

# Trip Information and Permission Form



## Shropshire Camping Weekend



We are running a weekend camping at Andy's Farmhouse in Ditton Priors on the weekend of **July 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017**. It's a single night event without any hiking or massive expenditure of energy on anything like that.

Andy's Farmhouse is a special place that only CAG get to go to: it is a woods on the side of Brown Clee owned by Andy Hardy, a friend of CAG, which features a pod with a movie projector projecting to a 15ft cinema screen with surround sound in the trees. Food is cooked by fire and accommodation is by camping. The toilet is priceless.

This is a single night event to go to Shropshire, clean up the woods, set up some new lights and sound system in the woods, watch some movies, make food on the fire, stay up late and come back the next day.

We've never done a "sit around and watch movies" weekend before and we're really looking forward to it.

We need to make a pizza oven, make a large fire, cook food on the fire and watch movies. This whole space is unique to CAG: non one else gets to go to Andy's!!

We will provide all major equipment and food, all you need to do is bring yourselves with some clothes, a sleeping bag & mat. If you need to borrow a rucksack / sleeping bag / mat we can help you with this as well. You'll find the form within this information pack.

So what are you waiting for?? ... continue reading to find out more information and complete the application form on the back page. We really hope you can join us. **This is real (lazy) CAG!!**

## Accommodation

We will be staying in the woods behind Andy's house. There is plenty of space for the tents scattered within the woods, around the communal area.

Facilities are unique - there is a fire pit surrounded by logs to sit on, water in the hose and a luxury bathroom (bucket or long drop). There is no shower so parents may wish to run very soapy bath for Sunday's return.

## Location and Local Area

The site is a minute outside the village of Ditton Priors in the heart of Shropshire. It is extremely rural but easy to get to. Travel time is 1 hour 15 minutes from Solihull.

Our address for the weekend will be:

Powkesmore Holding  
Ashfield Road  
Ditton Priors  
Shropshire, WV16 6TW

You can see this location by visiting entering the post code of WV16 6TW in Google maps at <http://maps.google.co.uk> or [click here](#).

## Weather:

The usual weather in July is usually pretty good: but it can be ANYTHING. It could be warmer or it could be cooler with rain - we have camped here in the snow in the past – but we know the area and we know that if everyone has the right gear the weather doesn't matter. This is a good weekend to test your response to the weather, test your gear and test yourself over a short weekend.

If you need advice on equipment, please let us know and we will do our best to help you prepare.

## Transport:

We will be travelling in multiple cars so please keep your kit to a minimum.

Depending on numbers attending we may be able to transport everyone with the leaders cars or we may need volunteers to take a car load there / back / both. When we know numbers we will be able to determine the requirement but if parents can volunteer to do one of the trips that will really help.

## Activities & Schedule:

The program for the trip is as follows:

Date	Activity / Event
Saturday July 1 <sup>st</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meet at Bickenhill at 12pm</li><li>• Travel to Ditton Priors – bring a packed lunch for the trip / afternoon</li><li>• Set up camp at Andy's Farmhouse</li><li>• Start installing the lights, sounds, clean up the woods</li><li>• Catch a lot of movies and (perhaps) get to bed</li></ul>
Sunday March 13 <sup>th</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Get up (not too early), pack up</li><li>• Leave site</li><li>• Return home to Bickenhill for 1.00pm (TBC)</li></ul>

## Equipment:

The weather will have every potential for rain, snow, sun, hail, wind, whatever. However, some sensible equipment will be all that is needed to enjoy the trip in comfort. You won't be cold or wet at all if you have the right equipment.

A kit list is provided on the last page, but the important items are:

- **Rucksack / bag:** you will need at least a 45 litre back pack or bag to carry all your own gear – if you are intending to do D of E or other outdoor activities in the future then aim for a 65 litre rucksack as a minimum. You need to be fitted for your rucksack if you are thinking of purchasing one. If you don't have one and aren't intending to buy one then please consider borrowing a rucksack off another member. Alternatively we have 6 rucksacks available to lend to members.
- **Good warm sleeping bag.** A reasonable sleeping bag will be in the region of £30 - £50. If you need any advice, please let us know. Alternatively, we can lend one out to you.
- **Sleeping mat.** These come in all shapes and sizes but basically you need to keep your body off the floor and on the mat with a good foam support. Typical prices around £10 - £20. If you want to go further, consider a self inflating foam mat, like a Thermarest or a model by Vango. Cost: £20 - £50. Again, we can lend one out to you if needed.
- **Waterproofs:** the weather can still be pretty changeable at this time of year. You will need water proof trousers and a jacket. If you need to get new ones, don't spend a fortune, you can get reasonable Regatta waterproofs for very little money.
- **Proper Walking boots** will be a huge bonus: we are going to be on uneven ground during the daytime that will easily twist an ankle if you are unlucky. You need to make sure you have boots, not cross trainers, shoes etc., with a good level of foot & ankle support. Don't spend a fortune, but don't skimp either!! If they don't have anything for you, try Go Outdoors in Coventry, but don't take their specials as they tend to be a bit rubbish - you always get what you pay for.

If you don't have any of the kit shown above we have rucksacks, sleeping bags and sleeping mats available to loan to you at a very small cost – we have a limited supply of these and will provide them on a first come first served basis.

## Leaders:

The leaders on this trip are as follows:

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### Leader

### A little about them, in case you didn't already know

#### Simon Thomas

**Likes:** eBay, car washing, yachting and bog snorkelling

**Dislikes:** Imperfectly washed cars, Bear Grylls and Queues

**Age:** about 12

Simon has been planning and running trips for youth groups for over 20 years. Simon has extensive mountain experience and is currently completing his Mountain Leader award.

He has a degree from Exeter Uni in cheese production. He's a very smart fella!

**Interesting Fact:** Simon can tie a knot in a twig using just the stare of his eyes!!

#### Sam Mather

**Likes:** posting mail, angry dogs, custard creams

**Dislikes:** emails!!!

**Age:** 49

Sam is our resident representative of the posting community, being a fast tracked Postman Pat. He is also a former member of CAG as a youf and now as an adult leader.

**Interesting Fact:** Sam is in fact a very poor Russian spy!!

#### Ruth Billingham

**Likes:** Lemon drizzle cake

**Dislikes:** A poorly planned and prepared pack lunch

**Age:** 21

Ruth is our safeguarding officer and looks forward to weekends away with CAG as often as possible. She's super skilled at cooking tasty ham for our pack lunches.

**Interesting Fact:** She is entering the Pilates championships to represent England in 2018.

#### Doctor Richard Ackroyd

**Likes:** Really, really, REALLY well brushed teeth and pulling them out

**Dislikes:** Tartare sauce, Coca Cola

**Age:** 20 something ...

You'll probably know Dr Ackroyd better as Dickie. As a CAG member some years ago, Dickie enjoys reliving his youth on a Tuesday evening. If you look around the hall you'll see lots of pictures of him as a teenager (and he's not changed a bit!).

**Interesting Fact:** Dickie is a dentist coz he's not clever enough to be a real doctor, but he plans to rid the world of tooth decay within 7 years.

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## Home Contact Details:

To be confirmed prior to trip departure.

## Trip Cost

The cost of the trip £30.

## Application

To apply to go on the trip please return your form AND trip fee by Tuesday June 27<sup>th</sup> or by posting to:

**Simon Thomas**

**75 St Johns Close, Knowle, Solihull, B93 0NN**

**Please return your form by 27<sup>th</sup> June.**

If you have any questions about the trip or can't return your forms by that time please email [simon@challengeadventure.org](mailto:simon@challengeadventure.org) to notify him of your intention to camp.

# Intention to Camp:

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Your name:

Name of CAG member intending to take part in the trip:

I understand the cost of the trip will be £30 (non-refundable in the case of acceptance on the trip). Method of payment:

I will pay to the CAG account (sort 402622, acc 41271806), or:  Please take payment from my member funds account

I understand the trip will run from the dates of July 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017.

I understand the deadline for application and payment will be **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2017**. If I don't complete the payment by that date I understand my son's place may be offered to another CAG member.

By signing this form I confirm that the above named CAG member will take part in the trip, and I will be liable for the full cost of the trip, unless otherwise notified by the leader in charge, in the event that my son will not be able to take part for whatever reason.

Signed:

Date:

## Equipment Rental

			Rental Cost
I would like to borrow a sleeping mat:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	£2
I would like to borrow a sleeping bag:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	£5
I would like to borrow a rucksack:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	£5

Please add the cost of your rental to the trip cost of £30 when making payment.

I understand the sleeping bags need to be cleaned & aired and the mats to be wiped clean before returning them. I undertake to return the equipment in its original condition and will make good any requirements for repair or replacement for whatever reason whilst in my possession.

I understand the equipment is rented out on a first come first serve basis.

# Permission to Camp:



## Shropshire Hiking Weekend

To be signed by a parent / guardian. Please complete legibly in black ink.

Please return the lower section of this form signed and dated by **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2017** to Simon Thomas at the next meeting or to 75 St Johns Close, Knowle, Solihull, B93 0NN.

The trip will take place at:

**Powkesmore Holding, Ashfield Road  
Ditton Priors, Shropshire, WV16 6TW**

The trip will take place on July 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017.

We are leaving from CAG Towers, Bickenhill on July 1<sup>st</sup> at 12pm and will return at 1.00pm on July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The cost of the trip is £30.

No responsibility for the personal equipment / clothing and effects can be accepted by the camp organisers and Challenge Adventure Group does not provide automatic insurance cover in respect to such items.

I give permission for

to attend the Shropshire Camping Trip on July 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Has she / he been in contact with any infectious diseases within the last three weeks:

Yes  No

Date of last tetanus immunisation: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Medicines currently being taken:

Does she / he have any allergies to food, medicines or other? Please provide details.

Does he / she have any special dietary needs? Please provide details.

Does he / she have any special needs? Please continue overleaf if necessary.

Does he / she have any conditions that may prevent him / her from taking part in the programmed activities?

Yes  No

If so, please provide details below. Please continue overleaf if necessary.

Name and address of own doctor:

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

During the event I can be contacted in an emergency at:

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Number: \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that the Leader reserves the right to send any participants home if necessary. If it becomes necessary for my child to receive medical treatment and I cannot be contacted by telephone or any other means to authorise this, I hereby give my general consent to any necessary medical treatment and authorise the leader in charge of the trip to sign any document required by the hospital authorities.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Note: The medical profession takes the view that the parent's consent to medical treatment cannot be delegated. This view is explicit in the Children Act 1989. Thus medical consent forms have no legal status and a doctor/nurse insisting on the consent of a parent to a particular treatment has the right to do so.

# Kit List:

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You will need the following:

- Plenty of thin layers
- A hat (preferably fleece)
- Gloves
- Waterproofs
- A set of clothes to travel home in

The following list is a minimum that you must bring.

**You must have WATERPROOFS.** That doesn't mean 'showerproof', but WATERPROOF. If you need to get equipment, some suggestions for you:

- Go to Millets in Solihull – they will give you 10% discount if you mention you are with Challenge Adventure Group (ask them to put it down as a scout discount if they look confused). DofE participants get 15% off at Cotswold Outdoors on production of their DofE card.
- If you need to buy boots: don't spend a fortune! You will be able to get a very reasonably priced set of boots that are sturdy and not too padded. The spongy cheap padded boots will rub so don't buy these either. Get leather uppers if possible, they will be more waterproof and last longer.

### Required!!

- Underwear x 1
- Socks x 1
- T shirts x 1
- Sweatshirt or fleece (preferable)
- Warm Jacket
- Hat & gloves (If cold overnight)}
- Head Torch & Spare Batteries
- Water bottle
- Spare plastic bags for dirty / wet clothes
- Walking boots & walking boot socks
- Waterproof Jacket
- Waterproof Trousers
- Sleeping Bag – **no pillow!**
- Sleeping Mat

### Please note:

Cotton clothing will pick up moisture very quickly and won't dry in the conditions we will be in. Please make sure that you don't bring cotton clothing if you can.

### Naming Items:

Please make sure all of your items are suitably marked or named so that you can reclaim them. We always have items of clothing left over that probably amount to over £100. If they are named we will be able to get them back to you. Call Simon on 07808 481688 if you have any questions.

### For eating:

- A plastic bowl
- A 'spork' (spoon & fork in one)
- Plastic cup or mug

### Optional

- Thermal underclothing: top and bottom
- Cards
- Camera
- A full washkit – if will it be used?
- Personal first aid kit

### Do NOT bring:

- A knife of any kind – you won't need it
- Jeans or Chinos!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- Mobile Phone!!!!!! There's no signal there.
- Ipod or other music player if you don't want to damage it – it will be your responsibility.
- PSP / Game Boy Advance, etc ditto.

### Spending money:

There will not be any opportunities at all to spend money other than during the trip to Shropshire for chips IF WE STOP (bring a packed lunch if you want) - £10 will be more than enough.