

## Robin Wood Evening 31.1.14

### Welcome

- 😊 A fantastic experience.
- 😊 Puts children in situations they may never have encountered before.
- 😊 Challenges them to achieve personal bests through positive encouragement.
- 😊 No matter how far they get they are given a sense of achievement.
- 😊 We ask that ch do not opt out but have a go at everything.
- 😊 Promotes teamwork.
- 😊 Good for teaching independence: the ch need to be in the right place at the right time, wearing right equipment!
  
- 😊 Have to make own beds: can they practise putting on a duvet cover & pillowslip?

### Equipment

- 😊 Warm clothes that may get dirty/damaged. Don't be fooled by warm weather here. Fleece, gloves & waterproofs will be provided, as will wellies. Do not bring own wellies.
- 😊 Comfortable walking boots/shoes for the journey there.
- 😊 Insect repellent and sunscreen: but the ch must apply these themselves.
- 😊 Any medication/inhalers: dosage clearly marked.

- 😊 Every item of clothing, towels, toiletries & underwear to be named. (150 children: washing can get mixed up.) Make sure ch know what colour towel they have, etc.
- 😊 Make sure they know where things are packed. It is easier to live out of the bag/case to keep dorm tidy. (child who could not find socks in zip pocket of bag.)
- 😊 Must be responsible for own kit. Don't leave it in showers: it will disappear!
- 😊 Money: named purse with paper how much. To be given to JR on morning before we leave. 1 trip to tuck shop & limit of £1.00 on sweets. Can buy souvenirs. Price list is displayed.
- 😊 No electronic games/CD players/Ipods. Dorms are not locked.
- 😊 Disposable cameras preferable to expensive ones.
- 😊 Swimming items for pool challenge can be brought but these are not on the official list from Robin Wood, so not essential.

### Bus Journey

- 😊 Very warm clothes. Girls wear trousers. No skirts please!
- 😊 Small backpack for journey. (Not on walk)
- 😊 A small bottle of water.
- 😊 No sweets except mints. Bus driver requests no chewing gum.
- 😊 Meet at gate at 8.30am. The coach will leave at 8.45 prompt so that we can arrive on time. Luggage must have been loaded by then.

## Food

- 😊 Do not need packed lunch.
- 😊 On way to RW ch will choose own menus. RW want them to eat enough to keep up energy levels but we will encourage them not to choose jam sandwiches every day.
- 😊 Ch not able to phone home: it encourages homesickness & they are too busy.
- 😊 No mobiles: no signal. We will contact school in emergency, school will contact you.
- 😊 If you have emergency, contact Mrs. Cowling & she will contact us.
- 😊 Return journey: back at 5pm. I will ring Mrs. C if we are delayed.

## Rules

- 😊 School rules apply at all times. In case of inappropriate behaviour, ch will be 'asked', 'warned' then 'consequence': Time out from activity.
- 😊 R.Wood course leaders may enforce this without consulting teachers.
- 😊 RW staff expect ch to listen to instructions at all times: safety depends on this.
- 😊 Ch must not argue about a decision by a member of staff.
- 😊 They must not go into other dorms, including those with our own school.
- 😊 They must not make comments/react to ch from other schools. This is not the kind of visit where we liaise with other children.

😊 In the event of serious misbehaviour Mrs. C will come & bring them back to school.

😊 Please bring medication before the day as it will need to be written onto a form in order to administer to the children.

### Supervision

😊 Most of the time 2 adults to 10 ch. On specialised activities 3 adults.

😊 Night staff on duty all night to supervise behaviour etc. Panic buttons in every dorm & CCTV cameras in corridors. If ch feels ill/upset, go with friend to chair in Reception. Staff will come within 5 mins. If necessary, staff will wake Mrs. Roy or Miss B.

😊 Groups will be announced when we arrive. These are fixed.

😊 No idea which dormitories we are in until we arrive.

### Activities

😊 You will see a selection of the activities on the photos. If there is bad weather, some of these may be changed. At all times, the safety of the children is paramount & this may determine whether an activity goes ahead: in windy conditions, high activities will be cancelled.

### Photos

😊 During visit the other teachers & I will share camera & do our best to take photos of all ch at some point. There will be an evening to share these when we return.