



Char Trek



**Pre camp newsletter for everyone attending Charnwood 2006
Leicestershire's 6th International Scout and Guide Camp
5 – 12 August 2006 at Whatton House, Long Whatton, Leics
June 2006**

Charnwood 2006 is just around the corner and EVERYONE is getting excited!!!! Extra places have been made available on the 10 – 14 sub camps to accommodate the huge demand for places at the camp. This last edition of Char Trek gives you up to the minute information about the camp. All sub camps held their last meeting of camping group leaders in early June.

Brownie and Rainbow Units should have booked their places to come and visit camp – if you haven't and would like to come, contact Ann Barsby via visitors.day@charnwood.org to see if we still have room!!

If there are any members, friends or supporters of Leicestershire Scouting or Girlguiding Leicestershire who are not able to be at camp this time, but would like to come and see what we are up to, please contact Helen Dickie and Peter Rippon at public.relations@charnwood.org for an invitation – we'd love to see you!!

Did you enjoy/miss out on the video of Charnwood 2001???? The same firm will be doing the DVD of Charnwood 2006 and have agreed to release a DVD of Charnwood 2001 for all those who wish to relive the memories – we're told Abi will be buying a copy!! If you are interested in having a 2001 or 2006 DVD, please contact public.relations@charnwood.org for more information. Order forms for the DVD of Charnwood 2001 or Charnwood 2006 will be available in due course.

Last but not least – a VERY BIG THANK YOU to everyone who is working so hard to make Charnwood 2006 a really great camp – see you all on August 5th!!!!

A message from the Organisers

Dear Campers, Leaders and Staff Members,

The beginning of Charnwood 2006 is now in sight. As we write there are now 43 days to go – staff teams visited the site this week and saw the tractor cutting the grass on the staff sub camp!!



When we started our planning there were over 1030 days to go – where has all the time gone? All staff involved in the planning of Charnwood 2006 have worked tirelessly to make sure it will be a fabulous camp for all involved – BIG THANKS to you all!!

There is still room for anyone with a Scout/Guide CRB check to join the staff – register at <http://www.charnwood.org/2006/register/>

We are looking forward to camping on our beautiful new site, but rest assured – the spirit of previous “Charnwoods” lives on!! The site will shortly be transformed into a tented village providing shops, cafes, a faith centre, international centre, and much more. Power, water and telephones will be connected, stages constructed and marquees pitched – we will be ready to commence!! Get your bags packed, sleeping bag rolled up and get ready for the Charnwood experience - we hope that you will go home thoroughly exhausted!!

Looking forward to meeting you all there!!

Andy, Maggie,
Jo and Lesley

Calling all Campers!

Do you know which subcamp you are on? And what colour you are?

Just as a quick reminder:

Normans – Maroon

Victorians – Jade

Romans – Light Blue

Tudors – Orange

Vikings – Red

Stoneage – Silver

Medieval – Purple



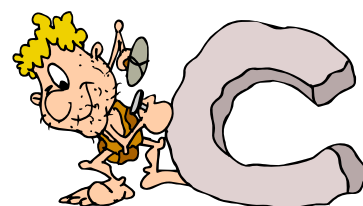
Your sub camp colour is very important. Please make sure when you arrive all your kit is labelled with tags in your sub camp colour, & all vehicles display the correct colour card in their windscreens

This will make identification, and transport movement a lot easier.

LEADERS If you have any questions or queries please contact your sub camp team leaders.

CAMPERS – have you got your fancy dress costumes ready? Which will be the best dressed sub camp?

And who will have the best gateway.....



Got a question for your sub camp team? Contact them at:

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victorians@charnwood.org

Romans@charnwood.org

Tudors@charnwood.org

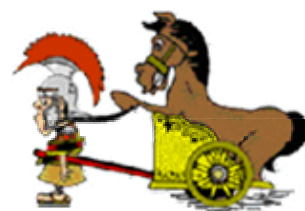
vikings@charnwood.org

Stone.age@charnwood.org

Medieval@charnwood.org

Got any birthdays/anniversaries or special occasions happening in your camping group? Make sure they are reported in The Charnwood Times by emailing the names and dates to laura@charnwood.org – remember to say which sub camp they are on.

The Charnwood Times are looking for some more campers to act as Newshounds – if you would like to help contact laura@charnwood.org

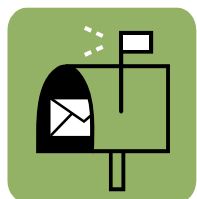


Address

To send postal mail to anyone at the camp, please use the address below. Any mail received after 12th August will not be delivered. Mail received on 12th August may arrive too late for distribution, too be sure that mail reaches its destination, we suggest you post to arrive by August 11th.

Name

Camping group / Staff group
Sub camp
Charnwood 2006
Whatton House
Long Whatton
Loughborough
Leics
LE12 5BG



Or, campers can be emailed at campers@charnwood.org with the first 3 lines of the message being:

- Name (first and surname)
- Scout Group/Guide Unit or Staff Team
- Sub Camp name

Emails will be printed out and distributed via sub camps as soon as possible.



Contacting the camp

A camp contact telephone number will be circulated to leaders via the sub-camp teams. This will be manned on a 24-hour basis.

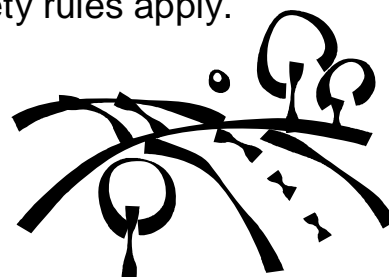
This number is for urgent calls, not for parents to contact their son or daughter for a chat! By urgent we mean (e.g.) family emergencies, not the fact that someone has forgotten their soap/toothbrush!

As a general rule it will not be possible to bring any camper to the 'phone immediately, owing to the large area that the camp covers.

If it is necessary to communicate with any camper, a message will be taken and conveyed to the camper as soon as possible.

Road safety

There is a road, that runs through the campsite, that you will have to cross from time to time. **PLEASE TAKE CARE!!** There will be very few vehicles using the road, but the normal road safety rules apply.



Extra Information for Leaders

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

Before you leave for camp...Don't forget to make sure all your Scouts and Guides know which Sub Camp they are on,

Don't forget to bring with you....Change of Details Forms for all campers, to be handed into Check-in on arrival at camp. Change of details forms for your campers will be sent to you approximately 4-6 weeks before the camp once the Bookings team have finalised your booking. If you do not hear anything, please contact the Bookings Team to find out why.

On Arrival

Please try to make sure you arrive at your stated time. You will be met by members of the Meet and Greet Team and shown to your Sub Camp where, once you have all arrived, you will be given your T shirts, neckerchiefs, badges, z cards, ID badges (Leaders/Juniors) and Wristbands (campers).

N.B. **NO WRISTBAND – NO ACTIVITY!!**

Buses won't be allowed onto the actual camp site. It is quite a walk from the bus stop/car park area, so try to bring your heavy group equipment in a van/car which will be allowed on to site (for unloading only, weather permitting) - remember you can set up camp on Friday night to avoid Saturday traffic!!

Leaving on Saturday 12th August

All camping groups should aim to have all their activity campers off site by 5.00pm. On Site Services will require a schedule of departures in the same way as sub camps are providing for arrivals day. Again, coloured cards should be displayed in all vehicles to assist the flow of traffic.

Any adults who will be staying to help with the take down of the camp are of course welcome to be on site after that time.

Camping groups can leave as soon as they like once sub camp leaders have checked their site for litter etc. If you have anything in the way of broken equipment - tents, chairs, gazebos etc **IT MUST BE TAKEN HOME WITH YOU** to be disposed of, not for the camp to dispose of.

FIT FOR DUTY

Alcohol and the Leader/Staff Bar

Following the success of the Staff Bar at Charnwood 2001, it is being repeated at Charnwood 2006.

Whilst we invite all Leaders and Staff to use the facilities, it is important to remember that we are here to work with young people first, providing a safe environment for them.

Anyone who is found to be incapable of fulfilling their duties at anytime during the camp, due to the effects of alcohol, will be asked to leave the event jointly by their Team Managers and the Camp Organisers.

You are also reminded that alcohol being consumed outside of the camp pub or the designated garden is not permitted. The prices of all drinks on sale in the Charnwood Bar will be at or below normal bar and pub prices and there will be a variety of drinks made available, but not spirits.

You will be allowed to bring your own drinks into the bar, provided that you are discrete bringing alcohol onto the site and carrying it round the camping areas, village, etc.

The Organisers and County Commissioners will deal with individuals or groups of people breaking the policy of drinking on site other than in the pub.

Drugs

Any incident involving drugs of any sort shall be treated seriously and referred to the Security team, who will deal with it accordingly.

Minor involvement in drugs may result in the person(s) being excluded from the camp (this decision will be made by the organisers) and parents called in to collect.

Serious drug involvement may result in the local police being called in to deal with the situation.

Smoking Policy

As is the custom with most work place practices, Charnwood 2006 will emulate a smoking policy on a similar basis. Due to safety issues there will be no smoking "in doors" ie in tents, portacabins or toilets.

Smoking should therefore be out-of-doors and out of the view of scouts and guides.

Those running activities on or off the campsite should refrain from smoking whilst in view of scouts and guides.

Cigarette ends should be disposed of sensibly in a manner that doesn't pose a fire risk.