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Blackland Farm 4th – 5th April 2009

Dear Group Leader,

At Ticehurst we like to camp! And we like to camp with other people. We are renowned for activity camps that start with an idea and become monsters! After the county camping competition last year we thought that it would be good to see how our scouts' camping standard measured up to their peers. A competition sounded like a great idea. So we challenge you to pit your group camping skills against ours.

The rules are pretty simple and are attached. The venue is Blackland Farm Near East Grinstead; a site with good tent pitches and great toilet facilities. Any style of tents will be welcome and a team is four scouts aged between 10 ½ and 14 ½ on 1st April 2009 (that's no joke). Your group can enter as many teams as you can muster but the group competition will be scored on the top two teams from every group. Teams that do not comply with the rules will be allowed to camp but will not score in the competition.

To enter please return the entry form with cheques payable to 1st Ticehurst scout group. We have to inform Blackland Farm of the number of campers so the closing date for entries will be 22nd March 2009

Goose: What are you doing?

Maverick: Just wondering who's the best.

Viper: In case some of you are wondering who the best is, they're up here

Top Gun

Yours Sincerely

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The Rules

Team	<p>A team must consist of 4 invested scouts or guides aged between 10 ½ and 14 ½ The maximum sum of ages for a team is 52 years. Single sex and mixed teams are welcome. We must be notified before the event if team members have special needs so that we can determine whether we can fully support them on this event.</p>
Equipment	<p>The following items are the minimum equipment required. Other items are encouraged but must be carried to the camping site by the team.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Any style of tents for suitable overnight accommodation. For mixed teams separate accommodation is essential.2. Store tent for food and tools etc3. A shelter for the team to sit under/eat/ prepare food4. First aid kit for a patrol camp5. Equipment to prepare, serve and clean up meals6. Personal equipment for a weekend camp in UK weather conditions.
Arrival	<p>Teams are expected to arrive and be dropped off at Blackland Farm reception. Check in is at 12:00 midday. Each team must arrive in top half uniform and present themselves and their kit to the organisers' check-in desk on the camping field. The team will be allocated a pitch and given a team number for the weekend. If the team is incomplete or deemed inadequately equipped to take part they will be allowed to participate but will not score in the group competition. The patrol leader for each team must make themselves known to the check in team. No teams of less than three members will be allowed to camp.</p> <p>Teams must provide on arrival:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Health forms for each team member2. A menu of meals for the weekend3. A kit list of team equipment.4. Details of a stunt/skit or song for the campfire
Programme of events and scoring	<p>Saturday Lunchtime arrive and check-in. Present paperwork (judged) Afternoon free time to set up camp or explore Dinner - make a meal (judged) Evening Campfire - each team must bring a stunt or song.(judged) Wide game for all</p> <p>Sunday Make breakfast (judged) Final camp inspection (including gadgets etc)(judged) Free time with some skills demos if people are interested. Breakdown camp (judged) Final scores and prizes</p>

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Fires and cooking Open fires will be the preferred method of cooking. Blackland Farm has concrete bases and altar fires available for use. It has an ample supply of wood available.

Toilets and personal hygiene Blackland Farm has good toilet facilities. Teams will be expected to provide their own toiletries and use them.

Electronic equipment and personal valuables There is no need for electronic devices of any kind to be brought to the competition with the exception of torches. Any electrical devices will be confiscated and points deducted. There is a tuck shop onsite but opportunity to spend money is limited. Please do not bring valuables that may be lost.

Judges No members of 1st Ticehurst scout group will be on the judging panel. Judges will be invited and may include members of the girl guide and scout associations.

Point scoring

Item	Points
Arrival	20
Paperwork	20
Kit inspection	30
Evening meal	10+30+10
Campfire entertainment	20
Breakfast	10+30+10
Final camp judging	150
Breakdown and final inspection	100
Bonus points	40
Conduct	20
Total	500

Conduct Conduct of teams will be monitored at all times. Although there are only 20 points awarded for conduct, teams that behave inappropriately will be disqualified from the competition

Winners There are two categories of winners. The overall winners and runners up will be determined by the point scoring. A second category for camping style will be awarded to the team showing originality in the final camp judging.

Tips to win Camp layout, standard of camping, hygiene, presentation and style are being judged including clearing up. Careful planning before the event can achieve maximum points. Gadgets and aids to camping may score bonus points if fabricated on site. Meals from real ingredients will score higher than processed food.

Finish of event The prize awards will be at 12:00 midday. Parents and leaders are welcome to join us for the presentation. We go home after the awarding of prizes and a last litter pick of the site.

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Group Name _____

Leader Contact _____

Contact Tel: _____

Contact e-mail _____

We would like to enter _____ team(s) into the 2009 1st Ticehurst camping challenge at Blackland Farm. We enclose the team entry fee of £25 per team (cheques payable to 1st Ticehurst scout group)

Additional information

Girlguiding Blackland Farm
Grinstead Lane
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Health forms for each team member from our website at
<http://www.ticehurstscouts.co.uk/forms/health%20form.pdf>

More forms at
http://www.ticehurstscouts.co.uk/resources_forms.htm

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