



7<sup>th</sup> July 2010

## Camp 2010

Dear Families,

As we're sure you will all know by now, AGOSC will be holding it's first residential camp this autumn. Below you should find all of the information you will need but if you have any other questions please feel free to speak to a member of staff.

### **Dates**

We will be leaving on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October and returning on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Times**

A coach will leave, from the Caretaker's House, at 5pm on Friday and return, to the Caretaker's House, at 3pm on Sunday.

### **Venue**

We will be going to Barton Camp ([www.bartoncamp.co.uk](http://www.bartoncamp.co.uk)), near Winscombe in North Somerset. It is a purpose built camp for children and has excellent facilities including:

- A heated swimming pool
- An indoor sports hall
- An activity room
- Adventure playground
- An outdoor den
- A sports field

If and when you book you will be provided with contact details for the site and for staff. We will take parent/carer telephone numbers so that children will be able to contact their parents should they wish to.

### **Accommodation**

Children will be in single sex dormitories. There will be approximately 12 children in each dorm. If you feel it would be better for your child, there are a limited number of 2 bed rooms available, please speak to a member of staff about this. There are single sex bathrooms for each room. Children need to bring a sleeping bag, pillow and pillow case with them.

### **Activities**

Children will be able to freely choose activities throughout the weekend, a member of staff will accompany groups wherever they decide to play. We will take with us sports equipment and some art and craft activities. If children have ideas for activities they can speak to one of the playworkers before we go so that we can plan and prepare for it.

## Staffing

There will be a minimum of 1 playworker for every 5 children that come. All staff who attend hold Paediatric First Aid certificates and have current CRB checks. There will always be a qualified swimming teacher present when the children use the pool. At least 1 member of staff will have their car with them in case of emergencies.

## Food

We will be self-catering and staff (and children if they want to help) will prepare 3 meals per day and 3 snacks per day. We will, of course, cater for dietary requirements. If your child has any dietary needs that we are not already aware of then please speak to a member of staff as soon as possible.

Here is our proposed menu:

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| • Friday   | Evening meal – Pasta + Pesto with salad, fruit<br>- Hot chocolate and a treat   |
| • Saturday | Breakfast – cereal and toast, juice<br>- fruit and a drink<br>Lunch – Jacket potatoes (with beans, cheese + salad), fruit<br>- biscuit and a drink<br>Evening meal – BBQ (sausages, burgers + salads), fruit<br>- Hot chocolate and a treat |
| • Sunday   | Breakfast – Eggs, bacon and toast, juice<br>- fruit and a drink<br>Lunch –sandwiches (ham, cheese, salad) + crisps, fruit<br>- biscuit and a drink  |

## Packing

It is important that children do not bring clothes that they cannot get wet and muddy! We ask that no valuables are brought, although children might like to bring 1 soft toy with them.

There is no shop and we will not be going on any trips so children do not need any money.

Here is our suggested list of what to bring:

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| • <b>Clothes:</b>                            | • <b>Other:</b>                               |
| • Underwear (at least 1 spare pair)          | Sleeping bag                                  |
| • Socks (at least 1 spare pair)              | Pillow  |
| • Swimwear                                   | Pillow case                                   |
| • Pyjamas                                    | Towel   |
| • Slippers                                   | Book  |
| • Dressing gown or jumper                    | Soft toy                                      |
| • Raincoat                                   | A few carrier bags                            |
| • Wellies, boots or old trainers             | Wash bag (shampoo,<br>shower gel, toothbrush, |
| • A warm jumper/fleece                       | toothpaste, sponge,                           |
| • 2/3 t-shirts                               | hairbrush/comb)                               |
| • 2 pairs of trousers (preferably not jeans) |   |