



## **Thriftwood Scout Campsite Campsite**



### **Answers for parents, carers or guardians of children coming to Thriftwood**

**Handing over responsibility for your children can be very nerve-wracking. We hope this Q&A sheet helps allay any concerns that you might have.**

**What measures are taken to ensure my child's safety?** – All Thriftwood staff have enhanced Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) checks, are trained in child protection and are First Aiders. Our session instructors all have National Governing Body Certification or have received complete operational training and are competent in our activities.

**What happens if there is an emergency?** – Our team are fully trained and capable of handling emergency situations. If an emergency occurs off session or in the night a duty member of staff will be available to help.

**What clothes should my child bring with them?** – We recommend that your child bring old, comfortable clothes for every day of their stay. Please ensure they have warm clothes for the evenings, sun hats etc. Old trainers or wet shoes are ideal for wet and muddy activities whilst a spare pair is useful for dry activities (e.g. climbing) and socialising. It is advisable to bring a waterproof coat / jacket.

**Can my child bring their mobile phone?** – We advise against bringing any valuables including mobiles as they are easily lost or damaged. Please be advised that your child will not be allowed a phone whilst partaking in the activity sessions (most of the day). A small amount of money is useful to spend in the vending machines and tuck shop.

**What facilities are available on their stay?** – Thriftwood has just had new facilities added, which include residential buildings, cooking/dining lodges, tented village and toilet and shower buildings. The toilets are separate male and female plus we have those specially designed for those with special physical needs. Our accommodation varies from large hiking style tents, fixed frame tents with bunks to residential buildings, all of which have separate leader rooms. All indoor accommodation is fully fitted with smoke alarms and illuminated fire exits and assembly points.

**What will my child be eating on their stay?** – Our dedicated catering partners are fully capable of providing three meals a day. The menus are varied and specifically designed to nourish the young people after their activity sessions. We cater for most dietary needs; please ensure you tell your group leader. There are water points and vending machines for energy boosts.

**My question hasn't been answered and I would like some more details. What can I do?** – You can find our contact details below. Feel free to contact us and we will gladly respond to your enquiry.

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