

Countdown to Summer camp 2009
Updated information July 2009



With only weeks away until summer camp and we are all getting pretty excited. Fundraising has not gone to plan it's true and our original target of £400 per head was blown away thanks to the banks and their challenge for us all this year. We started with 15 places on offer for the camp including 5 for Explorers. The 10 places for the scout group are filled and deposits taken way back in January. However the balances remain outstanding which were indicated in May but for completeness

Leaders: Sharon and Tony

Scouts: Callum, Carl, Elliot, Fraser, Jake, Hannah, Meghan, Sophie,

Money raising and camp balance

Target amount	£400
Initial deposit	£50
Projected parent contribution balance £100 revised in May to £150	£150
Money raised so far (£500)	£50
Total to raise	£150

We have had some difficulties in staging the climbing event through permissions and waivers and along with the recent operation on my hand the opportunity to put it off a week is welcome. I have been worried about letting the side down but in the eventuality this will give some of the scouts more time to get sponsors. Thanks to the intervention of Tesco and the sponsored climb it looks like it will be possible for us to complete our fundraising task as we continue to pull together as a group. I am sorry if this means that another weekend is taken up fundraising but the alternative is to ask for more money from parents that already may be struggling. I am sure that nobody wants to be the slow wheel on this one. This is a great opportunity put on especially and exclusively for us at a time when there is a waiting list for groups at other stores. This is especially needed after support in other quarters has been more than disappointing this year. I know fundraising is not sexy and is not always convenient with parties, and other enticing events in the scout's calendars but so far I am proud of the efforts that have been made by working together and not just paying lip service to the idea.

Those that have not been able to keep up have dropped out from the European trip. We always said that for this to have any value everyone would have to be on board since this is a team effort for the

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expedition not just a holiday and sets the scene for events like the DoE gold expedition and relief efforts that go with the explorer belt. Otherwise we would have simply gone to the seaside and put our hand out for the money to parents. Kandersteg informs me that there is now an overbooking on the site of 500 people so we are incredibly lucky to get in and join positive young people from all around the world.

Kit list and all that

Our itinerary may have to change slightly through financial issues but the duration of the trip and kit list remains unchanged. We are using our standard camp kit list but suggest that people bring lighter items where possible to make life easier. For a change we are anticipating taking cutlery and crockery in herbie to reduce the issues of lost plates etc. So these can be removed from your lists. However a lunchbox, water bottle or bladder and cup are still essential items. Since we are travelling up into the mountains and camping at over 3500m clothing must cope with summer and winter weather so waterproofs must be packed although it is likely to be t-shirt and shorts weather for most of our stay. Joining instructions will be available at scouts in Thursday.

At the fundraiser tomorrow I shall be bringing along the order form for the camp t-shirt/polo shirt since the order has to be in pronto.

Documentation

I hope that I don't have to remind people that they will need a valid passport and an e111 medical card. Since most of our travellers went to Europe with family and school I anticipate that we will all have these. We will be making photo badges of all the scouts in our party next week at scouts. Paperwork on final joining next week need to be returned asap to complete everything.

If you have any personal issues or further queries at this stage please do not hesitate to contact Sharon or I.

Tony

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Top half uniform for travel (hat, scarf, polo shirt)
Clothes for 10 days plus one spare set
Water bottle/bladder/mug, clearly marked please
Stout shoes or walking boots
Trainers
Sandals or crocks
Waterproof jacket
Spare thick socks
Torch with spare batteries
Sleeping bag
Carrymat or similar sleeping mat
Swimsuit and towel
Hat for evenings
Washing kit
Towel
Playing cards or small game
Rucksack or holdall – Please no bin bags as they do not last.
Packed lunch for outward journey in day-sack or other small bag
Carrier bag or bin bag for wet clothes
Pocket money
Cheap camera