



Welcome to the first of our newsletters about **Leicestershire's 8<sup>th</sup> International Scout and Guide Camp**, to be held in the grounds of Whatton House, **30 July 2016 – 6 August 2016**.

**Charnwood 2016** will be a truly international camp with people coming from over 20 countries to #BePartOf what we know is going to be "the best Charnwood yet"!!

The theme of the camp is "**A World of Entertainment**". Check out the website [www.charnwood.org](http://www.charnwood.org) for information about the sub camps, badges, and much, much, more!! ☺

There's still time/room for more Staff to come and join us – so please invite your friends to sign up - we're waiting to hear from you at <https://www.charnwood.org/booking/staff/page1.php>.

Any questions about being on the staff, please email [staff@charnwood.org](mailto:staff@charnwood.org) or drop in to our mini staff showcase, March 12<sup>th</sup>, Brockington College, Blaby Road, Enderby, Leicester LE19 4AQ, between 11am and 3pm.

#### **Who's Who??**

Our **Directors** are the talented and experienced Rich Coppock, Chris Worth and Gill Gates –

together with our Team Managers they make up the **Camp Management Team** who are working hard to make Charnwood 2016 **THE** place to be for a week this summer –

check our website for more information about the people and what they'll be doing for us.

**Facilities Team Managers:** Simon Birchall and Jo Brown

**Finance team Managers:** Ann Cox and Bruce Cox

**Health and Welfare Team Managers:** Dave Chimley and Paul Wren

**Participation Team Managers:** Clive Leader and Maggie Silver

**Programme Team Managers:** Jon Borzacchiello, Sam Harrold and Carol Black

**Support Team Managers:** Hadyn Green, Laura Potter and Chris Vesty

and last but very much not least – our

**Youth Ambassadors**, Beck Jeffs and Alex Whitehouse, who are gathering the ideas of young people about what campers would like to see at camp.

## The Theme

It's time to oil your vocal chords, and dust off your dancing shoes as you join our "World of Entertainment" for a week –

There will be **four** sub camps for younger campers (10-14), **50's, 60's, 70's, 80's**

**one** for Explorers and Members of the Senior Section (14-17), **00's**

and **one** for the Staff – **90's**

Themes and colours as follows:

**Campers aged 10 – 14**

**Fabulous Fifties - Grape**

**Swinging Sixties - Scarlett**

**Campers aged 14 – 17**

**Staff**

**Smashing Seventies – Primrose**

**Epic Eighties - Turquoise**

**Non-stop Noughties - Lime**

**Noisy Nineties – Orange**



Campers will enjoy a wide variety of exciting and challenging activities both on and off site, starting with a camp wide challenge on the Sunday.

Sub Camps will rotate around five activity “channels” Monday to Friday, with a little something different for campers from the Non-stop Noughties!!

The five channels are:

**Baden Powell Challenge** - Everything that is to do with “Back to Basics” and Bushcraft;



**Extreme 16** - Exciting, adrenalin filled, and modern up to date challenges.



**Off Site** – Activities that involve getting wet, wheels, tall rocks and dark holes.



**Diversity** – A taste of Leicestershire life and the immense cultural diversity to be found here, and a chance to learn about our international friends and visitors.



**Impact 4** - Make a difference to our own Local and International Communities.... and take the Sub Camp Challenge!!



Campers will have an opportunity for down time in “Time Out” – quiet games, table football, tuck shop and more!!

**Evenings** will come alive as we pass through the sub camp decades with game shows, music, campfires and cinema.

Look out for “Charnwood’s Got Talent” – campers should come prepared with all the music, instruments, equipment etc they need to be able to display their talents!!

The winner will appear in the Closing Ceremony.

Charnwood camps are known for their fabulous opening and closing ceremonies, and 2016 will be no different!!

**Rainbows, Brownies, Beavers and Cubs** will have the opportunity to visit **CRBBC** – Charnwood 2016’s programme for younger sections.



Leaders of those **Rainbows, Brownies, Beavers and Cubs** sections do not have to restrict themselves to just one day at camp – all are welcome to join the fun on the staff team!!

So what about the staff??

While the **Programme Team** are providing exciting activities for young people, the **Facilities Team** will already have been at camp for about a week building the camp.

Once again we will have access to showers on camp, and toilets that flush!!

The **Finance Team** will provide a range of retail outlets, including an area for rest and relaxation for staff and leaders in the evening. “**Skip’s Kitchen**” will return for the benefit of staff and campers.

Charnwood clothing that can be worn even before you get to camp will be available to purchase online very soon.

The **Health & Welfare Team** have been working hard behind the scenes with Policy and Structure and would welcome all enquiries from potential staff with an interest in Health & Welfare, as well as professionals already in these fields looking for a “Busman’s Holiday”!!

Areas of expertise required include. All levels of Medical, Fire, Risk Management & Assessment, Security, Policing, Admin, Licencing and Traffic Management.

Staff enquiries to [healthandwelfare@charnwood.org](mailto:healthandwelfare@charnwood.org).

For all of the team’s news and updates please look for “Charnwood 2016 Health & Welfare Team” on Facebook.

The **Participation Team** are at heart of the camp, and are here to look after you!!

**Camp Wardens** head the team of **Sub Camp Leaders**, with the exception of the Staff Sub Camp.

As a member of staff, your first point of contact is your line manager, but if you have a question they can’t answer, contact [staff@charnwood.org](mailto:staff@charnwood.org) –

that’s also the address to contact if you’ve applied for a role at Charnwood 2016 but not heard anything yet.

The **Staff Team** are here to make sure that all of our valued, hard-working, staff are looked after.



You will camp in teams on the Staff Sub Camp and have access to our excellent staff restaurant for the all in cost of £65 for all meals during the week.

Menus are planned and ready to roll out.

The team is growing nicely, but there's still room for more – so if you fancy helping feed our staff team, get in touch at [staffcatering@charnwood.org](mailto:staffcatering@charnwood.org)

There will be hot and cold options at breakfast, a lunch that you can pack and take to your place of work if you wish, and hot evening meals where you can relax after a busy day.

Bringing small children to Charnwood 2016? Our **crèche** for the children of staff and leaders will operate for those aged 18 months plus, and under the age of 10.

For more information contact Sharon, **Crèche Team Leader**, at [creche@charnwood.org](mailto:creche@charnwood.org)

Have reservations about coming to Charnwood 2016? Liz, our **Inclusion Co-ordinator** is the woman to help!!

Whether your problem is to do with camping, equipment, health or something else, contact Liz in confidence at [inclusion@charnwood.org](mailto:inclusion@charnwood.org) and if she can't solve your problem, she'll find a man (or woman!!) that can help.

Coming from overseas? Our **International Team Leaders** Sylv and Lynsey are the people to help.

They have been working hard for months to bring as many overseas campers/staff members as possible to join us.

They can be contacted at [intbookings@charnwood.org](mailto:intbookings@charnwood.org).

Sylv and Lynsey will also help campers who don't have to cross the sea, but are coming some distance, with travel tips, so if you've not already had contact from them, and need help, please get in touch.

Last but not least.... The **Support Team** are the folks that have been taking your bookings!!

They will be asking for more information soon, so look out for their email coming through your inbox.

The Support Team are still looking for staff with skill/interest in the field of journalism to help produce fantastic newspapers at camp – so if that's you, contact [support@charnwood.org](mailto:support@charnwood.org).

Many of the adults bringing participants to camp, or coming as a member of the staff, will be taking holiday from work – if your employer looks kindly on employees giving up time for voluntary work, and you need a letter supporting a request for paid leave, please contact [staff@charnwood.org](mailto:staff@charnwood.org) giving your **name, email address, role at Charnwood, C Ref. No., and whether you are a member of Scouting or Guiding, together with the name, address and email address of the person to whom the letter is to be sent.**

There are a few things YOU can be doing for US...

When you signed up you were told that “we ask that all adults wishing to participate in Charnwood 2016 hold an enhanced **CRB or DBS** issued by the **Scout or Guide Associations** only.

This disclosure must have been in date when you registered, and must be in date up to the last day of the event.”

If you have a new/renewed DBS number, please let us know at [staff@charnwood.org](mailto:staff@charnwood.org) so that we can update our records. You can also use that address to tell us if any other vital information has changed.

All staff, and adults with camping groups, are advised that, during induction at camp, their attention will be drawn to the **Safeguarding Policy** for Charnwood 2016.

It is desirable that, before coming to camp, all staff, and adults with camping groups, will have received appropriate **Scout/Guide Safeguarding Training** - if you have not already attended such a training, please contact the appropriate **Training Manager** to try and arrange to do so before camp.

The staff sub camp will be where staff can relax at the end of their shift – please tell us how you would like to spend that time so that we can be prepared – there will be a chill out zone – would you like some organised activities? If so, what would you like to do? Any thoughts to [staff@charnwood.org](mailto:staff@charnwood.org) please.

Bringing **Participants** to camp? Don't forget your **NANs/RENs/Passports/Permits!!**

## **NIGHTS AWAY NOTIFICATION - SCOUTS & EXPLORER SCOUTS - CHARNWOOD 2016**

### **Notification**

All Scout and Explorer Leaders are reminded that you will need to notify your **District/Area Commissioner**, that you are attending Charnwood 2016. This is done through passing the information in the **Nights Away Notification** (NAN) form to the District/Area Commissioner.

If one permit is being used for more than one group, the responsibility lies with the Permit holder to inform the appropriate Commissioner for each group.

### **Event Passports**

For Explorer Scouts attending Charnwood 2016 without a Leader, a nights away permit holder can grant a **Nights Away Passport** to an under 18 year old.

This will be done after a check on the young person's knowledge and ability to lead the event by the permit holder.

It will allow the young person to lead a residential event for members of their own section and will last for a single event.

The permit holder can only issue a **Passport** to the level of their own permit.

**Passports cannot** be used if adults, without permits, are present for the duration (or a significant part) of the residential event.

**Passports cannot** be used to take members of a younger section away, i.e. an Explorer Scout Young Leader taking a Patrol of Scouts away.

Further details can be located :- <https://members.scouts.org.uk/FS120800>

**Guide and Senior Section** group leaders are reminded that a **REN** form will need to be completed and sent to your **Division or District Commissioner** for approval as soon as possible but by the end of April 2016 at the latest. Camping group leaders will have received a generic form for completion together with links for the Risk Assessments.

All group leaders must have the appropriate **Going Away With Licence/ Senior Section Permit**.

Where groups are camping together under one licence holder, please make sure that approval is granted by both Commissioners.

Members of The **Senior Section** camping on their own will be included in a separate group under the stewardship of the camp wardens and sub camp leaders.

Most of our camping groups should by now know which sub camp they are on and should have heard from their sub camp leaders - your first chance to meet with them will be towards the end of February.

There will be another chance mid-April, and a final meeting towards the end of May.

The **Staff Sub Camp Leader** is Ian Cliffe.

You can contact Ian via [ninetiessubcamp@charnwood.org](mailto:ninetiessubcamp@charnwood.org).

All local camping groups should receive a copy of the advert seeking helping with hospitality for international visitors – staff can find a copy here -

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10208735260839360&set=gm.946761475407248&type=3&theater>.

And finally..... Remember these?? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JfEgCefwIHA>

Will you be an **Octo-Wood-Arian** at Charnwood 2016 next year i.e. one who has camped at all eight Charnwoods?

Christine will be, and wonders if there's any interest in an **"Octo-Wood-Arians"** get together/badge/special necker??

Contact Christine via [octo-wood-arians@virginmedia.com](mailto:octo-wood-arians@virginmedia.com) or snail mail c/o Girlguiding Leicestershire County Office, 97 Princess Road East, Leicester LE1 7DW for more information.

**See you at camp!! 😊**