

## **We're going camping! Free places available**

**Mon 12 Aug - Wed 14 Aug, Willowbrook Halal Organic Farm, Hampton Gay, OX5 2QQ**

We're super excited to invite WYPC members aged 11 to 15 to join us at the Oxford Youth Festival 2024, hosted by East Oxford Youth Partnership and Oxford Youth Enterprise Ltd Name It Youth Project.

This is an amazing, **free** opportunity for young people to experience nature, awesome outdoor spaces, workshops and activities over three days and two nights under canvas.

For some this could be a first-time camping experience - exciting and full of new opportunities to face risks and challenges in a safely-managed environment. The organisers are aware that, for some, it can feel worrying. So, they have created a team of volunteers who will be onsite throughout to help and offer support when and where necessary. All volunteers are DBS checked. The WYPC party will be under the supervision of Cheryl West, our Senior Youth Worker, supported by Russ Spivey and Susan Warner – all well-known, trusted and respected by our young people.

To express interest, email [Cheryl@wypc.org.uk](mailto:Cheryl@wypc.org.uk) **as soon as possible**. Applications must be accompanied by a completed consent form (attached) Places are limited. A meeting for parents / carers / young people will be held on Monday 29 July 6:00 – 6:30pm at the WYPC on St Peter's Road to answer any questions you might have and complete consent forms.

### **Indicative programme**

The final programme of activities is not yet available. However, the following was last year's programme as an indication of the types of activities that may be on offer.

#### **Day One**

- 09.00am EOYP staff and Volunteers to arrive
- 11.00am - 12.00pm Groups arrive with young people & pitches allocated
- 12.00am - 1.00pm Pitching tents with young people/groups and setting up belongings etc
- 1.00am - 2.00pm Lunchtime in individual groups
- 2.00am - 5.00pm Workshop 1 – Farm tour and local 'Haunted Mansion Visit'
- 5.00am - 7.00pm Dinner and chill time
- 7.00am - 10.00pm Workshop 2 – Stargazing/mapping
- 10.00pm All young people to be in own group setting to prepare for sleep time

#### **Day 2**

- 7.00 am - 9.00 am Breakfast, shower, toilets etc.

- 9.00 am - 10.00am Chill, socialise and prepare for the day.
- 10.00am – 1.00pm Workshop 1 - Scavenger hunt - leading to adventure playground in Wooded Area
- 1.00pm – 2.00pm Lunchtime in individual groups
- 2.00pm – 5.00pm Workshop 2 - Foraging or lantern making (choice of 2 workshops)
- 5.00pm – 7.00pm Dinner and chill time
- 8.00 pm –10.00pm Workshop 3 - 'Storytelling & S'mores and toasting Marshmallows around the campfire.
- 10.00pm All young people to be in own group setting to prepare for sleep time

### **Day 3**

- 7.00 am - 9.00 am Breakfast, shower, toilets etc.
- 9.00 am - 10.00am Chill, socialise and prepare for the day.
- 10.00am - 1.00pm Workshop 1 - Evaluation, feedback discussions & games
- 1.00pm - 2.00pm Lunch time
- 2.00pm - 3.00pm Social time and chill
- 3.00pm - 4.00pm Farewells and Pics
- 4.00pm - 5.00 pm Packing tents and equipment, time to leave
- 5.00pm - 6.00pm Volunteers and staff evaluation/feedback and breathe out time

### **Additional information**

The campsite is located within a working Halal Organic and eco-friendly Farm which means that there are compost (non- flushing) toilets. There are several showers on site, and a café. While the farm animals are free-ranging, the camping field is separate and has fences and gates to keep animals out.

There is a listed below of the basic (not exhaustive) items that a group might be bringing for camping overnight. Cheryl will discuss what our young people should bring at the 29 July meeting (see above). WYPC can provide some tents and sleeping bags. Offers from families welcomed.

We'd like to stress that the camp is free but, should any parents wish to contribute towards Club funds, donations would be welcomed (please speak to Cheryl). Our key objective is offering young people a unique and fun experience which is why we have kept it as a donation rather than mandatory.

### **Preliminary list of items to bring**

Weather appropriate clothes/shoes/towel

Toiletries/sunscreen including toilet roll as farm do not provide.

Personal belongings such as phones etc. are at own risk as we cannot take liability for them.

Torch/lantern for own tent and wandering up and down to toilets at night as site is very dark and only lit by the moon and stars.