

St Michael's Youth Group
Faith Fun & Friendship

Camping!

As last years camping trip was such a great success, we're doing it again... only this year it's bigger and better!

So, we're planning a weekend's camping trip in the New Forest from Friday 12 June to Sunday 14 June. We'll be leaving as soon as we can after school on Friday, and will be back late on Sunday afternoon.

These are the provisional plans, but it all depends on us getting confirmed numbers and booking campsites and ferries as soon as possible!

On Friday, we'll pitch camp and have our packed lunch (you'll all be bringing this with you) and then have a night hike around the local forest trails.

On Saturday, we're planning a day trip to the Isle of Wight, with most of the day spent at the fantastic Blackgang Chine park at the south tip of the island (<http://www.blackgangchine.com>), and finishing with fish and chips on the beach at Sandown

On Sunday, breakfast, pack up camp, and then set off on our bikes for the cycling expedition! The New forest has miles of off-road footpaths and bridleways for fantastic cycling. We'll probably split into faster and slower groups and meet up at a midpoint for some refreshments, and then towards the end of the day, head home. We'll probably follow a similar route to last year, with a long lunch break at the ford, to paddle ☺

Places will be limited by the number of car spaces we have, and bookings will be taken on a first come first served basis.

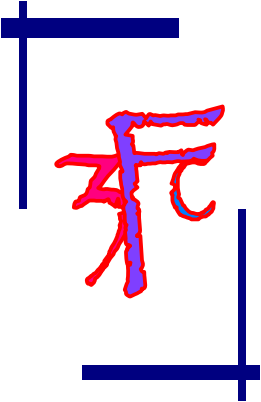
We will have some spaces for people who want to bring their own bikes, (spaces to transport bikes will, again, be on a first come, first served basis.) but otherwise good off-road bikes can be hired for the day for about £15. If you want to bring your own bike, it must be suitable for off-road riding (dirt tracks and mud), it must be road-worthy, should have large wheels, and all cyclists **must** wear a helmet. You should also bring a cycle lock! Most cycling will be off-road, where we do need to travel on roads, they will be generally quiet, slow roads.

The weekend will include lots of physical activity, but nothing too strenuous. We'll only go at the speed of the slowest, but will encourage people to keep up and stay together. Depending on the number of adults, we may split into smaller groups, but at the moment anticipate just two.

We need booking information from you as soon as possible, so that we can get down to the detailed planning; from that we'll come up with a detailed plan for the trip, with loads more information closer to the date.

This is the weekend of the Isle of Wight festival, so if we don't book ferry places and campsite by next week (10th May), we are likely to be too late and will have to re-plan, or possibly cancel the trip.

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We anticipate the cost of the weekend will be £60 (plus £15 if you want to hire a bike). This will include all food and excursions; you only need to bring a packed lunch for Friday, clothes, sleeping bags and a toothbrush☺.

If you'd like to make this a family adventure, have your grown-up speak to Pete or Annie about bringing some or all of the family along too. You can reach us on 01903 200750 in the evenings.

We need to take a £20 deposit to book a place, so that we can be as certain on numbers as possible, as we will need to make bookings for the camp site, ferry and any cycle hire. First come first served applies from the time you've paid your deposit!

Amongst the adult leaders, we will have with us a qualified nurse, however, none of the adult leaders are qualified expedition leaders, and we will only be acting as any reasonable parent would in relation to any situation that may arise.

Note that normal youth club rules will apply – you will be expected to follow leaders' instructions and behave appropriately at all times. In the unlikely event that your behaviour falls below the standards we expect, and we consider you to be a risk to the party, one of the adult leaders will drive you home immediately at your parent's/guardian's expense.

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Name	
Do you have a tent? (we will only use 2-3 berth pop-up tents)	
If so, how many berths?	
Do you want to bring your own Bike?	
Any special dietary requirements?	
Anything important about you that we need to know about?	

I include a non-refundable deposit for £20. I understand that if for whatever reason I cancel, or am unable to attend, this deposit will not be refunded, as it will have been used to book campsite, ferry and park entrance.

Signed: _____

Relation to child: _____

Date: _____