

APOLLO EXPLORER SCOUT UNIT WATFORD SOUTH DISTRICT SCOUTS



LEES WOOD CREW

To all Explorers, and Parents

I would just like to explain to everyone exactly what is involved with Crew at Lees Wood.

This campsite, behind Wippendell Woods, is half owned by our District. We have a responsibility to look after it and to run it. That responsibility is 1 weekend in 8, to be there as a crew to assist the Warden. We as Explorers have committed to this 1 in 8 programme, and I would expect all Apollo Explorers to attend whenever they can, and at least 2 or 3 times a year.

Crew are expected to turn up from around 6pm on a Friday evening, and to be there until the middle of the afternoon on Sunday. I appreciate people are busy, but coming to Crew is a commitment we all need to stick to. I would expect everyone to be there by 9.30pm on Friday night and to stay until the last campers have left on the Sunday, usually about 3pm. If you need to leave for a few hours for a lesson or to go to church, this is fine but you will be expected back after a few hours. Please make sure you can confirm for the whole weekend, or speak to me to discuss. I do not accept people leaving early on Sunday as that is our busiest time and we all want to go home.

I appreciate there are pressures of school work and homework for Explorer age young people, and so am happy to enforce a "Friday evening study period" so that those staying for the weekend will have the opportunity to do their homework. There may even be the opportunity of help from others if there are a few working together.

The job of Crew is to look after the campsite and any campers there at the weekend. Tasks in the past have included fence building, tree planting, site clearances, toilet cleaning, running the shop, running activities and wide-games as well as wood chopping and picking up litter. In fact any job that comes up tends to be given to crew. All jobs are supervised and any Risk Assessments are done by the Warden and his staff.

Crew have their own cabin to stay in, and it is fully fitted with two bunk rooms, a kitchen, a living room, a dining room, a toilet and a log fire, as well as TV and a music centre. The beds in the bunk rooms are supplied with mattresses and sheets, but you will **need to bring your sleeping bag and pillow**. The bunk rooms are normally allocated male and female, unless we have all boys/girls attending.

All you need to bring with you is old clothes to work in, old boots, warm clothes and waterproofs in the winter, and a torch is always handy.

There will always be a leader from our district in camp when we have Explorers on crew, and they will normally do all the cooking as well. We will be required to supply our own food for the weekend, but this is normally done by the Leader in charge. We have an agreement in place that if you stay for any meals, you pay £10.00 towards food. Obviously the longer you stay, and so the more meals you stay for, the better this one off price becomes.

NB; Due to instances of Explorers booking themselves into Crew, and then not showing up, all food monies are now payable on the Thursday night before. No payment, no go. £10 Cash Please

You will need to complete a yearly Permission form to come to Crew, but please do let me know if any medical circumstances change throughout the year.

The Dates for Crew this year, 2019, are...

Feb 1/2/3
March 22/23/24
May 10/11/12
June 28/29/30
Aug 16/17/18
Oct 4/5/6
Nov 15/16/17 (Green Beret)
Nov 29/30/01

Lees Wood is located at the top of Fir Tree Hill, Chandlers Cross, and is found by going to the end of Grove Mill Lane, turning left, then left again after 200mtrs, just as you go into the trees.

On a final note, please can I remind all Explorers, that it is both illegal and against Scout Association rules for ANY Explorer Scout to consume alcohol whilst on a scout event.

Any questions, then just ask.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Toby Stromberg'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'T' and 'S'.

Toby Stromberg
District Explorer Scout Commissioner

Apollo Explorer Unit Watford South District



EXPLORER PERSONAL INFORMATION FORM

NAME.....

Lees Wood Crew 2019

CRB Clearance and Membership number – required if over 18

Please fill in this form and return it with the payment asap. This information is needed for your child to have a happy and safe Crew and every effort will be made to that end. Toby is a fully qualified First Aider with the Red Cross, and every uniformed leader is First Aid trained. The Crew leaders reserve the right to send your child home from Crew – at your expense – if their behaviour is deemed inappropriate, dangerous, or not aligned with the values of Scouting

Has your child been **immunised against tetanus** within the last 5 years? YES/NO

Has your child any **allergies or sensitivities** eg. Penicillin, Plasters, Disinfectant etc.? YES/NO
If YES please give details on the back.

Will your child need, or be taking any **medicine** during the camp? YES/NO

If YES please:

a) fill in details on back

b) please inform Toby of the details and give him the medicines with clear instructions, before the camp.

Does your child have **any condition** that we should know of eg. *Bed Wetting, Sleep Walking, Hyperactivity?* YES/NO
If YES please give details on back.

Does your child require any **special diet** for medical or religious reasons? YES/NO
If YES please give details on back?

His/Her National Health No is

Name and address of family doctor

Please tell us if your child comes into contact with any infectious diseases within 3 weeks prior to the event.

In the event of any illness or accident requiring emergency hospital treatment, I authorise Mr. T. Stromberg or the CREW LEADER (Apollo Explorer Scout Unit), to sign on my behalf any written form of consent required by the hospital if the delay required to obtain my own signature was considered inadvisable by the doctor or surgeon concerned.

The First Aid kit is available for you to view, and by signing below you give consent for its contents to be administered as and when is seen fit by the qualified first aider (excluding the Neurofen and Aspirin and other medication). If you have not seen the first aid kit, please see Toby to request to view it.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Address

Tel number /s