

Ref: SPD/Y8 Bushcraft

29 October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Year 8 Bushcraft Camp 2026

I am very excited and pleased to launch this year's Bushcraft Camp which will take place at the Wormsley Estate in Oxfordshire and run by Campfire Wild Adventures. This is an opportunity that is open to **all** year 8 students and we look forward to welcoming each and every year 8 student on this year's camp.

The dates for the camp are 28-30 June 2026.

Bohunt School truly believes that participating in Outdoor Education has benefits which extend far beyond that of a classroom or the camp. We have found that students who have participated in our extensive Outdoor Education programme in the past have developed a wide range of skills and attributes, including self-confidence, social confidence and resilience. In addition to this it also has a significant impact on their mental health and wellbeing.

If you were unable to attend the Year 8 Parent Information evening, please find below the link to the presentation that was used on the night:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1CJ2FP_xZrTXy99peY5hj8VaqjDVrmbOyAcVjPwnydwC/edit?usp=sharing

Please also see below the link to the Outdoor Education website where you can find all the relevant information including frequently asked questions and links to all the correspondence that has been sent home. This will be updated throughout the year.

<https://sites.google.com/bohunt.hants.sch.uk/bohuntliphookoutdooreducation/home>

Also attached to this letter is a copy of the kit list. If you have any concerns regarding any of the kit that is listed, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will be happy to answer any questions.

As mentioned in the presentation the total cost of the camp is estimated to be £280. If your child is eligible for pupil premium funding part of the cost will be subsidised by the school. The final costs will be confirmed once I have been able to confirm numbers. The cost covers:

- 2 nights' accommodation
- Meals and refreshments
- 3 days of exciting, engaging, and fun activities
- Transport to/from the venue.

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If you wish your son/daughter to take part, then please carefully follow the registration procedure detailed below. Campfire Wild Adventures has the capacity to accommodate the whole year group at a time so each and every student is guaranteed a place on this camp, should they wish to attend.

The procedure is as follows:

1. Log in to School Gateway where the Bushcraft Camp which will be showing until **Friday 21 November**.
2. **Put a tick in the consent box** - this will generate a payment ID which means your registration has been successful. Only then will your child's name be added to the initial Bushcraft Camp list.
3. **Go to your payment history to check that an ID has been created**; this is your proof that you have successfully secured your place at the Bushcraft Camp

Please be aware that:

- Registration is only complete once the "consent" box has been ticked and the payment ID generated.
- Once you have consented, you will not be able to see the registration, but it will, however, appear in your payment history.
- **By ticking the consent box, you are making a firm commitment to the Bushcraft Camp and will be asked for a prompt payment shortly via the Gateway.**

At Bohunt, we ensure that every student, regardless of their background, is offered the same opportunities. Approximately 25% of students in state-funded education come from a disadvantaged background which as a result may mean that their families may struggle to send them on our Outdoor Education Trips. In order to ensure that we can continue to offer funding to those families that may be struggling financially, if you are able to, please consider making a £10 contribution. This can be used to support disadvantaged student's attendance on trips and outdoor education activities, through the provision of equipment or subsidising the cost of the trip.

I look forward to seeing the registrations for this opportunity flood in over the coming weeks! Should you have any further questions regarding the Bushcraft camp, please do not hesitate to contact me on outdoors@bohunt.hants.sch.uk.

Yours faithfully

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KIT LIST – YEAR 8 BUSHCRAFT CAMP

28 – 30 June 2026

One Hold-all

- Sleeping bag (*warmer 'mummy' type bag is best*)
- Roll Mat
- Wash kit
- Change of clothes for 3 days (*clothing should meet the expectations of non-school uniform days. Please also ensure spare clothes are packed, so you have something warm to change into, if you get rained on*)
- Underwear
- Comfortable shoes suitable for play and activities – doesn't matter if they become dirty or wet (*Waterproof shoes would be ideal e.g. walking boots or wellies, just in case!*)
- Waterproof jacket
- Warm layers - a fleece and a jumper/hoody (at least 2)
- Hat, gloves and scarf (**essential** for evening)
- Spare socks
- Water bottle (**essential**)
- Sunscreen
- Personal medication – to be carried in a waterproof freezer bag clearly marked with child's name
- Sanitary products and a small first aid kit with plasters
- Camping plate, mug and cutlery (**essential**)

Clothes to be worn during the day - Warm clothing in layers is best for keeping warm/cool and for regulating body heat

- A t-shirt
- A fleece top, jumper or hoody
- Appropriate leg wear for outdoor activities

Mobile Phones are not allowed on camp; please leave them at home. If a student needs to contact home, there will be school mobiles available for them to do so.

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