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## **Summer Camp – Cwmcynwyn 2020**

**Please ensure you register via OSM by the end of March**

Dear Parent,

I'm pleased to be able to bring you initial details of our joint Troops summer camp in July 2020.

### ***Where are we going?***

We will be camping at Cwmcynwyn, a sheep farm high up in the Brecon Beacons, which has been a regular Summer Camp site for the Group since the mid 1950s. For those with a map, the site can just be found on the 1:25000 Brecon Beacons OL12 at grid ref:038231.

### ***When are we going?***

Our camping equipment will be loaded on to the lorry during the early evening of Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July (the last day of term).

**It is likely that the Young Leaders and possibly some yr10 Explorers will depart on Thursday 2nd July after lorry loading, with the remainder and potentially the Patrol Leaders travelling on Friday 3rd by minibus.**

**The main Troop party will depart by 9am latest on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July, travelling by coach, minibus or train depending on our final numbers and hence transport arrangements.**

We will all return on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July** and should have finished putting the camping equipment away (and hence be able to go home!) by **7pm**.

### ***Year 10 Participants***

We're very conscious that there are a significant number of youngsters in year 10 regularly attending Scouts, who have not transitioned to Explorers during this year as was expected and intended. Whilst we hope those concerned will make the effort to properly engage with Explorers from now on, they are however now too late to sign up for the Explorer Summer trips. We propose therefore to allow those in year 10 who have been attending Scouts recently

to attend the Scouts summer camp. However, it's likely the majority will form a separate Explorer "Camel" patrol once at camp, hence not blocking opportunities for those of Scout age in years 8&9 to progress within the Troops' patrol system. Younger members of the Troops should note that this is a one off due to the unintended situation this year and going forward migration from Scouts to Explorers will occur for all at the start of Year 10.

### ***What will we be doing?***

The programme will be similar to previous summer camps, with scouts camping in patrols around the site. The majority of meals will be cooked by the patrols on wood fires with a camping competition running throughout.

Off site activities are likely to include opportunities for some cycling, kayaking, pony trekking and mountain walking, not to mention "The Monster Scheme" (our long check pointed day challenge hike). For those in year 8 upwards there will be an opportunity to complete their Expedition Challenge training or qualifying expedition.

Upon signing up through OSM you will be asked to state an order of preference for the offsite activities to assist with our programme planning.

There will also be plenty of opportunity for scouts to gain a number of badges (e.g camper, navigator, pioneer etc) and all first time campers should obtain their Outdoor Challenge (one of 8 Challenges you need to obtain to complete your Chief Scout's Award). Patrol Leaders (& some assistants) should obtain their Team Leader Challenge too.

### ***Can Parents visit?***

Parents will be very welcome to visit the camp during Saturday 11th July, anytime from 2pm until the end of the evening, giving you a chance to experience dinner cooked on your child's patrol fire and of course the end of evening camp fire. For those visiting, there are plenty of places to stay locally – We'd suggest contacting the Tourist Information Centre in Brecon or the internet for assistance!

### ***What will it cost?***

I am keen to try and keep the price of the camp as low as practical, although transport and food costs in particular continue to rise. I would hope to keep the cost to within the £425-£450 range, although this is likely to depend on both the number of attendees and associated logistics. (2019 cost £425).

**If any parents are able once again to offer to assist with minibus or lorry driving to get the vehicles & equipment to/from South Wales (normal car licence only required) then please let me know.**

***What should I do next?***

Please register for a place via OSM. A £100 deposit to cover non refundable activity bookings is required by end of March to confirm your child's attendance. It may be possible to decide to attend post this date, but we won't be able to guarantee activities that need pre booking.

**Negative responses on OSM from anyone who is unfortunately unable to attend would be very much appreciated to help with our planning.**

If you have any questions at this stage please speak to your Troop Leaders at your weekly meetings or give me a ring one evening

Regards

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