



17th January 2020

SUBJECT: CCF ANNUAL CAMP 21st June – 27th June 2020

Dear Parents/Cadets,

INTRODUCTION

I am pleased to inform you of this year's CCF Camp at Crowborough Training Camp located in Sussex. The camp is run centrally by 11 Infantry Brigade and the majority of the training is delivered by Regular Army instructors who are specialists in working with cadets. We have attended this camp before and it was a great success and this year looks to be equally as good!

PLACES ON THIS CAMP ARE TRADITIONALLY SOUGHT AFTER AND WE ARE LIMITED IN NUMBERS. PLEASE HAVE FORMS RETURNED TO THE CCF FAO WOII LAVERY NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 31st JANUARY 2020. In awarding places we will be considering the contribution and conduct of the applicants over the past year. Parents should be aware that this is a very challenging week both mentally and physically. All cadets will have to successfully pass their weapons handling test as a prerequisite to attending. Attending cadets will be expected to take part in *all* activities.

TRANSPORT

We will depart Gad's Hill School on Sunday 21st June 2020 (time to be confirmed) by military coach. Cadets will travel in uniform. The return journey will be organised in the same way returning on Saturday 27th June 2020 (again time to be confirmed.)

DRESS AND EQUIPMENT

A kit list will be distributed when the final attendance confirmation letter is sent out. Sleeping bags are required for both the barrack accommodation and the overnight bivouac. Therefore, these should be of suitable standard (at least three season outdoor.) If you need advice as to suitability of any particular type please ask me or any of the CCF officers.

ACCOMMODATION

Crowborough Training Camp is a purpose built training establishment with multi occupancy barrack rooms (16 cadets per room.) Each room will be supervised by a senior (U5) cadet. Males and females are accommodated separately. Wherever practicable contingents will have their own blocks but this cannot be guaranteed. Likewise we will always endeavour to keep peer groups together but room allocation is done by the MOD so this cannot be guaranteed. Mattresses and pillows are provided but cadets must bring and use their own sleeping bag for use in barracks.

Cadets will be responsible for the day to day maintenance of their own accommodation which is to be of the highest standard. Any damages, through misuse, will have to be paid for. Valuable items - as these are shared barracks it is recommended that valuable belongings be left at home.

FEEDING

All meals will be provided whilst on camp. All cadets are required to bring their own knife, fork, spoon and mug (not the breakable variety please.) There is a dedicated cadet club on the camp where they can buy extra snacks and drinks in the evenings. There is no facility to draw cash at the camp so cadets will be responsible, at all times, for their own funds.

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PHONES/SOCIAL MEDIA

The CCF policy is no phones (including SIM enabled tablets). Staff will collect and store them securely for the duration of the camp. There will be both public phones on site and in addition, a Gad's Hill staff phone, available for students to use in case of exceptional circumstances. The MOD strictly forbids the sending of pictures of its staff and facilities to social media for child protection and security reasons. Non-compliance with this will result in immediate return home. Please also note – we have been informed by Crowborough camp that phone signal from anything other than EE or Orange mobiles is weak at best!

ACTIVITIES

During the camp your child will be taking part in a number of activities that are designed to challenge them both physically and mentally in a safe and supportive environment. The programme outline is shown below with the caveat that there may be some minor changes before the final date:-

- a. **Section and platoon attacks – blank ammunition**
- b. **TIBUA (training in built up areas) Inc. house clearance & ambush**
- c. **Team building and challenging pursuits**
- d. **Water sports.**
- e. **Close Quarter Battle**
- f. **First Aid**
- g. **Obstacle Course Training**
- h. **Leadership and Orienteering**
- i. **Archery**
- j. **Laser quest.**
- k. **DCCT (Dismounted Close Combat Trainer) – the army's latest computerised shooting system**
- l. **Live firing range Package**
- m. **Interschool's competition**
- n. **Overnight Exercise – sleeping under basha in a tactical environment**

PHYSICAL FITNESS

The week will be particularly physically demanding so please consider this before applying for a position on camp.

CAMP PREREQUISITS / SELECTION

A requirement of the MOD is that any cadet attending camp must have:

- **Successfully passed a weapons handling test.**
- **Reached the required Cadet Basic level of training**
- **We will also take into account their school and CCF dress and conduct records.**

MEDICAL

Each contingent will be providing its own medical cover and there is a minor injuries unit half a mile from the camp for additional medical assistance. If a cadet becomes ill or injured during the week and needs to be sent home, parents will be required to collect their cadet from the camp. This is expected within a reasonable time frame of being requested and at the parents own expense. Staff at the camp insist on accurate medical records so please make sure your child's medical records are up to date with the school. Particular attention should be made to any medication needed. All medication, and administration instruction is the responsibility of the parent/carer. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Capt Godding if you need to discuss any matters regarding this.

BEHAVIOUR

The highest standards of turn out and behaviour will be expected at all times. There will be other schools and regular/reserve personnel on site throughout the week. Any behaviour which is deemed by the Contingent Commander as not being conducive to the standards expected **WILL** result in the cadet being sent home immediately. Parents will be expected to attend and collect the cadet – in a reasonable time frame - on being requested to do so and at their own expense

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COST

The cost of the Camp is £190 this is to cover the cost of the camp, adventurous training, insurance, food, accommodation and transport. We will also be purchasing a commemorative T shirt and MTP bush hat. We will confirm sizes with you when a place is offered.

CANCELLATION

In applying for a place at camp it is on the acceptance that all monies are non-refundable as we have to make a substantial financial commitment to the MOD to cover the camp and activities. This also applies if your child is returned from camp for any reason (e.g. injury, illness or disciplinary.)

CONCLUSION

I hope all you need to know is contained in these pages. However please feel free to contact me through the School office on 01474 822366 or by email a.lavery@gadshillschool.org if you have any further queries or concerns.

I am sure that the pupils will get a lot out of this week away and I would like to point out that they may be a little tired on their return home!

Kind regards,

WO II Andrew Lavery
Gads' Hill School Staff Instructor
PP Major Mark Lamb

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PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN BY FRIDAY 31st January 2020
(Email Return is Acceptable)

CCF Annual Camp – Crowborough – 21st June – 27th June 2020

I confirm that my child, with permission and acceptance of all conditions, will be attending annual camp over the period 21/6/20- 27/6/20.

Terms and conditions

1. I understand that once a place on camp is allocated the fee is non-refundable.
2. I understand that they are returned from camp for medical or conduct reasons that the fee is also non-refundable.
3. I understand that final room allocation will be at the direction of the CCF and MOD staff.
4. I agree that the fee will be recharged to my school account

Pupil Name:-.....

Form:-.....

Parents Name:-.....

Signature:-.....

Date:.....

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