

SUMMER CAMPS FAQ's



For ages 16-17 years

Q1- Can I attend with my friends?

A- Yes of course! If you sign up for the same dates you will be able to enjoy the experience together!

Remember if you are using this for your Gold DofE residential, you can only know 25% of participants, so let us know if you are coming with a big group and we can make sure you are fitting these criteria! Don't worry if you are coming solo, lots of our summer campers do, and this is an excellent chance to meet new friends!

Q2- What adjustments can be made for my additional needs?

A- We are happy to make appropriate adjustments to accommodate for your additional needs however we will need to be informed of what they are in advance for this to be possible. Our staff have extensive training with SEN needs and our site is fully accessible. You can do this by sending us an email or giving us a call.

Unfortunately, we are not able to offer 1:1 support or personal care.

Q3- How will I get this signed off for DofE?

A- Our leaders will be your assessors! We can even sign it off retrospectively if you are yet to have the paperwork for the Gold DofE.

Q4- Are the power sockets available?

A- There will be very limited power sockets available on site. Therefore, we encourage everyone to bring a power bank/ portable charger with you. If you have a solar panel powered one, that would be even better.

Q5- Is there WIFI?

A- There will be no WIFI available on site. There is 4G access available and good phone signal.

Q6- What food is supplied?

A- A varied menu will be provided for the camps, including three meals a day and access to tea and coffee and water/ squash throughout. These will be prepared by our experienced in-house chef.

Breakfast - consisting of items such as fruit, yogurt, cereal, toast, croissants and bacon and sausage sandwiches.

Lunch - items such as sandwiches, sausage rolls, pasta pots, crisps, biscuit bars and fruit.

Dinners - will vary and there will be at least 2 options each evening that you can pick from, and, of course, fruit and desserts.

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Q7- Can dietary requirements be catered for?

A- Yes, so long as we are made aware of what they are in advance. Please send us an email or give us a call on booking.

Q8- Will I be forced to do any activities?

A- We will never force anyone to take part in any activity however we will encourage everyone to take part. We want everyone to get the best out of the week!

Q9- How much will it cost?

A- The cost of the 5-day, 4-night 16-17 year old residential will be £399/per person

Q10- What will the accommodation be?

A- You will be staying in festival style bell tents in our glamping village! Think fairy lights and bunting! These big tents are only a short walk to our toilets and showers which are individual enclosed cubicles. You will need to bring your own bedding and something to sleep on e.g., a sleeping bag and roll mat

Q11 Can I choose who I share a tent with?

A- The tents sleep between 4-6 people. You will be able to choose to stay with friends and make new friends! We are very accommodating so let us know before if you need a specific sleeping arrangement and we will do our best to accommodate this.

Q12 What are the shower/ toilet facilities?

B- Each cubicle is its own private room, allowing privacy when showering, changing and using the facilities. These facilities are not gender specific as they are individual enclosed units.

Q12 What activities will I be doing?

A- There will be a mix of exciting, outdoor adventure activities such as climbing, kayaking, paddleboarding, bushcraft, archery and abseiling. Also life skill-based sessions such as first aid, a cooking challenge and leadership sessions. Throughout free time there will be elective options such as arts and crafts and team sports. In the evenings we will enjoy activities such as a campfire, zorbing and even a bin bag fashion show!

Q13 What should I wear to sleep in?

A- As you are camping it gets chilly at night, so it is very important to wrap up warm. We recommend long trousers, hoodies and lots of layers. We recommend a sleeping bag to keep you cosy.

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Q14 What clothing will I need to bring?

A- Warm clothes for the evenings and clothes you can take part in outdoor activities in! Once you have signed up we will provide a full kit list with recommendations of what to bring.

Q15 What time is drop off on the Monday and pick up on the Friday?

A- Drop off on Monday will be 12pm and pick up on Friday will be 12pm. If you need alternative timings, please give us a call to discuss options.

Q16 How will I get to the residential camp?

A- Transport to the camp is not provided. You will need to arrange getting to and from The Caldecotte Xperience, Milton Keynes.

Q17 Who are the staff on the camps?

A- There will be a Camp Leader overall responsible for each age group from our core Action4Youth staff. All leaders will stay on site, in nearby tents, for the duration of the camp. All our staff are experienced in working with young people and have first aid and safeguarding training. All staff have an enhanced DBS with barred list check. There will also be qualified instructors providing the outdoor activities and there will be a site duty manager on shift 24/7.

Any further questions please contact:

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