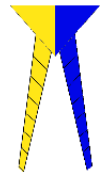




18th St Albans Scout Group

Family Camp - 9-10 June



IT'S SUMMER!!!

...at least, it will be. We are pleased to announce that our Scout Group will hold a family camp this summer.

We have done so every few years and they have been greatly enjoyed by all who went. This is a great opportunity for families from ALL our sections to come together for a fun weekend.

The camp will take place at Tolmers Scout Activity Centre, near Cuffley on Saturday and Sunday, 9 – 10 June. It will be open to all families of Group members. Siblings not in the Group are, of course, welcome.

Plans are being finalised, so we need to start getting numbers sorted and so get a commitment from those who wish to come (form is below). We hope we can take all who want to come, but we may have to limit total numbers.

PROGRAMME: Briefly, the camp will run from late Saturday morning to lunchtime Sunday. We have already booked some of the camp activities, such as an assault course, air rifles, archery, high ropes, and others. In addition we will have our own activities, such as field games, wide games, other fun challenges and, of course, a campfire on the Saturday evening. In other words, there will be plenty of activities from which to choose. Or just sit and watch the kids kick a football about.

FOOD: Sunday breakfast will be provided by the Group, as well as tea, coffee, squash during the camp. All other food should be brought by you (eg. lunch on Saturday and barbecue Saturday evening).

SAFE AND HAPPY CAMP: Parents or designated guardians will remain responsible for their children throughout the camp. The leaders will not be able to take on that role.

In line with Scout Association rules, all adults attending the camp need a valid DBS clearance (criminal record check, to be blunt!); this ensures that all adults, whom children (ours and other groups') may encounter at the campsite, have such

clearance. While many of our parents already have been DBSed, we need to get all others processed AND check that DBSes are valid (Scout Association DBS and less than 5 years).

If you do have a DBS through Scouting, please complete the details on the form.

If you do not yet have DBS clearance (less than five years old and through the Scout Association), note that the DBS process may take several weeks. For this we will need to do a face to face ID check and we will contact you to make arrangements to complete this before Easter. Because of the time to get clearance, adults without DBS clearance cannot be last minute campers!

THERE IS NO CHARGE TO YOU FOR GETTING SCOUTING DBS CLEARANCE.

YOUR OWN CHILDREN NOT ENOUGH? It may be possible for families to make an arrangement to take and supervise friends of their own children, who are in the Group but whose own parents cannot attend. Such requests will be agreed on a case-by-case basis and there is a limit on numbers. Without this agreement in place, it is not possible for group members to attend without their parents/guardians. Indicate on the form now, or contact us (via the email address below) as soon as possible. Note that the organisers will coordinate this centrally within the Group, so section leaders are not able to decide.

TENTS: Families attending will need to provide their own tents: it is our experience that most can borrow or beg adequate tentage, if not owned. However, the Group will be able to lend a limited number of tents at low cost: contact us via the email address below.

COST: The cost of the event will be £13 per adult, £11 per child.

FORM AND MONEY NEEDED: We now need to begin organising the details of the camp and therefore we need to have responses in from you by completing the form and paying. It should be possible to add extra campers later. The closing date

for applications will be April 30, but we would like responses as soon as possible and note that DBS clearance may prevent last minute entries.

Form: either – print out and return the attached form to your section leader. Cheques should pay “18th St Albans Scout Group”.

Or: complete the separate Word form digitally and email to the address below.

Money: either – send a cheque or cash via your section leader.

Or: section leaders will inform you if bank on-line transfer or other on-line payment (you’re your normal method of subs and camp payment) is possible. The following sections have confirmed that on-line payments are possible:

Aquila Scout Troop (as usual, ask the scout leader for bank details and email when paid)
Homewood Cub Pack
Wick Wood Beavers

MORE INFORMATION: This will be advised to parents and posted here:

http://18th-stalbans.scout-group.org.uk/Membership/Family_camp.htm

Copies of letters about this camp can also be located here, along with the Word form

CONTACT: Email any requests, questions, completed forms to:

family-camp@18th-stalbans-scouts.org.uk

18th ST ALBANS SCOUT GROUP - FAMILY CAMP 2018

1. One form per family who want to attend: return via email (Word form is a separate file) or via your section. Only via one section, if two children in the Group. Same for money.
2. **DBS:** please fill in what information you have: if you do not have the number, include the name as on the DBS as close as possible, so we can try to locate. ONLY Scout Association clearance, but can be other Scout Groups. Leave blank if no clearance yet, or unknown. We will contact for new applications or renewal.
3. **Children:** Contact us if you want to bring other children than you own.
4. **Return:** Paper form to your section leader or email to:

family-camp@18th-stalbans-scouts.org.uk

ADULTS: names	DBS number	DBS date
YOUNG PEOPLE (under 18): First and surname	Section name if in 18 th (blank otherwise)	Age (years only)
MONEY: Amount paid and how	£	Online/cheque/cash
CONTACT: Email address (CLEARLY PLEASE)		
Contact Telephone number before the camp		
Mobile number that will be with adult at camp:		
Have own tents or borrowed from outside the Group: (put YES/NO)		
We would like to borrow tent for: (add number of people in box: we will contact later for details)		