



# Char Trek



**Pre camp newsletter for everyone attending Charnwood 2006  
Leicestershire's 6<sup>th</sup> International Scout and Guide Camp  
5 - 12 August 2006 at Whatton House, Long Whatton, Leics  
February 2006**

Welcome to the second edition of "Char Trek"!!

2<sup>nd</sup> stage booking information should be with you any day now - please make sure that all forms and monies are returned by 31 March. If you have any questions

please contact [bookings@charnwood.org](mailto:bookings@charnwood.org)

Bookings for the 14 - 17 Sub Camp are closed, and there are just a few places left on the 10 - 14 sub camps - so if you know anyone who is still thinking about coming to Charnwood 2006, tell them to book soon!!!

You should have had an email/letter about T shirts from us. Don't forget to send T shirt sizes for everyone to [lesley@charnwood.org](mailto:lesley@charnwood.org) as soon as possible.

**Interested in being in shows on the main stage at Charnwood 2006?? We still need a few male scouts/explorers to take part!! Email [cast@charnwood.org](mailto:cast@charnwood.org) for details!!**

**Dates for Sub Camp Meetings:**

**12 March - Victorians, Normans**

**14 March - Vikings**

**15 March - Stone Age**

**19 March - Romans, Tudors**

**Contact Sub Camp Leaders for details.**

*Any young person who would like to have their say about plans for Charnwood 2006 is welcome to attend the next meeting of the Youth Forum on 27 March - contact: [youth.forum@charnwood.org](mailto:youth.forum@charnwood.org) for details of time/venue.*

## Visitors Days

Charlie Wood is inviting all Rainbows, Brownies, Beavers & Cubs to visit him at Charnwood On Sea. If you have not invited your units – please make sure you do. All younger sections should have had information about Visitors Days – if they haven't they should contact [visitors.day@charnwood.org](mailto:visitors.day@charnwood.org) and ask for an information pack. Make sure you let the younger sections in your district know which would be the best day to visit you. Charlie is looking forward to meeting all our young Guide and Scout members.

Each 10 – 14 Sub Camp will have a different visitor's day, they will be as follows:

Vikings - Monday

Normans - Tuesday

Victorians - Wednesday

Romans - Thursday

Tudor - Friday



## Who's coming?

As well as Scouts and Guides from Leicestershire we also have visitors from around the UK, and the world

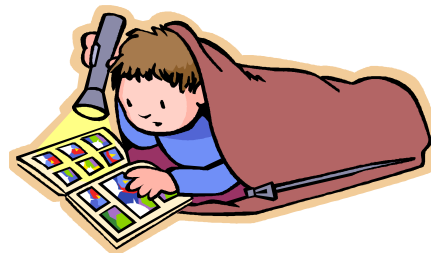
At the moment our International Visitors are from Dubai, Eire, Germany, Ghana, Kenya, Lethoso, Northern Ireland, Nigeria, Russia, Scotland, Uganda, The USA and Wales!

We also have international members of staff from Bangladesh, Belgium, Canada and The USA

Sub Camp pages will be launched soon so keep checking the website for all the most up to date information about Charnwood 2006 – and for information about which groups will be on your sub camps!!

## SLEEPING BAGS AND BLANKETS

Some of our International visitors will need sleeping bags and blankets, if you have any to spare in a clean and reasonable condition, please contact Sally Illsley and Jerry Filor at [international@charnwood.org](mailto:international@charnwood.org)



## Fact or Fiction?

As with any large event, there are inevitably rumours flying around about what will or will not happen at Charnwood 2006.

If you have any questions please direct them to the appropriate team either through the website: [www.charnwood.org](http://www.charnwood.org)

Or via the camp office:  
Charnwood 2006  
97 Princess Road East  
Leicester LE1 7DW

**International Day**  
Sunday 6th August

**A whole camp wide game based on 5 WORLD ZONES**

A wide range of activities will be on offer from Europe, Asia, Africa, The Americas and Australasia. Every time you take part in an activity you will be earning points for your Sub Camp. Keep an eye on the stage to see how your camp is doing and work out what you need to do next to earn more points.



Trophies will be awarded at the Grand Finale for each of the WORLD ZONES and the World Marathons, Tour de France and other sports challenges.

Activities will run from 10am-12.30 and again after lunch from 2pm – 4.30pm. The evening will begin with World Faith Gathering at the main stage which will be followed by the Awards Ceremony and an International Street Fayre.

Your Sub Camp Leaders will be asking you to provide an activity for the Street Fayre – how imaginative can your unit be?

We will need lots of help with the activities so if you can spare time for either the morning or afternoon sessions please let your Sub Camp Leader know.

We hope that this will be a fantastic start to the weeks programme which provides a wide range of International activities, enables all campers to mix, make new friends and choose their own programme and helps everyone to familiarise themselves with the site.

***Missed the previous edition of Char Trek?***

***The previous copy is available as a download from the Charnwood web site [www.charnwood.org](http://www.charnwood.org) – from the home page select 'About 2006', then 'Downloads', then select 'Char Trek Issue 1'***

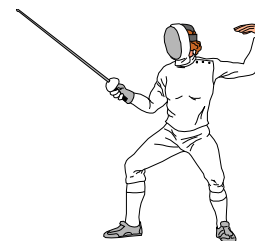


## From the Activities Team....

Come to camp with a SMILE and be prepared to enjoy a week filled with fun and activities.

We start with the Opening Ceremony on Saturday Evening. Sunday will be International Day and you will find more information about this elsewhere in the Newsletter. From Monday to Friday each sub-camp will take part in a rotating programme of activities.

Day 1 will be on-site taking part in activities such as the high ropes, bouldering wall & climbing tower complex. There will be the opportunity to sample, Fencing, Archery, Shooting and Laser Clays. There will also be the craft tent, cyber café, bungee trampoline, a Glice rink, mountain boards, grass sledging - the list is still growing.



Day 2. A day spent in your sub-camp. The morning will be organised by your sub-camp leaders and in the afternoon your Rainbow, Brownie, Beaver & Cub visitors will join you for their visit to 'Charnwood-on-Sea'.



Day 3. National Water Sports Centre at Holme Pierre Pont, Nottingham. Here you will take part in a variety of water sports, with qualified instructors. Safety equipment provided.

Day 4. The morning will be a chill-out time for campers, time to catch up with new and old friends and maybe your sleep! The afternoon will be the Sub-Camp Challenge. This is when teams within your sub-camp complete challenges against each other, the winning team being crowned at the end of the afternoon. The Finalists from all sub-camps will meet up at the end of the week for a Sub-Camp Challenge Final - the winners being crowned "Charnwood Champions - 2006".

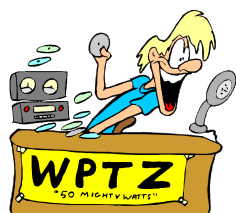


Day 5. A day spent at Alton Towers with your sub-camp. Enough said!

### Senior Section Activities.

Stone Age sub-camp activity days will run along similar lines, but with activities to suit the older age range.

### Evening Activities



Information about Evening Activities were given in Char Trek Issue 1. The Ceremonies Team are working hard on spectacular Opening and Closing Ceremonies - the details of which are TOP SECRET at the moment!! However, we have been told that you will need full Scout/Guide uniform for the Opening Ceremony.

During the week certain activities will be available for Leaders and members of Staff so check with Activities HQ to see what is on which night.

Finally we would like to thank the "Youth Forum" - a group of young people from both Scouts & Guides - for all their help in the planning of the camp. They have played an important part in deciding what is on offer to you, best of all they are camping with us for the week, so seek them out and have a chat.

There will be a Sports Bar for campers in the village. We are hoping that local sports personalities will come to visit – we know that Filbert Fox is coming to visit!!

# Charnwood 2006, 5th - 12th August 2006

## Leicestershire Scout & Guide International Camp

### At Whatton House, Long Whatton, Leicestershire

## Extra Information for Leaders and Staff

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

### **Letter to employers.**

**Any staff who are hoping to approach their employer for paid time off to volunteer at Charnwood 2006 can ask for a letter from the Organisers to support their request.**

**Requests should be made to Maggie Silver, either via the Camp Office, or [maggie@charnwood.org](mailto:maggie@charnwood.org) giving:**

**Details of name and address of employer to whom letter should be addressed.**

**Whether letter is to go direct to employer or to be sent to member of staff to give to employer (if to member of staff, please include address).**

**Names of staff requesting the letter will be checked against that staff register, and letters can only be issued once staff have completed the second stage of booking. Similar letters can be requested by camping leaders when they have also completed the second stage of camper booking.**

### ***The Village Pub***

We are taking you back in time to the 70's, but as none of the Team were in pubs drinking at that time, we hope we can manage it. We have asked all our friends who were though!

Unfortunately your trip back to the 70's will not include the Pub prices, but we will try our best to keep prices as low as possible.

We would like to have a couple of nights where you grab your flares and dress up.

The pub will be selling real ale, lager and cider on draught, along with wine and a selection of alco-pops and soft drinks.

We are hoping to get for your entertainment darts, skittles and dominoes. We would like to run a Darts Tournament, have a 70's quiz, Eurovision Karaoke and of course a 70's disco.

And lastly if you would like to help in the pub in the evenings then we would love to hear from you. Contact Catherine at [pub@charnwood.org](mailto:pub@charnwood.org)

We look forward to seeing you

*Catherine*



### ***Remember!***

Balance of payments for all camping groups is due by 31<sup>st</sup> March. Group cheques preferred please. Please make sure your group booking reference number is written on the back of all cheques.

## Another page especially for leaders/staff!!

Would you like to be on the staff?

We are looking for an enthusiastic person (or persons) who can recruit some local sportsmen and women to come to our sports bar and enthuse campers about all things sport!! If they can bring any posters or memorabilia with them, or offer any coaching in their sport, so much the better!!

If you think you are the person to try and recruit people from the sports world to come to our camp, contact [activities@charnwood.org](mailto:activities@charnwood.org)

The staff sub camp will not be having sub camp meetings owing to the number of campers - but will be in contact with you before the camp. Staff will be invited to meetings via their Team Managers/Leaders.

[activities@charnwood.org](mailto:activities@charnwood.org)  
[camp.wardens@charnwood.org](mailto:camp.wardens@charnwood.org)  
[finance.administration@charnwood.org](mailto:finance.administration@charnwood.org)  
[onsite.services@charnwood.org](mailto:onsite.services@charnwood.org)  
[operations@charnwood.org](mailto:operations@charnwood.org)

Questions about the Staff Sub Camp may be directed to your Sub Camp Leaders Margaret Coe and Simon Grant at [medieval@charnwood.org](mailto:medieval@charnwood.org)

*Friday Night will be costume night so staff sub campers will need to look out their medieval gear – will you be Upper Class – or a peasant??!!*

*Just a reminder.... Have you completed stage 2 of staff bookings where you were asked for your CRB number? If not, please do so as soon as possible. if you have any queries about this you can contact [staff@charnwood.org](mailto:staff@charnwood.org) for assistance*

Camper Sub Camp Leaders will be writing to you very soon to tell you about a series of meetings at which you can find out more about Charnwood 2006 - your sub camp leaders will also be seeking information about your group from you.

All groups who have confirmed their booking by paying their group deposit invoice have been allocated to a sub camp.

You can contact your sub camp leaders via

[normans@charnwood.org](mailto:normans@charnwood.org)  
[romans@charnwood.org](mailto:romans@charnwood.org)  
[tudors@charnwood.org](mailto:tudors@charnwood.org)  
[victorians@charnwood.org](mailto:victorians@charnwood.org)  
[vikings@charnwood.org](mailto:vikings@charnwood.org)  
[stone.age@charnwood.org](mailto:stone.age@charnwood.org)

*A BIG THANK YOU to all staff and leaders for everything you are doing to bring young people to Charnwood 2006 – we couldn't do it without you!!*

*Staff - Have you ordered your optional polo/fleece?? Last date for ordering 15 April – make sure you use the Feb 2006 order form.*