

31 March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Year 7 Summer Camp, Wednesday 4 June - Friday 6 June 2025, Thriftwood International Scout Campsite and Activity Centre – Brentwood.

Plans are in progress for the year 7 residential to Thriftwood International Scout Campsite and Activity Centre. We are now at the stage where we need to provide you with the finer details of the summer camp. Therefore, we are inviting you to attend an information evening on **Wednesday 23 April at 6pm**. During this event further details of the visit will be provided regarding activities, travel arrangements, kit requirements, medical and dietary arrangements and there will also be the opportunity to ask questions. You will be provided an information booklet with all details needed for the visit.

During the evening you will also be asked to complete a medical information form, to ensure that we have the most relevant medical/dietary information and contact details for the visit.

With this letter I attach a suggested kit list, this is to give you time over the Easter break to get anything in advance, any enquiries regarding this can be clarified at the information evening. *Please note that tents are provided.*

I would like to kindly remind you that the deadline for the balance of payments is the **Friday 2 May**. If there are any difficulties meeting this deadline, please contact the finance team at finance@stourvalley.org to discuss this further.

We are very excited about this event. Over the last thirteen years the camp has been a huge success and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Please feel free to view the photographs on the school website for a flavour of the adventure or visit www.thriftwood.org.uk/ for more information. Please contact me direct at: jcraig@stourvalley.org should you have any further questions relating to the visit.

Yours faithfully

Mr J Craig - Visit leader
Head of Humanities/Educational Visits Coordinator

Year 7 Summer residential - Thriftwood

The following kit list is a **minimum** of requirements:

Bedding

Sleeping bag

Pillow

Roll mat / thin single air bed (self-inflating or built-in foot pump)

- there is no space for anything larger

Clothing

Comfortable, robust footwear

Spare footwear

T Shirts

Jumpers (long sleeved top needed for archery)

Tracksuit bottoms (for ease of movement)

Shorts

Old shoes/aqua shoes and old clothes for kayaking

Socks and underwear

Warm hat, scarf, gloves (weather dependent)

Sun hat and sun cream

Nightwear

Miscellaneous

Wash kit and toiletries

2 towels

Reusable water bottle (clearly named)

Lightweight bag / rucksack for daily items (needed on first day for packed lunch)

Unbreakable plate, bowl, and mug – clearly named.

Tea towel

Reliable torch - a headtorch is ideal

Lots of carrier bags / black bags for wet gear!

Wellies - optional

Extras

Reading book

Travel games (e.g. Top Trumps)

Teddy bear

Items not needed - these will be provided by the school

Cutlery

Sports equipment