

AVIEMORE FINAL DETAILS LETTER

DATES: Friday 25th. August – Tuesday 29th. 2023

These are the details for the 6th form leadership weekend at Aviemore.

Travel

We are travelling by plane from Gatwick, using Easyjet airlines. The flight details are below, but you should meet at Gatwick at **1030** on Friday 25th. August. The meeting point is just by the Easyjet departure desks in the **North Terminal**. Please leave plenty of time to get to Gatwick – there have been late arrivals in the past due to disruption on the M25 for example.

On return, you should arrange to be collected from the airport.

You will need to bring your passport as ID for boarding; if these are out of date then please bring another form of photo ID.

Flight Details

Friday 25th. August

Easy jet flight EZY847

Flight at 1225 from Gatwick North Terminal

Arrive Inverness 1410

Tuesday 29th. August

EZY848

Flight at 1515 from Inverness

Arrive Gatwick North Terminal 1655.

Activities

1. Adventurous Activity

We will be doing a water-based activity - Canyoning – with an outdoor provider we have used before. More information about this, including any needs for waivers, will be published on the blog when it becomes available. For now, please remember to bring spare trainers or wet boots (to wear during the activity) and a non-cotton top to wear under the wetsuit.

We will also be doing a zip-wire activity. You will be divided into two groups for both of these activities, undertaking one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

2. Mountain Walking - You will be spending two Quality Mountain Days in the Cairngorms, one high level one low. The weather can be highly unpredictable, so please bring waterproofs and small rucksacks. Other walking gear includes strong footwear – those who have been on Pennines or D of E should use that experience as a guide. Walking boots are ideal, although army boots will also suffice. Walking socks are a good investment, and we also recommend midge nets.. **Please note that you must bring long trousers, a warm top, waterproof and appropriate footwear. You will be expected to wear or at least carry these on the walking days. [Please reference the briefing given by Mr. Hobbs from which you hopefully took notes]**
3. Please bring a small item or ‘prop’ with you, that best reflects you and your aspirations for the last year of your CCF career. Don’t over-think this one, but similarly please do not come without it. You will be asked to produce it and explain its significance at some point during the weekend.

Accommodation and Catering

We will be staying at Rothiemurchus Lodge near Aviemore – www.rothiemurchus.co.uk

The address is:

Rothiemurchus Lodge
Aviemore
PH22 1QU
Tel: 01479 861288

We are catering at the lodge and food will be provided by us. On one of the nights, however, you will be expected to do the cooking, working in teams, ‘Masterchef’ style. Get some ideas ready!

You will need to bring sleeping bags, towels and wash kits with you.

Kit List

This is not exhaustive, and you should consider what you need for two days in the mountains, a day of canyoning/zip-wiring and 4 evenings at the bunkhouse. Each of the mountain walking days is long, but they are not camping expeditions – we finish back at the bunkhouse on each day.

Sleeping Bag (the bunkhouse does not provide bedding other than pillows – so pillow cases also recommended.)
Wash Kit
Towel/s (you also need this for the water-based activity)
Swimming shorts and non-cotton T-shirt
Old shoes/trainers for getting wet (canyoning)
Waterproofs
Warm clothing (eg fleece)
Light-weight long trousers (recommended for walking)
Walking boots
Small rucksack (or larger one if small not available – it will not be fully packed)
Change of clothing for evenings
An improving book for the flights and other times (for example, “Crimea” by Orlando Figes, an admirable account of the Crimean War)

Money

Meals are all provided, but if you wish to purchase extra food from the Aviemore Tesco, or eat at the airport, you will need to bring funds for that. The first meal we provide will be dinner on Friday.

Enquiries/Contacts

If you have any questions about this weekend, you should email Mr. Hobbs at sgscf@hotmail.co.uk, with “Aviemore Query” in the subject line. Please also keep checking the blog in the approach to the weekend.

Wg Cdr Hobbs will be running the weekend.

I look forward to seeing you all at Gatwick on August 25th.

Sqn Ldr G. Marshall