



## 8<sup>TH</sup> BASINGSTOKE (URC) SCOUT GROUP



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**Get Active: 16-17 May 2009**

Get Active is an activity weekend at Lyon's Copse near Botley. The weekend is an ideal introduction to camping as we try to make it as easy for you as possible.

You'll need to be dropped off at Lyons Copse on Saturday morning when you'll take part in the Get Active Challenge Day which includes activities such as Mountain Bikes, Cooking, Carts, Archery, Rafting, Disk Golf, Low Ropes, Abseiling, Assault Course and much more...

We'll then camp over night – after cooking and eating dinner of course. On Sunday morning you'll help cook breakfast and then head out on a lightweight hike or cycle ride. In the afternoon you'll need to be picked up from Lyons Copse around 4pm.

### **All the important questions and answers**

**When is it?** Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May. Exact times will be confirmed closer to the event.

**Where is it?** Lyons Copse near Botley

**How much will it cost?** You get the camp, all the activities and all your food for just £30.

**How will we get there?** Unfortunately we are not able to organise transport to the camp so you will need to get your parents to take you to Lyon's Copse or talk to one of the other scouts to get a lift.

**Who else will be there?** There will be scouts from all over the county at the camp. The event is run by a team of experienced leaders from Scout groups across the county. There will be female leaders at the event.

**Where will we be sleeping?** We will provide a tent for you to share with 2 or 3 other scouts. Girls will share with other girls and boys will share with other boys. If there is someone you particularly want to share a tent with please let us know.

**What will I need to take?** We've attached a kit list which gives an indication of what you need to bring. If you haven't got any of the essential items please talk to us in advance as we have some equipment (including hiking boots, sleeping bags and roll mats) that you can borrow.

**What if my parents need to contact me? Can I bring a mobile phone?** We ask that you do not bring mobile phones on camp. They cause distractions and are likely to get lost or damaged. As all the leaders are busy during the camp and mobile phone reception can be variable we ask that any parents who need to contact scouts do so through the Home Contact. The Home Contact is available throughout the weekend and has all the details needed to pass a message to leaders on site. Similarly, if we need to contact parents during the event (if we are going to be late back or a scout is ill) then we will do that through the Home Contact. We'll give you details of who the Home Contact is closer to the event.

**What happens if it rains or the weather is bad? Will the camp be cancelled?** The camp will not be cancelled for anything but the most severe weather. All scouts are required to bring a waterproof jacket so that activities can continue in light rain. If the rain gets heavier we'll have shelters and tents available to keep dry and fires to keep warm. In the unlikely event of extreme weather conditions there are buildings available for shelter until arrangements can be made to get scouts home.

**Will we take part in the Hike or Cycle Ride?** It depends on how many people go on the camp and what everyone wants to do. We've asked you to let us know which you'd prefer to do on the reply form and we'll confirm closer to the time. If you want to do the Cycle Ride please note that you will need to get your own bike to the site and provide all necessary safety gear.

## **Booking a place**

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To book a place, return the form below along with a deposit of £10 by Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March. Although we may be able to accept additional bookings after this point it may not be possible if the camp is full.

## **Any questions?**

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If you have any questions about the camp or want more information please let us know.

Yours in Scouting,

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