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Camping at Thriftwood Scout Campsite

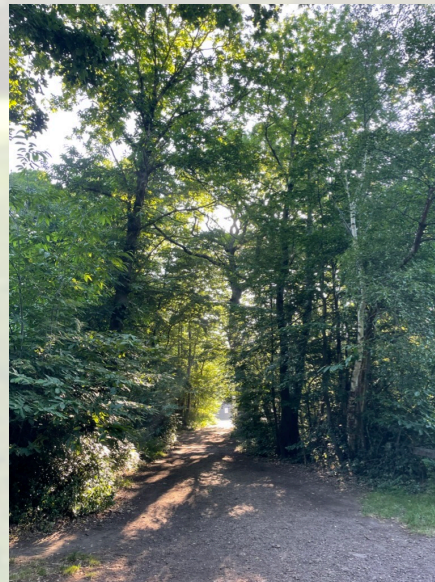
Bowes Primary School

Year 4

Monday 15th - Tuesday 16th June 2026



This year, camping
will be at Thriftwood
– a large Scout
campsite in
Brentwood, Essex.



The site

With plenty of open camping space, they have 96 acres of private woodland available for fun and adventure, and for young people to experience the freedom of the outdoors.

It has a diverse range of flora, fauna, wildlife and birds.



When will my child camp?

Both Year 4 classes will be camping on one night. This will be an ideal opportunity for the children to explore the wilderness as a year group.

They will be camping on: Monday 15th June 2026 and returning to school on Tuesday 16th June 2025.

We will depart school around 9:30am/10am and return to school the following day around 2:30pm/3pm.

Why are you taking the children camping?

To build independence, team work and cooperation.

To develop problem solving skills.

To give the children a new experience.

Children will be planning their own camping experience, including menus and duty rotas.

Sleeping Arrangements

Children will sleep in modern tents, near to adults that they know.

Boys and girls will sleep in separate tents.

Each tent will sleep between 3 and 6 children.



What will the children do whilst at camp?

- Team building games
 - Cooking
 - Campfire
 - Orienteering
 - Nature Walk
- Activities linked to learning in class
- Sports activities such as rounders and ball games

The day of the camp

- On the day of departure, children should bring their kit and bedding into school at 8.40am (normal time). The kit will be left on the stage in the bottom hall.
- We will leave for camp between 9:30am and 10am – your child will need a packed lunch, to be eaten at the campsite.
- We should return to school around 2:30/3pm on the Tuesday.
- The school will inform you of a more accurate time on the return day.
- You will be able to pick up your child when they arrive back at school.
- Please ensure your mobile phone details are up to date.

What will my child need?

Please make sure that your child has a warm coat, a change of footwear and clothing for the expected weather conditions. Please include enough spare clothes should a set get wet/dirty.

The site can be **very muddy!**

Warm bedding (ideally a sleeping bag, blanket and roll mat) should be in one large bag - **no bin bags please.**

All luggage should be in one bag (rucksack or holdall, no wheeled suitcases).

Please name all items that your child comes to camp with.

Your child does not need to wear their school uniform on the day they go to camp.

Kit List

Camp Kit List

Please pack the kit needed for camp with your child, they need to know where items are in their bag. Kit should not be packed into bin bags as these tear easily. Please clearly label all items with your child's name.

Luggage should be 'cabin sized' (one per child).

Children should not wear their school uniform on the day of their camp.

Mobile phones and other electrical items are not permitted on camp.

Sleeping bag (or warm bedding) Roll mat or similar to sleep on (no inflatable mattresses) Pillow Blanket Teddy bear	Trousers/jogging bottoms (not jeans) T-shirts Jumpers / Fleeces Underwear Sleep wear (pyjamas or onesie) Trainers (2 pairs) Warm waterproof coat
Wash kit Towel Watch	
Plastic carrier bags (for dirty clothing) Torch and batteries	
Items to be handed in: Medicine	Not permitted on camp: Electrical items (music player, electronic games, etc) Mobile phones Sweets, biscuits or crisps Spending money

Shorts and sandals are not suitable for Thriftwood.

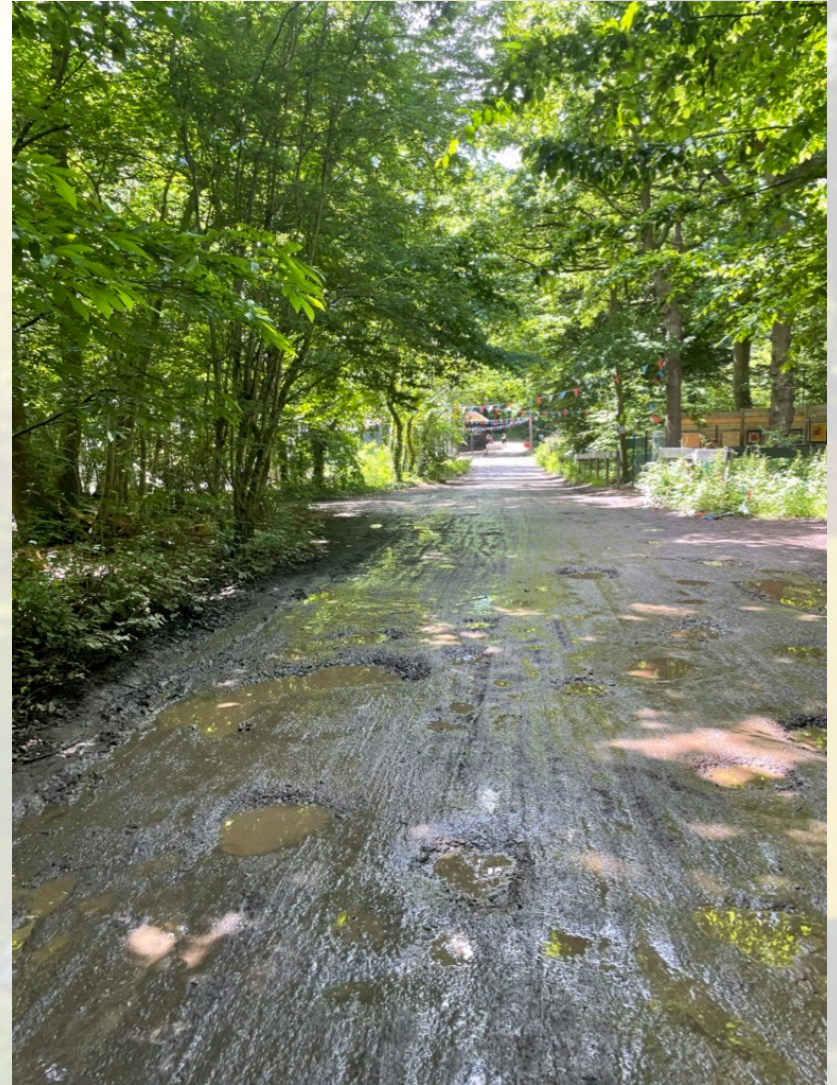
Wet weather

Please ensure your child has a suitable raincoat with a hood that they bring to camp with them.

If it is wet, the site will be very muddy so suitable shoes / old trainers will be vital. Please ensure they have enough clothes to change into should they get wet / muddy.

Children need to have two sets of shoes.

Muddy site – please be prepared!



What is not needed at camp?

- Mobile phones
- Electronic games
- Spending money
- Sweets, chocolates or nibbles

SAFETY

- Children will be expected to stay in threes when exploring the site
- We will show the children where they are allowed to go on the site
 - Adults will camp near to the children
- Staff with first aid will be on site at all times
- Before camp, classes will agree a code of behaviour for camp

Do I have to fill out a permission form?

- The permission form and medical form (both google forms) **must** be completed by a parent before your child goes camping. The link to the medical form has been sent to you today. The permission form was completed when you requested a place for your child.
- The **medical form needs to be completed by Monday 18th May.**
- Please ensure that all details are correct – especially your contact numbers and address.
- We would like permission to give your child Calpol (paracetamol based) and Piriton (allergy medication) should we feel this is necessary – please indicate on the medical form if you **do not consent** to this.

Camping Assembly

- We will be holding assemblies on Wednesday 1st July and Thursday 2nd July to show parents what the children got up to at camp.
- We will allocate a date for parents to attend so that we can manage numbers on the day.

Thank you for coming

We are happy to answer any questions.

