

Char Trek

Pre camp newsletter for everyone attending Charnwood 2006

From the Organisers...

Season's Greetings... and Welcome to the very first issue of 'Char Trek' – the newsletter that's going to bring you all you need to know about Charnwood 2006!!

Bookings are going well, and our staff are working hard to ensure that Charnwood 2006 will be the experience of a lifetime for everyone who attends it. Sub Camp Allocations will be done very soon, so **if you have not already paid your deposits, PLEASE DO SO NOW!!!**

Please keep checking the website www.charnwood.org for all the most up to date information about what is happening.

If you have any questions, you can contact us via the website or the Camp Office, Charnwood 2006, 97 Princess Road East, Leicester LE1 7DW

We look forward to meeting you all at camp!!

Andy, Maggie, Jo and Lesley

The Subcamps

In keeping with the theme of 'Tempus Fugit', each of the subcamps is named after a period in history, and has it's own special colour!!

Staff – Medieval - Purple
Campers 14-17 - Stone Age – Silver

Campers 10-14
Normans - Maroon
Victorians - Jade
Romans – Light Blue
Tudors - Orange
Vikings - Red

How much will it cost?

Campers aged 10-17 will pay £125.00 excluding food and transport, for this you will receive a full programme of activities, plus your necker, t-shirt and badge. The deposit is £35.00 which is payable on booking, and the **balance must be paid by 31st March 2006.**

If you are camping as a leader or staff, the cost is £30.00 excluding food and transport. This is payable on booking, and like the campers it includes your necker, t-shirt and badge.

If you want to help as a leader/member of staff but don't want to camp there is a small charge of £5.00 to attend during the day - this is a one off payment regardless of whether you come for 1 day or 5 days, but does not include the camp t-shirt, necker or badge.



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What activities will there be?

Each camper aged 10 - 14 will follow a 5 day programme of activities.

For everyone, Sunday is International Day, from Monday onwards each sub-camp will have a rota of activity days:

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| Day A | Water - includes activities such as sailing, canoeing and windsurfing |
| Day B | Onsite activities |
| Day C | Theme Park - Alton Towers |
| Day D | Visitors Day – when your Cubs, Brownies, Beavers and Rainbows can come and visit you at camp!! |
| Day E | Sub Camp Challenge |

For our Stone Age 14-17 campers not all of the activities have been finalised yet. They will join in the international day with the rest of the camp, will have onsite activities, water activities, and Theme Park trip. It is anticipated that the water activities will be different to those experienced by the younger campers.

Evening Activities

Open to everyone and will include:

Disco and Cinema (though not in the same tent)
Live Bands
Karaoke
Competitions
Internet Bus and lots more.

(Have you put your pin in the map on the website
www.charnwood.org/2006/maps/
so we know where you come from?)

The last night is "Costume Night", so whatever your sub camp is then you need to dress accordingly - remember Vikings, Victorians, Normans, Medieval, Stone Age, Romans and Tudors!!

More information about all activities in the next issue of "Char Trek", which is due out in February 2006

The Youth Forum

The Charnwood Youth Forum is a consultative group of Scouts and Guides from around Leicestershire. It comprises young people of differing ages, geographical, and social backgrounds, who are all actively involved in either Scouting or Guiding. The aim of the Forum is to discuss various aspects of camp planning, e.g. ceremonies and activities, where young people can influence the decisions made by the Organising Teams. During the camp the Forum will play an active role in monitoring the activities, facilities, and services provided, to enable changes to be made if necessary and appropriate. After the camp the Forum will be actively involved in the evaluation of the event and will provide recommendations for future joint events.

The Chairperson Kat and Vice Chair Alex will be pleased to hear your views via
youth.forum@charnwood.org

Keep checking the website for details of our "open" Youth Forum meetings in the Spring Term when any young person can come along and have their say!! The first of these will be on 16th January, when we will be reviewing the Charnwood 2001 Video. If you plan to come, please email youth.forum@charnwood.org for details of the time/venue.

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From the Camp Wardens Team....

Hi, at Charnwood 2006 there will be a team of 4 Camp Wardens working together to make sure you have a fantastic camp experience.

We have put together 7 teams to create each of the sub camps. These are the people who will be planning activities and fun for you while you are on the sub camp. When you know which sub camp you will be camping on check out their web pages for all the latest news. (You can also add your thoughts about what you'd like to see on your sub camp on the camp message board!!)

We also support the Pastoral Team who will be running an action packed "Faith Tent". Here all faiths will be able to come together for quiet reflection or a friendly chat. Activities will be interesting and for individual or group participation. They will be available during the day when you have some free time, or into the evening.

Our team is pleased to also offer support to the Inspirational International Team. These people are working together to make the Sunday at camp a day to remember. They will also have an international tent where you can make new friends from around the world. Do you know of any other international visitors who would like to come and join us? Many of our International Visitors have shown interest in spending time with Leicestershire family the week after the camp. Can you offer to host one or more young people? Contact international@charnwood.org

Your safety is important to us – see later issues of "Char trek" for more information about safety at Charnwood 2006. Our wish is to make this the best Charnwood camp to date, but we can only do that with your help. Most important is that you and your friends want to come and join us.

We look forward to meeting you ALL at Charnwood 2006!!

Sponsorship!!

Do you know anyone who can sponsor the camp with goods, money or services? Please ask them to check the sponsors page of the website <http://www.charnwood.org/2006/sponsors/>

Who's who....

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| Scout Organiser: | Andy Stafford |
| Deputy Organiser: | Jo Brown |
| Guide Organiser: | Maggie Silver |
| Deputy Organiser: | Lesley Mitchell |

Team Managers:

*Onsite Services (includes Water, Security
First Aid and Health and Safety)*

Rob Gladman
Abi Salter

Activities

Kay Newland
Gill Gates

*Finance / Admin (includes bookings and
sponsorship)*

Jenny Addison

*Operations (includes catering, trading and
PR)*

Mick & Julie Popejoy
Theresa Jollands

*Camp Wardens (includes Spiritual Centre,
International and Creche)*

Gary Beasley
Mark Parsley
Pippa Creasy
Sam Harrold

Subcamp Leaders:

Stone Age

Chris Worth
Rachel Voss

Victorians

David "Sport" Howes
Margaret Smith

Medieval

Margaret Coe
Simon Grant

Normans

Lynne Hill
Scout Contact Simon Parr

Romans

Richard Warrington
Susan Warrington

Tudors

Peter Nicholls
Pat Hibbert

Vikings

Judith Luff
Anthony Machin

There are still vacancies on the staff - If you would like to help make Charnwood 2006 the best camp of the year, register your interest at <http://www.charnwood.org/2006/register/> stating which area you would be interested in, and one of the Team Managers will contact you.

Publicity

Look out for reports about the plans for YOUR camp in the local press!! If you have anything you would like to see in future issues of 'Char Trek', please send your ideas to the Public Relations Team at the Camp Office or public.relations@charnwood.org as soon as possible, Thanks.

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Extra Information for Leaders/Staff

This page need not be included in copies given to Scouts and Guides.

In future issues there will be information about the Village Pub and the camp alcohol policy, also details on the behaviour, smoking and drugs policies

Information about second stage booking will be out soon.

Changes to numbers?

Don't worry, leaders of camping groups may now increase the number they have booked by logging in at www.charnwood.org/2006/go2006 and clicking the 'Modify Group Numbers' button in the 'campers' tab.

Leader / camper ratios

In response to issues raised at roadshows, ratios of leaders to campers have been revised as follows:

10-14 sub camps:

Must bring a minimum of 1 adult leader for every 8 Scouts/Guides in their camping group. There must be a minimum of 2 adult leaders with each camping group.

As well as any adult leaders a further 2 Young Leaders, either Explorer Scout or Senior Section (acting in a leadership capacity) may be added.

14-17 sub camp

Camping groups may attend Charnwood 2006 with or without leaders.

CRB

Everyone coming to Charnwood 2006 in a leadership/supervisory/unsupervised capacity should check that they have the necessary CRB check in line with the guidelines below:

"Everyone aged 18 or over (Scout Association members) or 16 or over (Girlguiding UK members), who is in a supervisory/leadership capacity at Charnwood 2006 will require a Scout Association/Girlguiding UK CRB check. This will also apply to any visitors who are not supervised during their visit. If any member of your group does not have a CRB check they should contact their District Commissioner".

Anyone who is not a member of the Scout Association/Girlguiding UK should be checked by the most appropriate organisation – unless they are aged 16/17 in which case they will be checked by Girlguiding UK