☐ Sleeping Bag and pillow case; a sleeping bag liner is useful for keeping the inside of the sleeping bag clean.
- ☐ Pyjamas
- ☐ Rain gear including leggings
- ☐ Old tracksuit (one that would not be missed if damaged) for daywear on camp
- ☐ Spare clothes (e.g. tracksuits, t-shirts, with matching underclothes) – 3 full sets
- ☐ Socks – 6 sets including two pairs of *hillwalking socks*.
- ☐ Runners
- ☐ Hiking/walking boots (to be worn when travelling)
- ☐ Trousers/shorts suitable for trekking (tracksuit bottoms and jeans are not suitable wear for climbing Snowdon)
- ☐ Towel (a bath towel would be too big)
- ☐ Tea-towel
- ☐ Personal toiletries (to include toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush, face cloth, soap, etc.)
- ☐ Torch (with spare set of batteries)
- ☐ Plastic bags (for keeping wet/dirty clothes separate from clean ones)
- ☐ Day-to-day medications (inhalers, etc.) if any required (please complete “managing medicines” form)
- ☐ Re-sealable, water bottles – scouts will need up to 2 litres while climbing Snowdon
- ☐ Sunscreen (factor 25+ recommended)
- ☐ A hat or cap, preferably with a brim
- ☐ Day bag (small backpack)
- ☐ A watch
- ☐ A book
- ☐ Pack of cards, or other small board game (that you don’t mind losing some of the parts from ...)
- ☐ A compass
- ☐ A small amount of sterling (see guidelines below)

There are no mobile phones allowed on this camp. Scouts are not permitted to bring matches, cigarette lighters or aerosols on camp; scouts are advised not to bring

- Multi-media players of any kind (mp3, DVD, etc.)
- Portable game consoles of any kind (Gameboy, PSP, etc.)
- Large sums of money (£5 pocket money per day should suffice) for fear of loss or theft (for which Leaders cannot be responsible).

Scouts will not be required to bring their scouting knives on this camp.