

Adventure Camps at Holt Hall



A three-day camp, packed with challenge and adventure within the spectacular grounds of Holt Hall Environmental and Outdoor Learning Centre

Learning overview

In this cross-curricular programme, children learn how to pitch tents, forage for wild food, make and cook on a campfire, whittle sticks, navigate through the woods, create masterpieces of environmental art and discover more about the nocturnal creatures who live in the Hall grounds.

What do pupils gain from this experience?

Teachers say: independence, cooperation, teamwork, sharing, compromise, risk taking, confidence to try new things

Quotes from teachers

"..a fantastic camp and a brilliant experience for all of the children. Hopefully one which will become a tradition."

"It presented lots of situations which the children don't normally have to deal with and actually having to do things for themselves."

Quotes from children

"This camp has been AMAZING! I loved all of it from the (small mammal) traps to the camping out. THNX!"

"This camp has been great. My favourite part was when the wood mouse hid under my leg."

Maximum number of children: 35 pupils (majority sharing 2-person tents with a buddy, plus one group sharing a 3-person tent if odd number)

Cost: £92.50 per pupil (+ VAT if applicable), with a minimum price of £2775 (+ VAT if applicable) - equivalent to 30 children and 5 free staff

Availability: May - end of September (school term only)

Duration: from 10.30am (Day 1) to 1.15pm (Day 3)

Location: campsite of Holt Hall Environmental and Outdoor Learning Centre



What is included in the cost?

- All tents and associated pitching tools, sleeping mats, cooking utensils and use of the camp-site facilities (wash-blocks and toilets, drinking water tap, pavilion for storage)
- All tuition, with a minimum of 6 bushcraft-style activities led by qualified and experienced Goldcrest instructors
- Delicious hot breakfasts and evening meals served indoors, picnics at lunchtime (except on day one)
- Pre-visit meeting at your school to meet children, parents and teachers
- Curriculum-linked "Adventure Camp" activity sheets for pupils to complete before the camp (optional)
- Follow-up activity sheets and ideas to help integrate the experience into the termly plan
- On-call duty person (instructors do not sleep at the camp)



What will the participants / school need to provide?

- Sleeping bags, pillows and other personal camp items (a full kit-list will be provided)
- Packed lunch on Day 1
- Stories / songs for evening campfire gatherings
- Sports equipment for free time play, eg. football
- Payment for additional staff (5 adults included in main price, extra adults charged at £37 per person)

"I would definitely do this type of residential again - it was a fantastic alternative to usual residential trips and pushed lots of the children out of their comfort zones. It was also an opportunity for more confident children to practise skills etc."

Can the school / group choose which activities are undertaken?

Whilst in association with Holt Hall, these adventure camps are run independently by Goldcrest Outdoor Education; this means the normal choices available on Holt Hall residentials are not applicable. The adventure camp package is designed to cover all aspects of the curriculum: numeracy, literacy, science, geography, art, design and technology, PE and PSHE – with each session building upon the skills and knowledge gained in previous activities.

However, as part of the booking process, we will ask if there is a particular topic or learning objective you would like us to focus on and we can then adapt the package/ activities to meet your individual requirements. It is unlikely that any offsite visits can be made, unless minibuses are available, and this would incur extra charges.



How many school adults are needed?

We ask for a minimum ratio of **1 adult per 6 children** (The two Goldcrest instructors running the camp should not be included in this ratio). At least one of these adults should be a teacher. We can provide 6 tents for supervising adults (ie, one 2-person tent per adult) but can source more at a small additional cost.



For further information or to book a Goldcrest Adventure Camp at Holt Hall

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