



Brewood CE (C) Middle School

Year 7

Chasewater Visit

Tuesday 2nd May to Friday 5th
May 2017

Children in Year 7 together with their teachers and parent helpers will spend three nights at Chasewater Education Centre.

This booklet has been prepared to give you information about the visit, the activities undertaken when there, the accommodation, sleeping arrangements and the clothing and equipment the children will need during their visit.

Transport to and from the centre is provided by Crusade Travel.

Address: Pool Road
Burntwood
Staffordshire
WS7 3QW

Telephone: 01543 686524

**PERSONAL EQUIPMENT REQUIRED BY PUPILS
FOR CHASEWATER YEAR 7 VISIT**

The following list covers your child's requirements. Parents should not feel obliged to purchase new clothing for the course, a child's normal clothes and indeed oldest clothes will be adequate for all the activities we undertake.

**PLEASE ENSURE ALL CLOTHING AND PERSONAL EQUIPMENT IS
MARKED CLEARLY WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.**

Duvet cover and 2 pillow cases

Underwear

Nightwear

Socks

T-shirts)

Trousers/ Tracksuit) Several set of old clothing that WILL get

Warm Sweaters) dirty and wet

Indoor Shoes

Outdoor shoes/Trainers - one pair that WILL get wet (or sailing shoes)

Coat/waterproof top

Toilet kit (soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, flannel)

Towels

Pocket money (in change please) £5 maximum in a clearly named purse/wallet/
envelope

Plastic bags for dirty/wet clothing

Additional warm clothing

Hat/gloves optional

Lip salve if required - children often get chapped lips out on the lake

Shorts, sunhat, suncream (being optimistic!)

A non-breakable plastic mug/cup and a tea towel

Please note that expensive items such as watches and cameras are brought at the owner's own risk. **No I-pods, games consoles etc**

Children are responsible for their own possessions and **all things should be named.**

THE OUTDOOR CENTRE IS A MOBILE FREE ZONE
PLEASE LEAVE YOUR MOBILE AT HOME

Except in an emergency no pupil may receive incoming calls. We have each child's contact number and would call you if necessary. If you have an emergency and need to contact your child please telephone school who can reach us during office hours. **The children are not allowed to bring mobile phones with them.** The school mobile phone will be contactable 24 hours a day. This number will be text to all parents prior to the visit.

Whenever we leave the centre for any activity we always have the school's mobile 'phone with us.

Chasewater is staffed by qualified teachers with considerable expertise and experience in a wide range of activities.

The activities are conducted in a safe and proper manner, and careful thought has gone into the social and educational benefits of each activity.

Great emphasis is placed on the personal and social benefits to be gained, and each individual child is treated with care and respect.

A member of the centre is on duty during the night and the centre is securely locked. Teachers sleep near the children in their own rooms.

Travel to and from the centre

We leave school at 9.30 a.m on Tuesday 2nd May arriving at the centre at approximately 10.00 a.m . After unpacking, a tour of the centre and fire drill, the activities begin.

We leave the centre at 2.00 p.m on Friday 5th May arriving back at school at 2.30 p.m. when you can collect your child.

Activities

The activities during the week will develop social skills, raise self esteem and personal confidence and help children to appreciate the benefits of physical activity and also the value of participation in healthy leisure activities.

Activities include: canoeing, climbing, all terrain cycling, orienteering, campfire and bushcraft skills

After the evening meal children are given an opportunity to visit the tuck shop where limited sweets, drinks and small gifts are on sale. Children then take part in an evening activity arranged by the teachers and Chasewater staff.

Daily Routine

07.30	Rise
08.00	Breakfast
08.30	Duties
09.15	Morning inspection
09.30-12.30	Morning session
12.30-13.30	Lunch
13.30-16.30	Afternoon session
16.30-17.30	Follow up work/return equipment/showers
17.30	Evening meal
18.00	Duties
18.30	Tuck Shop
19.00-21.00	Evening session
21.15	Evening drink

Accommodation

There are two dormitories, one each for boys and girls. Teachers have a room next to the dormitories. Pillows/duvets are not feather.

As the number of boys in this cohort exceeds the number of beds in the dormitory, we will be asking for a group of volunteer boys to sleep in 'Yurts' which are situated within the grounds, just at the rear of the dorms. There will be a member of school and/or centre staff in a staff Yurt.

If your son would like to volunteer for a place in a Yurt, please indicate this on the bottom of the swimming reply slip.

Meals

There is a cooked meal at lunchtime on the day of arrival and departure.

A cooked breakfast is available every day together with cereals, toast, milk and tea.

On the second and third day of the visit there will be a packed lunch which will include sandwiches, crisps, a biscuit, fruit and a drink.

If your child is allergic to any particular food we would like you to let us know.

Vegetarians are catered for.

Swimming Ability

You will be asked to complete a reply slip to indicate your child's swimming ability prior the visit.

Duties

Children are expected to make their own beds and keep the sleeping areas tidy. They are divided into 'watches' and each watch is allocated a duty which they carry out after breakfast and the evening meal. Duties include sweeping, wiping tables, dusting and collecting litter. These duties earn watch points and the watch with the most points each day is given a reward. Points are also awarded for answering questions and good behaviour.

Medical Forms

These must be completed and returned by Tuesday 25th April.

Any medication must be brought with your child and handed to the teacher with instructions of administration. Inhalers must be clearly labelled with your child's name and carried by the child at all times. Spare inhalers can be given to the teachers.

I'm sure your child will have a wonderful time



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CHASEWATER RESIDENTIAL VISIT

YEAR 7

SWIMMING ABILITY

Name of Child.....

Class.....

I confirm my child's swimming ability is:

Cannot swim

Can swim less than 50 metres

Can swim more than 50 metres

Signed.....(Parent)

VOLUNTEERS FOR SLEEPING IN A YURT

My son would like to be considered for a place in one of the Yurts

YES

NO

PLEASE RETURN TO MR DOWNES OR YOUR CHILDS' FORM TUTOR