



THE

BUSHCRAFT

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Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June

**PENSHURST PLACE,  
KENT, TN11 8HX**

# Staffing



Mr Harrison – Trip Leader  
Mrs Nicholls  
Mrs Mitchell

Bushcraft Camp Leader  
Bushcraft Tribe Leaders – 3 tribes – 16, 16 and 14

Halling Primary School staff are in a pastoral role  
All activities are led by qualified staff  
who are also all first aid trained



## VISIT LEADER EXPECTATIONS | THE BUSHCRAFT COMPANY

### You Are in Loco Parentis

As a member of the Visit Leadership Team, you are responsible for the pastoral care and wellbeing of your students while on-site. This duty, known as *in loco parentis*, means you are acting as a responsible guardian for the duration of the trip. Your role extends beyond supervision—it includes ensuring students are safe, supported, and behaving appropriately. This applies at all times, including during activities, meal times, free time, and overnight stays.

### Your Role as the Visit Leadership Team

Each school or youth organisation must appoint a Visit Leadership Team, including a Visit Leader and Assistant Leaders. The number of leaders should align with your organisation's supervision ratio policies to ensure adequate oversight throughout the visit.

The Bushcraft Company provides trained instructors to lead activities. While our instructors are responsible for safety during activities, they do not take on pastoral responsibilities—that remains with the Visit Leadership Team. If you have any concerns about how an activity is being run, please raise them with the instructor immediately. We value your input and will work with you to ensure a high-quality experience for all participants.

### Participating in Activities

We encourage Visit Leaders to join in or observe activities to ensure students are engaged, coping well, and behaving appropriately. Seeing their leaders take part helps students feel more comfortable and engaged in the experience. If a leader is asked to assist with supervision during an activity, the instructor will provide clear guidance on responsibilities. If you are unsure about your role, please seek clarification before the activity begins.

# Expectations of Parents

The school will be able to contact the staff (us) and vice versa but only in an emergency.

If you are contacted after school hours directly, it will be for a significant reason, and you will be expected to answer.

Behaviour expectations will be the same as in school, if not stricter due to the increase in risk.

If your child is not following the rules and is posing a safety risk to themselves or to others, and continues to do so, you will be contacted and you will be expected to collect your child.

If a parent refuses or fails to collect a misbehaving child from a residential trip, the school's priority shifts to safeguarding. We will have several immediate escalation options.

All parents and children will sign a code of conduct. No child will attend the residential if this is not completed.

Safety of ALL children is paramount.

# What if my child cannot stay for the night?

- We will only contact parents to collect homesick children as a final resort.
- We will try everything to keep your child on camp.
- If a child is to be collected it must be at 8pm and they must be dropped back off between 7:30-8am the following day.
- With the site being so large and activities in different areas, we cannot guarantee that a member of school staff will be available to meet your child outside of these windows.
- We must ensure that we have the correct staff/child ratio.



# Your Residential Adventure

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The Bushcraft Company offer residential adventures with a difference, taking students into the wild and giving them real back-to-nature experiences they will never forget.

During your time on camp, you will be living in the wild and sleeping under canvas. With a wide range of activities focused around Bushcraft, you will develop new practical skills and learn more about our woodland environment, all in a fun and engaging manner as the Bushcraft team take you through an unforgettable journey of self discovery!

Children to be dropped off at 8:00am  
Coach to leave on Monday at 8:30am

Coach to arrive back at Halling on  
Wednesday at approximately 4pm

## A Typical Day

Below is an idea of how the day unfolds, please note timings may vary on delivery:

- 07:30** – Breakfast
- 08:30** – Activities, Morning Snack & Drink
- 12:30** – Cooked Lunch
- 14:30** – Activities, Afternoon Snack & Drink
- 18:30** – Cooked Supper & Pudding
- 20:00** – Evening Activities, Hot Chocolate & Marshmallows
- 20:30** – Our night time team will help settle the students for bed. Bed times TBC on site.

# PACKING FOR YOUR ADVENTURE

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Your child will need two bags

Below you can find our recommended kit list for the students and staff. We stress that it is not necessary to go out and buy all new and expensive kit for a trip with us as you may be able to borrow some items from friends or family. Please remember to pack enough though for a fresh change of clothing each day. Students will be without their main luggage for a few hours while it is transported to camp.



## DAY BACKPACK

(To carry the essentials)

- Jumper or fleece
- Waterproof Jacket
- Medications (labelled with clear instructions on the application/use and dosage required)
- Water bottles or hydration system
- Alcohol hand gel
- Torch (with fresh batteries) – a head torch is ideal
- Sun cream (weather dependent)
- Sun hat (weather dependent)



## MAIN LUGGAGE

(Transported to camp on a trailer)

- Warm sleeping bag (Season 3 recommended)
- Roll mat
- Tracksuit or hardwearing trousers
- T-shirts
- Waterproof trousers
- Socks and underwear
- 2x pairs of footwear (e.g. walking boots and old trainers)
- Wash bag including toothbrush, toothpaste, soap and face wipers
- Towel(s)
- Wellington Boots (weather dependent)
- Warm hat, scarf and gloves (weather dependent)
- Thermal layers (weather dependent)

## WHAT NOT TO BRING

Please don't bring food. To avoid the risk of expensive items being lost or damaged, please do not bring electrical equipment or other expensive technology with you. The Bushcraft Company is not responsible for any items lost on camp. We will endeavour to locate any missing items however we are not liable if the item is not found. Lost items found on camp after your departure will be sent back to Head Office and kept for 3 months.

## OPTIONAL ITEMS TO PACK

- Sleeping bag liner
- Pillow and pillowcase
- Rucksack liner

# ACTIVITIES



Fire Lighting



Shelter Buildig



Camouflage



Trap Making



Wilderness Walk



Camp Craft



Salmon Ponassing



Scenario SOS



Target Sports



Games

# 3 DAY ITINERARY

This is a sample itinerary because timings and order may vary. All itineraries are subject to change. [\*\*A-Z BUSHCRAFT ACTIVITIES\*\*](#)

DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3
	BREAKFAST	BREAKFAST
Arrival, Safety Brief & Welcome	Cutting Tools & Paracord Bracelets	Trap Making
SNACK	SNACK	SNACK
Camp Craft Camouflage & Concealment	Wilderness First Aid	Bushcraft Challenge
LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
Shelter Building	Salmon Passing & Wilderness Walk	Strike Camp & Depart
SNACK	SNACK	
Fire Lighting	Scenario SOS	
DINNER	DINNER	
Evening Games	Tribes got Talent	



# SAMPLE 3 DAY ITINERARY

## Day One

### ARRIVE

#### Safety Brief & Welcome

Our instructors will discuss the key elements of Bushcraft and explain what the students can realistically achieve living in the wild. They will then have a safety briefing and familiarise themselves to their new surroundings.

### LUNCH

#### Camp Craft / Camouflage & Concealment

This is a chance for the tribes to develop a tribal identity, making fun tribal flags, dances and songs. Students will take part in a fun camouflage and concealment exercise, employing team tactics and making the most of their surroundings to camouflage themselves and evade capture.

### SUPPER

#### Evening Games

The students will embark on a series of exciting night-time stalking exercises through the forest, challenging them to use the full range and scope of their senses and to work collaboratively in an unfamiliar setting.

#### Fire Lighting

The students will learn the basic principles of fire and the fire triangle. They will be shown a variety of ways fire has been made over the years, and put this knowledge into practice, lighting fires in tribes using these methods.

#### Shelter Building

The students will learn why we need shelter when we are living outside and the types of shelter from different societies and nationalities across the ages. Tribes will build their own shelter, using natural woodland materials.

#### Night-time Routine & Bed

The Students will settle in to their safari-style camp and around the camp fire exchange stories and songs. They will be provided with hot chocolate and marshmallows to roast over the open camp fire.

Students sleep in bell tents (10-12 per tent) or the shelters they have made.





## Day Two

### BREAKFAST

#### Wilderness First Aid

The students will learn basic skills to cope with a medical emergency in the wild, including how to construct a simple stretcher from the items you have on you, and how to improvise an effective splint.

### LUNCH

#### Scenario SOS

The students will put their new skills to the test and work in teams, using navigation to locate a simulated plane-crash scene, where they will treat the casualties and make improvised stretchers to evacuate them back to camp.

### SUPPER

#### Tribes Got Talent

This is a fantastic way to spend the final evening, participating in our trademark talent competition, in which each tribe performs a skit, dance or song which they will have been practicing all week. All the students enjoy themselves and it is always a brilliant amusing, and at times, astonishing, as the students show off their skills.

#### Cutting Tools

Students will learn about the different tools used in the field of Bushcraft, both primitive and modern, and reasons for their use. They will be taught safe handling techniques and will make their own tent peg.

#### Foraging & Bush Tucker Trial

You will have the chance to learn about what you can and can't eat in the woodland and you will forage items from the forest to make a Bushcraft salad.

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## Day Three

### BREAKFAST

#### Trap Making

The students will be taught why it is important to find food in remote settings, and how this has been achieved over the ages. Our instructors will demonstrate trapping methods, before each tribe designs and builds their own trap.

### LUNCH

#### Strike Camp, Leave No Trace

It is always important to make sure you leave the woodland as you found it, so we will introduce you to our Leave No Trace procedures before you make your way home.

#### Bushcraft Challenge

The teams will participate in a series of fun but challenging initiative exercises that will really put them to the test, both mentally and physically. This is a great team building activity and demands trust and communication.



# FOOD

## FUSSY EATERS

- We do not offer custom meals for fussy eaters, but we will always try to offer a simple alternative, such as plain pasta, rice, or vegetables, for those who refuse the set menu options.



Cooked Breakfast



BBQ Burgers



Pasta



S'mores



Woodfired Pizza



# 3 DAY MENU

During your stay with Bushcraft some meals will be cooked and eaten on camp and some will be enjoyed from the Central Kitchen area.

	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	-	-
<b>B/FAST</b>		Central Kitchen	Central Kitchen		
<b>SNACK</b>	Fruit & Biscuits	Flapjack	Trail Mix		
<b>LUNCH</b>	Central Kitchen	Central Kitchen	Central Kitchen		
<b>SNACK</b>	Tunnocks Bar	Popcorn			
<b>DINNER</b>	BBQ Kitchen on Camp	Pizza Kitchen			
<b>DESSERT</b>	S'mores & Hot Chocolate	Blueberry Muffins & Hot Chocolate			

## VIEW OUR DIETARY POLICY

### ON CAMP

The food that will be made and eaten on camp. Students will get the opportunity to cook over their fire, roast marshmallows and enjoy hot chocolate before bed.

### CENTRAL KITCHEN

A larger field kitchen a short walk from camp, where students are served their meals and eat together away from the main camp area. The Central Kitchen Menu runs from Mon-Sun.







X3 boys tents x2 girls tents

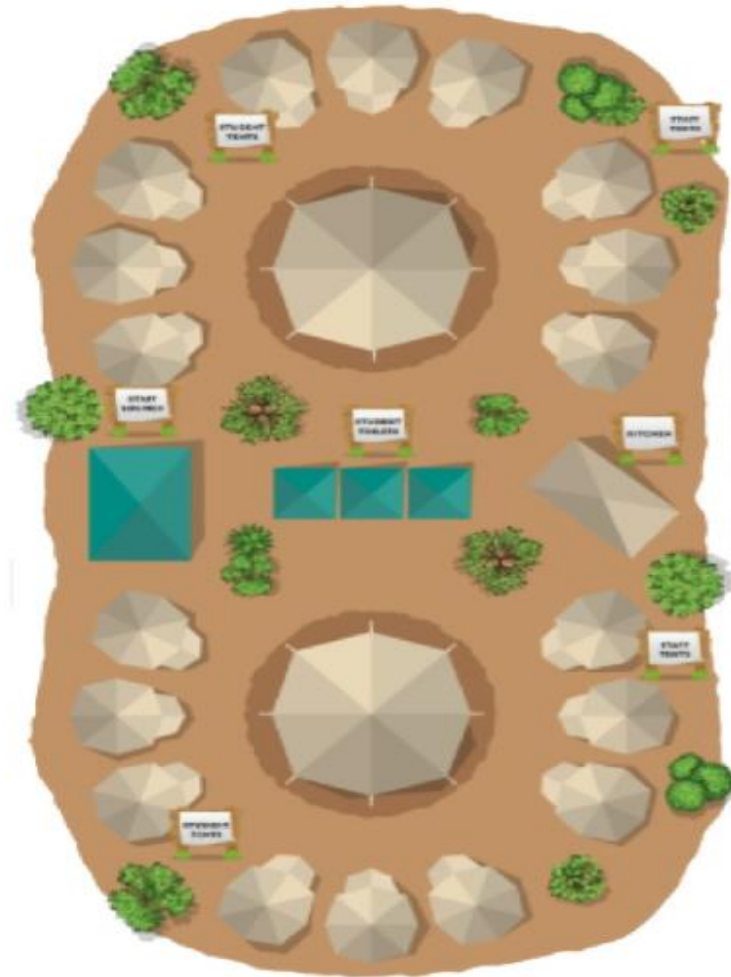
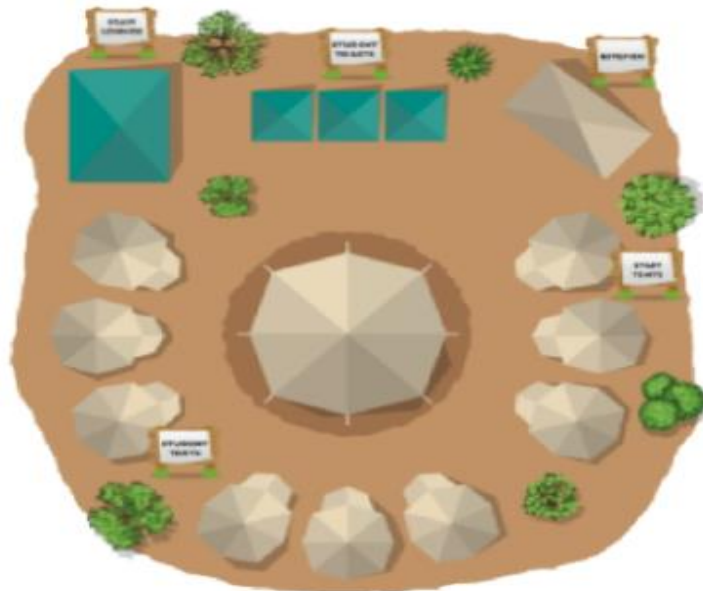
# Centre Information

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This is the base for your adventure and will be exclusively for your group. On camp you will find safari style bell tents (10-12 students), a staff area and other structures to keep you warm and dry.

On arrival you will walk to camp and your main baggage will be transported for you by the Bushcraft Team. Please have a rucksack ready for your walk to camp with a water bottle and water-proofs.

You will work in tribes (up to 16 per tribe). Each tribe will work as a team through various activities, supported by a Tribe Leader, who will ensure everyone contributes to the team effort, achieving shared goals and leaving the woods with a great sense of achievement and a passion to learn more.



Please note this is an artistic impression of a double camp

# Frequently Asked Questions

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## What is a Bushcraft Camp?

Our camps are located on private estates. Each camp typically accommodates up to 60 students and is the base for each adventure. Camps are exclusive to each school, so you will not share with another group. The camp contains the student's bell tents, toilets, central yurt and school staff area. The camp is a large circle with a yurt top or parachute at the centre, where our staff will be based at night-time and ensure a central campfire is always bright.

## Are the bushcraft instructors DBS Checked

Yes, every member of our team has to pass through our enhanced DBS procedure and will be checked for their suitability for a role with The Bushcraft Company.

## What qualifications/certifications do the bushcraft instructors have?

All our team have a great deal of experience of running camps of this nature. Our instructors receive extensive in-house training prior to working on camps and additional qualifications from national governing bodies for specialised activities, including archery. All Camp Leaders are first-aid trained, and Field Cooks have food hygiene qualifications.

## How many members of staff will be on the camp with the children?

All our camps operate on a ratio of 15 children to 1 Bushcraft instructor – school staff will be in addition to this. We recommend that you bring enough staff to cover 1:10 ratio during transport.

For every camp, there will be 1 Camp Leader and 1 Tribe Leader per group of 16/17.

## Will there be a member of staff on duty at night?

Every night there will be at least two members of staff on duty and they will be based at the centre of the camp. The children are informed who those staff members are, and where they will be each evening should they require any help throughout the night.

## What happens if it rains?

All our camps have large structures called a big hat, kungsornen or yurt. These can accommodate the group where activities can take place if we have inclement weather. The majority of the time all activities continue whatever the weather, as the extensive tree canopy often shades us and takes the worst of poor weather.

## What kind of food will we eat during camp?

You will be offered three hot meals a day, along with snacks and drinks, all cooked by the chefs on camp. Typical meals may include spaghetti bolognese, wraps, pizza, BBQ burgers. We can cater for a range of allergies and dietary requirements as long as we have sufficient notice. Please do ensure you make the school aware of any requirements you may have at least 4 weeks before camp.

## What are the toilets like?

Our toilets are porta-style toilets, similar to those you might find at a festival. The toilets are emptied multiple times a week and cleaned daily by the Bushcraft team.

## Will there be female members of staff at camp?

Yes, there is always at least one female member of staff on camp, present at all times.

## Where do we sleep?

The children sleep in single-sex groups of 10-12 students per bell tent/shelter. School and Bushcraft staff will be based on the same camp in their separate areas. A typical teacher area has 3 bell tents, suitable for 2-3 adults.

# What's next

Collect a kit list

Fill in the medication form if needed

Drop off medication in school on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June in the original box and named

Let us know of any dietary needs

Sign the Code of Conduct – parent

Sign the Code of Conduct – pupil

Talk to your child and discuss any concerns

Speak to the class teacher if necessary

Thank You.

