

Provisional Arrangements and Kit List for Swynnerton Main Camp, Saturday June 24th. – Friday June 30th. 2023

Cadets will be fully briefed at parade on Tuesday June 20th (timings TBC) and a revised details letter published afterwards. In the meantime, provisional details where known, and a kit list, are published here.

Travel Details

OUT: Saturday June 24th.

All cadets should be at school for **1200 hrs.**

Cadets who **have not passed their Weapon Handling Tests** will be required to attend earlier (probably c. **0800**) for revision and testing prior to departure.

Cadets to wear civilian clothes for journey.

RETURN: Friday 30th. June

Cadets will be attending Alton Towers on Friday, and returning direct to school from there. The estimated return time to school (SGS) is 1900 hrs. Cadets will be taking the coach from Swynnerton to Alton Towers, and the same coach from there to SGS.

Kit

A KIT LIST IS APPENDED BELOW.

Most activity will be conducted in combats of the MTP type, issued to all cadets. Some activities may require cadets to have swimming shorts, T-shirt and training shoes they don't mind getting wet, together with some warm clothes when out of the water.

A padlock to secure kit in lockers is strongly recommended.

Cadets will be in civilian clothing at some point most evenings, so require sufficient clothing for 5 nights away (1 night is in the field, in uniform).

Wash kits need to include towel/s.

Sleeping Bags and pillow cases are essential.

It is the cadet's responsibility to ensure that they have the appropriate issued kit before they depart for camp on Saturday.

Cadets must also have with them at all times:

Notebook and pen
Sun cream
Water bottle

CAMP ADDRESS - LOCATION

Swynnerton Training Camp,
Meece Rd, Cold Meece, Eccleshall, Stone ST15 0QN

Emergency Nos:

Wg Cdr Hobbs 07788 927136
Sutton Grammar SSI (not based on camp) – 07796 633905
School mobile (Sqn Ldr Marshall) – 07501940642

Please note that mobile signals at this camp and on the training areas – where cadets will spend much of their time – are at best erratic. We also encourage cadets not to take mobile phones onto the training area, where they are liable to get lost and prove irretrievable.

Phoning Home: The cadet programme is a full one, starting early and involving evening activities on several days. The best time for cadets to phone home, or vice versa, will be in the evenings, probably after 9pm.

Money

Cadets may need a small sum of pocket money for use in any camp facilities, a possible motorway stop on the outward and return journeys, and at Alton Towers for refreshments (a packed lunch is provided by the camp) but otherwise all activities and meals are paid for and the opportunities for spending money will be limited.

Officers

Wg. Cdr. D. Hobbs is the contingent commander, and Capt. R. Kempton is the officer in charge of the camp.

Behaviour and Illness

Cadets are expected to follow the instructions given to them by officers and NCO's without fuss. Cadets are expected to have the appropriate, short, hair cut. In the event of accident or illness, where the appropriate care cannot be given to cadets on camp, we would ask that parents or other nominated relative be available to collect them. In the event of any serious disciplinary infraction we would also ask parents to be available to collect cadets from camp.

It is parents' responsibility to ensure that cadets are fit for camp prior to departure, and that any medical issues have been appropriately declared. Cadets are expected to look after any medication themselves (eg inhalers, paracetamol, anti-histamines etc) unless prior arrangement has been made with the CCF staff.

Camp Programme

The camp programme comprises military training packages, adventurous training (provided by an external company) and other activities. The military packages are conducted by regular members of the armed services (Cadet Training Teams), and cadets are encouraged to listen attentively and respond enthusiastically.

We are sure this will be an enjoyable and rewarding camp experience, and thank you for your help in enabling the week to run as smoothly as possible.

MAIN CAMP 2023 - KIT REQUIREMENTS

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ISSUED KIT

'ths T-SHIRT
CAMP T-SHIRT (issued at or just prior to camp)
MTP SHIRT
MTP TROUSERS
MTP SMOCK (LARGE JACKET)
COMBAT WATERPROOFS (if you have been issued with these; spares will be taken)
POLISHED ARMY BOOTS
PAIR OF LONG SOCKS (x3)
BERET WITH CAP BADGE
WORKING BELT (x1)
TROUSER ELASTICS (OPTIONAL)

OTHER ITEMS (THIS IS A GUIDELINE; NOT EVERYONE WILL HAVE ALL OF THESE ITEMS)

CIVILIAN CLOTHING FOR A WEEK
SLEEPING BAG (x1)
UNDERWEAR & SOCKS
TRAINERS/CASUAL SHOES
DARK WARM CLOTHING FOR THE FIELD
BUSH HAT (Available from stores)
GLOVES
PEN KNIFE
TOWEL/S
WASH KIT
SHAVING KIT (WHERE REQUIRED)
WET WIPES (FOR CAMO CREAM REMOVAL)
BOOT CLEANING KIT
KNIFE, FORK, SPOON, & MUG (Essential)
INSECT REPELLENT
SUN CREAM
TOILET ROLL OR PACK OF TISSUES
BUNGEEES
TORCH
MEDICATION (IF REQUIRED)
MONEY FOR SNACKS
WATER/SWIMWEAR (SHORTS AND T-SHIRT)
LONG-SLEEVED SPORTS SHIRT
TRAINERS THAT CAN GET WET
SMALL PADLOCK (FOR LOCKERS/WARDROBES IF PROVIDED IN BILLETS)
SEWING KIT