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The Gathering Welcome Pack

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Housekeeping (or rather Campkeeping!)

Check In

Check in at the Event HQ (Bowring Hut Hut by car park) once your group arrives on site! Please make sure you follow the traffic management instructions for arrival and departure times, and alert us to any no photo children so that we can give you the correct amount of wristbands.

Medical Details

As you have overall responsibility for the Young People in your care, it is important that you have medical details for all those camping with you. This can be in whatever format you normally use, OSM Print out, Information forms, Online via shared drives with offline access, whatever the normal way for you is.

The Gathering team does not need a copy of this, as you are all under your own Nights Away Permit.

Automated External Defibrillator (AED) & First Aid

Tawd Vale has an AED attached to the wall by the shop. This requires you to ring 999 to get the access code to open the box. If you need to use this, please contact 999, and then once the situation is stable or when help arrives, contact both Team Tawd and the organisers.

Minor First Aid should be delivered by your leadership team, but we do have Merseyside First Aid Team (MFAST) on site this weekend for any emergencies. They will be stationed all around the site, but if you need first aid and can't see one, find a Zone Leader and they can radio to them!

Fire Alerts and Assembly Point

All planned Fires on site need to be risk assessed and this risk assessment **must** be followed at all times!

If someone discovers an uncontrolled fire, a verbal warning of “**Fire - Stay clear**” should be shouted by the person who discovers the fire.

Upon hearing the verbal warning, **all** leaders should act as fire marshals and escort all young people and other leaders to the fire assembly point of the site - the car park. You should alert the emergency services of the location of the fire, and then

both Team Tawd and The Gathering Core Team so we can arrange appropriate evacuation, in accordance with our Safety Plan.

Open Fires & Wood Pile

You are welcome to have an open wood fire on your site, provided that you can ensure a safe distance between the fire and any tents - all fires must be off the ground. Tawd Vale has a limited number of fire stands and barrels for your use, and some of these will be required for the activities on Saturday. Cold ashes are to be disposed of in the bins at the entrance of the dock- yard.

The site has no formal wood pile. However, plenty of available timber can be found, but please do not carry out any tree felling during the weekend.

Please ensure that you have water buckets to hand before lighting a fire, in line with our risk assessment.

Car Parking

Please follow the Traffic Management Plan for Car Parking, which can be found on the District Website (and is also printed in your Welcome Pack!) Please note the site speed limit of **12 MPH** at all times.

Waste Disposal

All waste is to be placed in the Yellow Bins located in the Main Car Park. At the same location, there are separate bins for glass waste. All recycling is completed at the provider's facility. No grease pits permitted on site.

The Safety Cards

Please remember to follow the Yellow Card at all times. This is **vital** for safeguarding our members.

If you have any young leaders with you this weekend, please make sure that they are following their Orange Cards.

If you are lucky enough to have enough leaders to be able to enjoy a drink whilst on site this weekend, remember the Green Card!

We have spare copies of all of these Cards in the camp centre, and a complete set has been provided in this Welcome Pack.

Toilets

The infamous Cub Field toilets! Please make sure that you leave the toilets in the most respectable manner you can. To align with our Safeguarding policies, please can all over 18's make sure they are using the adult side of the toilet block.

You'll notice that we have added signs to all the toilets on site to try and make sure that all members, regardless of gender identity, feel safe in these spaces. If any of you, or your young people, do not feel safe in these spaces then please let us know so we can make the necessary arrangements.

We also have portable trailer toilets in the Cub Field Car Park, appropriately lit.

Wristbands & Core Team Identification

Please make sure that all participants and leaders are wearing their wristbands at all times of the event, **not just Saturday Day time**. This is to ensure that we are following our Safeguarding procedures.

Please can you write your group numbers on your wristbands, so that we can identify people.

The Colour dictates which order you are completing activity Zones during the day on Saturday but your wristband is required to be worn at all times!

Our Core Team will all have Purple Polo tops on which identify them as part of The Gathering team, if you need anyone feel free to flag any of our team down who can radio to the person you need.

Children with No Photo Consent

If any of your Young People cannot be photographed, please come and collect a red "No Photos" Wristband in addition to your normal wristbands. This allows us to clearly see who can and cannot be photographed!

As a polite request, please can you make sure this is visible at all times.

Risk Assessments

The Risk Assessment, Safety Plan and Traffic Management Plan can all be found in the downloads section of The Gathering website, and were sent to your GLV with this welcome pack.

Activities

Programme

Please take the time to read and ensure what Zone's you are in at what time!

Thursday				
From 18:30 to 21:00	Site open for groups to set up camp. Remember that the District are not responsible for kit left on Thursday night			
Friday				
17:00	Site open to Group Leaders			
19:00	Site Opens to Young People- Please follow the Traffic Management Plan			
20:00	Evening Entertainment			
22:00	Leaders Meeting in the Activity Barn (primarily for Leaders in Charge, with notes for all leaders!)			
Saturday				
	Orange	Green	Yellow	Purple
09:15	Flag Break and Morning briefing			
09:45	Challenge	Adventure	Water	Fun
11:15	Comfort Break - 15 Mins			
11:30	Adventure	Water	Fun	Challenge
13:00	Lunch - with Top Awards Picnic (see below)			
14:00	Water	Fun	Challenge	Adventure
15:30	Comfort Break - 15 Mins			
15:45	Fun	Challenge	Adventure	Water
17:15	End of Activities			
	Tea			
19:30	Evening Entertainment			
21:00	End of Gathering Led Activities			

Sunday	
09:15	Flag Break and Morning Briefing
09:30	International Games
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch and time to take down tents
13:00 - 14:00	Colour Run - please wear a white t-shirt
14:00	Camp Close

Teams

Each group will be allocated into a team, done so that each team has roughly the same amount of people throughout the course of the weekend. The idea is that each team is working together to be the best team in their Zones.

You are in Team _____, please look at the programme to determine which time you are at which activity.

Top Awards Picnic

The Top Award Picnic will take place during Lunchtime on Saturday. The location is dependent on how many people sign up, so will be shared in the Friday Night leaders meeting.

There will be discussion around what people have done to get their top awards, as well as some cake provided by District Lead Volunteer Liam!

Friday Night

Friday Night we have drop in based activities to allow people to set up camp at their own pace!

These are as follows:

Activity	Location
Film (starting 8:15pm)	Ladies Field
Monopoly Run	Start at Activity Barn

Saturday Night

Saturday Night we have drop out based activities to allow people to come back to you when they feel they need to go to bed!

These are as follows:

Activity	Location
Film (Starting at 7:30)	Ladies Field
Camp Fire (starting at 7:30)	Campfire Hollow
Talent Show	Campfire Hollow - following Camp Fire

For the Talent Show, please sign up in Event HQ anytime Friday Night or anytime before 17:45 Saturday.

Red Rose Canada Chip Shop

To help with their fundraising for Red Rose Canada, the team is running a chip shop. This will be at the top of Ladies field, by the Activity Barn on both Friday and Saturday Nights. This will be at extra cost as a fundraiser for their trip to Canada. Cash and Card accepted.

Chips - £1.50

Chips and Curry - £2

Chips and Gravy - £2

Cheesy Chips - £2

Sunday Morning

International Games

As detailed in the communications earlier in the year, each group needs to provide a game from a county not in the United Kingdom, for roughly 20 people to play at once. The Gathering team will be providing some countries you wouldn't be expecting as well!

Colour Run

Please make sure your young people have a white t-shirt on, as this will get covered in powder paint!

This will start on the Old Training Field, and will take a route around site!

Let's Make A Splash!

On Water

On Water, we have Open Canoes for Cubs and Scouts to enjoy with a challenge element to it. There is a limit on the number of people that can be on the water at any 1 time, so please enjoy our land based activities as well as the on water activities.

Due to the permit restrictions of the team, only Cubs, Scouts and Explorers are allowed on the water this year.

Squirrels and Beavers Bubble Show

Squirrels and Beavers have an interactive Bubble Show which makes up most of their time in the water Zone, as well as all the supporting Land Based water Activities as well.

Land Based Activities

Land adjacent to the Delph and field D1	Bubble Show	Squirrels and Beavers
	Stocks with Sponges	Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts. Explorers
	Shooting Targets	Squirrels and Beavers
	Don't Spill it	Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts. Explorers
	Duck Pipes	Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts. Explorers
	Paddling Pool - Treasure Hunt	Squirrels and Beavers
	Paddling Pool - Water Challenge	Cubs, Scouts, Explorers

Please make sure that young people have a towel and a change of clothes to hand when they go down to the Let's Make A Splash Zone!

Challenge (are you up for it?)

East River Activity Area	Balancing Activity	Cubs, Scouts, Explorers
	Da Vinci Bridge	Scouts, Explorers
	Dough Twists	Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers
	Fake Wounds	Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers
	Fire Lighting	Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers
	Knife Skills - Whistle Making	Scouts, Explorers
	Megatelle	Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers
	Minefield	Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers
	Nature Art	Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs
	Nightline	Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers
	Paracord Buddy	Cubs, Scouts, Explorers
	Penalty Shoot Out	Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers
	S'mores	Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers
	Soap Carving	Squirrels, Beaver, Cubs
	Tower of Hanoi	Cubs, Scouts, Explorers
	What's In The Bag?	Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers

Adventure (ooh... Sounds Risky!)

Cubs, Scouts & Explorers

Target Ranges	Air Rifle Shooting Archery Tomahawk Throwing Mobile Climbing Wall
Car Park & Campfire Hollow	Fencing Cave Bus Rocket Launching

Air Rifle Shooting needs a Permission to Shoot Form, which can be found on the Gathering Downloads section, and is attached to the end of this Welcome Pack.

Squirrels and Beavers

Low Ropes Zone	Low Ropes
	Soft Archery
	Tin Can Knock
	Soft Tomahawks
	Orienteering

Inclusion Zone

If you have a young person who is demonstrating challenging behaviour or is overwhelmed then the chill out zone is a place to bring them. We will be running calming and relaxing activities along with a space to chill on beanbags.

If you need help with a young person or adult, speak to a member of The Gathering team (Purple Polos) or one of the inclusion team (baby blue tops) We will be here to help and will be wandering around throughout the event.

We are here for you and remember together we are better!

Opening Times: 7 - 12am on Friday, 8am - 11:30pm Saturday, 8am - 2pm - Sunday

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Activity Barn	Board Games	Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers
	Just Dance	Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers
	Identify the Object	Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers
	Gathering Sign Making	Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers
	Rock Painting	Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers
Cub Field behind Bothy	Outdoor Games	Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts
	Tug of War	Cubs, Scouts, Explorers
	Obstacle Course	Cubs, Scouts, Explorers
	Battleships	Cubs, Scouts, Explorers
	Ring Toss	Squirrels, Beavers
	Cornhole	Squirrels, Beavers
	Giant Bubbles	Squirrels, Beavers
	Scavenger Hunt	Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs
	Nerf Guns	Cubs, Scouts, Explorers
	Steal Bingo	Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts
	Monkey Trees	Cubs, Scouts, Explorers
Ladies Field	Sumo Wrestling	Cubs, Scouts, Explorers
	Assault Course	Cubs, Scouts, Explorers
	Bouncy Slide	Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers
	Squirrel Castle	Squirrels, Beavers
	Bouncy Castle	Cubs, Scouts, Explorers