



1st Berryfields Scout Group

Camping Rules

- 1) **Food at camp:** For health and safety reasons no one must bring any food, drinks or sweets with them to camp. Food will go 'off' if stored in a tent and will also encourage ants, squirrels and other animals. It should be noted that on the Friday evening at the start of camp, whilst there is normally a late supper of soup and bread, campers should have dinner before they leave home. Similarly on the Sunday, lunch at camp is normally something cold e.g. sandwiches, not a cooked Sunday lunch.
- 2) **What to wear and what to bring:** Scouts need to wear uniform to arrive and depart from the camp. Whilst at camp they can wear what they want, however the group scarf will always be worn. Please ensure that every single item of clothing is marked with a name. We spent quite a bit of time just before departure trying to find owners for odd socks etc. Quite a good system to pack a set of clothes for each day in a clear plastic bag with a label on it and also provide another labelled plastic bag for dirty clothes.
- 3) **Contact during camp:** For each camp a home contact is appointed, this person is the central point of contact, for any emergencies arising during camp. That person will not be on the camp itself, their number will be advised in the camp letter.
- 4) **Not permitted to bring:** scouts are not permitted to bring mobile phones, MP3 players and the like or electronic games to camp.
- 5) **Discipline at camp:** We try to operate with the minimum of rules, but do insist on politeness, good manners, cleanliness, particularly at mealtimes and being friendly towards each other. Also, some activities are of an adventurous nature, such as archery and shooting, we do expect Scouts to listen and obey any instructions / rules given by the leader of the activity. We also try and instill some idea of keeping their individual kit organized and tidy – this sometimes takes a while! Where Scouts consistently misbehave, they may be required to undertake a menial task, such as extra washing up. On the last day of camp we hold a tent and kit inspection. This might appear somewhat regimented, but the intention is to ensure that as far as possible everyone goes home with their own clothes and that nothing is missing.
- 6) **Health Matters:** You will receive a health form before camp which needs to be completed and returned to the leader before camp. All Leaders have had First Aid training and have been vetted by the Scout Association for child protection purposes. All other adults staying on camp need to be similarly vetted by completion of a Scout DBS check. Where any health matters are advised on the camp form, the leader will discuss with you any particular treatments required and take charge of the appropriate medicine for the

duration of the camp. Any non-medical health matters should be advised as well e.g. any tendency to wet a bed, so that the Leaders can be prepared.

- 7) **Safety and security:** 1st Berryfield Scout Group will generally use designated Scout campsites for their camping experiences. All these sites are run in accordance with the scout association rules (POR) and their child protection policy. All section leaders are fully aware of their responsibilities under these rules and to follow risk assessments provided at each camp.
- 8) **Using Toilet Blocks During The Day:** Children must always ensure that they go in groups of at least 2 and that a leader has been informed. They must go straight there and straight back and inform the same leader of their return.
- 9) **Using Toilets at Night:** If a child needs to use the toilet at night they must always wake a scout leader. If a porta loo is provided this must be used at night. If the toilet block is to be used 2 leaders will escort the child to and from the toilet and ensure they are returned safely to their tent. **Under no circumstances are children to go to the toilet block at night on their own.**
- 10) I must ask that parents reaffirm to all their children that the above list of guidelines and instructions are followed at all times. Often they are to aid their enjoyment at camp but are specifically for their safety. All these instructions will be read out to parents and children at pre-camp meetings and again at the beginning of all camps and residential experience's.