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If you thought that we have had enough of camping this year then you would be wrong. We think we have saved the best until last. The jamboree was amazing but this is OUR centenary opportunity to have fun, gather a few friends around and to promote the best of scouting.

General information - Bodwarts is a FUN event
Bodwarts is the theme for this year's Ticehurst and friend's autumn camp. We hope to raise the bar once more in this centenary year of scouting and bring you a themed event of scouting skills combined with the backdrop of one of the most stunning backdrops in the south east of England. We hope to provide a great opportunity for young people to mix together and appreciate scouting at its best. We would like to think that this will be an event that captures the imagination of our young people and promotes scouting through the National Trust.

Although there is a strong theme of swords and sorcery that runs through the whole event this is not a circus event. There will be real scouting skills to acquire with traditional and not so traditional events to join in. We are aiming Bodwarts at cubs, scouts and explorers with different activities suitable for each age group to reflect progression through the organisation which is reflected in the programme. Cubs, scouts, guides, rangers and explorers are welcome to join us to visit or camp

Cost is important especially in what seems to be an expensive year for our families in scouting. We are relying on in-house skills as much as possible and involving the group leaders as much as possible. This does keep the cost down and will spread the load of organising across everyone so that we hope everyone gets a good time. I think you will be surprised at the price of joining the event.

Dates

Bodwarts is staged over the October half term (end of term 1) week, on the first weekend. Set up is on the evening of Friday 19th October and camp down on Tuesday 23rd October. We don't expect everyone to join us for the whole thing. That is the nature of our autumn camp. Come and join us for what you are able. We do hope that you are able to come to the whole thing as the more the merrier.

Location

The setting for Bodwarts is around the amazing Bodiam castle in Bodiam as guests of George and the National Trust team. Thanks to Dave Eastwood and his wife, our sub-camp is on a nearby field between the castle and the Bodiam to Tenterden railway. Here we can control security for the weekend and provide a field games and a campfire area. Running water and toilets will be provided. Wood fires will be allowed and we will be promoting the idea of oil drum or altar fires where possible. We will be bringing wood to site for cooking

Theme

We are having a swords and sorcery theme that embodies chivalry meets Harry Potter. Bodwarts is staged on the activity field, Bodiam castle grounds, in the castle itself on the sub camp, on the river and at Tenterden via the steam railway. We hope that all of the participants will get into the spirit of the event and bring costumes befitting swords and sorcery. The ghost of Sir Edward Dalyngrigge will be judging witches, warlocks, knights and even monsters on our torch lit parade to the castle.



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Booking arrangements

Gill Hill will be taking bookings from the 1st September from all campers. Including those from Ticehurst. A minimum £10.00 deposit is required for everyone that wishes to join in. Last bookings are to be made before Friday 12th October. The deposit amount is simply the deposit for Bodiam and does not represent any admin cost.

Who Can Camp at Bodwarts

Bodwarts is an activity weekend and aimed at cubs scouts and explorers. We are not staging activities for beavers although they might like to join us with their families for the Saturday events.

Costs

We are dividing the costs into three types of camper

1. Journeyman -Day visitor

Day visitors arrive at 8:30am and leave in the evening of the same day. We are not catering for day visitors although food and drink will be available.

2. Novice- weekend camper

Weekenders are campers that arrive Friday Night and go home on Sunday evening. On Friday the meal will be soup and a bun or similar.

3. Apprentice - Whole camp

Camping for duration from Friday night through to Tuesday Morning. On Friday the meal will be soup and a bun or similar.

Camping information

All camping is within a couple of minutes walk to Bodiam Castle. The sub camp is on grazing land adjacent to the Rother River. This area will have had cattle on it up to the period just before the event. Water will be piped from a standpipe in the corner of the field to locations convenient for campers. This is fresh mains water. Toilets on site will be portaloos. We ask for cooperation in keeping these as clean as possible and avoiding young people playing games in them.

We plan campfires, movie night, wide games and field games on the sub camp so it will not just be a dormitory. In case of wet weather we are bringing

our marquees since there is plenty of room onsite. Camping will be away from the wooded area since this is reserved for the campfire. In case of flooding we may have to move the camp area for the duration of the camp.

First aid provision and safety

We aim that everyone has a good time at Bodwarts but accidents do happen and we hope that the worst case will be a splinter or bruise. However a first aid point will be clearly identified on the sub camp and onsite at Bodiam when we are there for activities. Prevention is always better than cure. All of our activities will be checked before anyone uses them and we encourage responsible behaviour but with a fun element at all times. We insist on all camp members providing their medical forms as part of joining Bodwarts whether they are with us for the day or the whole weekend if they intend to join in. This really does save time if there are any incidents.

Medication and allergies

If your son/daughter has any medication or allergies please ensure that you have marked this on the waiver or permission to camp form. We are near to home so medication may be replaced if lost. We will of course be carrying a first aid kit with us.

Emergency contacts

A chain of emergency contacts will be established whilst we are onsite. The nominated home contacts will be available with the final joining instructions. In the event of an incident the home contacts will contact all parents/guardians of cubs/scouts at camp. In the event that the scouts have to return home and parents/guardians cannot be reached the scouts will be returned to the scout hut to await collection.

Child Protection

All leaders and assistants dealing with or placed in a position of responsibility in the scout association submit to police checks on joining the organisation. If you have any concerns with the handling of your child or others please contact our District commissioner Brain Sadd on telephone number 01892 654836. All calls will be handled in the strictest confidence.



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Joining instructions

An advanced party will be meeting at the hut on Friday 19th October to travel to Bodwarts and establish the camp, tents etc. No beavers cubs or scouts are expected to help at this time.

Campers are expected to make their own way to Bodiam. The campsite is on the field opposite Bodiam Castle and will be clearly signposted and we hope visible. Cubs, scouts and explorers joining us for the whole camp are expected to arrive at Bodwarts on Friday 19th October after 4:00pm. Those joining us on Saturday or Sunday are expected to arrive on site at 8:30am to avoid missing activities and assumed to have with them a packed lunch.

Dress and personal belongings

Cubs, Scouts and Explorers will be expected to travel in uniform. This gives a good impression when we arrive at our destination. We may also need uniform when travelling on outside trips. All Explorers and scouts will be responsible for bringing their own personal equipment. A guide list of equipment forms appendix A

Visitors on camp

The sub-camp will be out of bounds to the general public. However, many of our activities will be taking place in and around Bodiam castle itself. Families are welcome to come and watch the fun on Saturday and Monday as our cubs scouts and explorers swim, coracle, climb, abseil sail or canoe. Join us for the galleon racing and torchlit parade on Saturday afternoon and evening and the medieval knockout on Monday afternoon.

Torchlit parade

One of the events for the camp which we hope will be a highlight is the torchlit parade around the castle and village on The Saturday night. There is a competition for the best costumes in the swords and sorcery theme. Everyone is expected to join in and bring some kind of costume, even if it is only a sword and shield. The parade will be run safely and will be an opportunity for locals, parents and families to join in the festivities. More details will be found on the bodwarts website.

Bin Liners and bags

It seems strange to put an entry for bin liners but Bin liners are great for putting in rubbish or dirty/damp

clothes that go into a kit bag or rucksack. They are not a substitute for the kitbag or rucksack. Please ensure that your camping belongings are in a decent bag to avoid tears when they accidentally are thrown away with rubbish or split leaving them strewn across the site or worse.

Money

There will be shops which will sell badges and sweets etc. Light refreshments such as hot/cold drinks and snacks will be available. We do not expect any explorer or scout to bring more than £30 pocket money but this will be at your discretion.

Mobile phones, PSP and personal valuables

Mobile phones are not allowed onsite so please DO NOT send your son or daughter with one to camp. There will be telephone facilities on site for emergency calls. There will be many other youth and adult groups staying onsite and young people have a habit of 'trading'. Anyone found with a mobile phone on camp will be sent home with it.

Permission to camp and medical waivers forms

Please ensure that you have supplied us with signed permission to camp and medical waiver forms. Copies of the forms are in appendixes C and D. These forms seem daunting especially references to injury or death but we are required now to ensure that we have shown due diligence and have assessed maximum risk. Maximum risk is always death.

Return Home

Cubs scouts and explorers leaving the site on Tuesday 23rd may be picked up any time after 10:00am but we will be there until 12:00. Leavers on any other day are assumed to be ready for collection after the afternoon activities and although they are welcome to stay on they will not be catered for during the evening meal and special activities.

Website

Up to date information and breaking news will be posted on the Bodwarts website

www.bodwarts.org.uk



Day	Friday 19 th October	Main theme	Set up camp
Morning		Afternoon	Evening
n/a		Set up	Flag break and opening of Bodwarts at sub-camp and on Bodiam fields in uniform. Campfire Movies in marquee

Day	Saturday 20 th October	Main theme	Bodwarts castle
Morning		Afternoon	Evening
Assign everyone to a kingdom for the weekend activities (1) on castle grounds bring packed lunch		Activities (1) continue along with galleon racing in the moat and kite flying display	Torchlit parade from sub-camp to castle. Entertainment at the castle. Explorer expedition sets out Hog roast for parade

Day	Sunday 21 st October	Main theme	Bodwarts treasure hunt
Morning		Afternoon	Evening
Everyone except explorers boards train at Bodiam and travels to Tenterden to take part in Harry Potter treasure hunt. Trip combined with swimming at Tenterden pool and visits to ye olde fish and chip Shoppe? District hike leaves from site Explorers return from expedition and leave for Tenterden			Disco at the castle Wide game or movie at sub camp Explorer night event?

Day	Monday 22 nd October	Main theme	Bodwarts tournament
Morning		Afternoon	Evening
Activities (2) around castle grounds		Activities (2) around castle grounds Grande tournament including jousting and team games	Wide game on sub camp and campfire

Day	Tuesday 23 rd October	Main theme	Close down
Morning		Afternoon	Evening
Flag down and closing ceremony in uniform Pack up and go home		n/a	n/a



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Permission to Camp form

(Please write clearly and complete ALL sections of these forms in ink)

Group		Group Leader	
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Lastname: _____		Title _____	Firstname _____		
Date of Birth: _____		Age: _____	Section BEAVER / CUB / SCOUT / EXPLORER		

Joining details

The above person will be joining Bodwarts as follows (delete as necessary)

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|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1. Journeyman | Day visits | Saturday | Sunday | Monday | £10.00* |
| 2. Novice | Weekend camper | Fri-Sunday evening | | | £21.00* |
| 3. Apprentice | Whole camp | Fri - Tues | | | £32.00* |

I attach payment for £_____ Please make cheques payable to 1st ticehurst scout group

* please note that this does not include catering costs. Hog roast available to campers at £3.00 per head on Saturday

Activity Form

I give my permission for the above person to join the Bodwarts camp 2007 at Bodiam. I understand that there are activities that undertaken without supervision may be dangerous. Leaders of the camp will be taking appropriate measures to ensure the safety of everyone in their care and show due diligence. For the duration of the camp the leaders of the camp will be acting in loco parentis for all campers under 16 years of age. The camp leader is Tony Thompson. If you have issues of child protection or safety on the camp please contact the organisers or the district commissioner Brian Sadd 01892 654836. In the event of an accident or incident our home contact system will come into effect. The home contact for Bodwarts is Anita Turner Tel: 01580 200 792. The site contact numbers are Tony 07947607967 and Jim 07763111252. These numbers are not available 24 hours a day.

A variety of activities are on offer at the camp. Please indicate if you would rather not have your young person participate in the following:-

Watersports Competitive games Climbing or abseiling pioneering treasure hunts and hiking

Signed: _____
 Print Name _____
 Date _____
 Relationship _____

Please note that this must be signed by the holder of parental responsibility if the person named is under 16 years of age for all or part of the camp and by the participant if over 16

Health Form

(Please write clearly and complete ALL sections of these forms in ink)

Group		Group Leader	
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Lastname: _____	Title _____	Firstname _____
Date of Birth: _____	Age: _____	NHS Number _____

In An Emergency please contact:-
Surname: _____ Title: _____
Firstname(s): _____
Relationship _____
Address _____

Postcode _____
Daytime Tel: _____
Evening tel: _____
Mobile: _____

Participants Family Doctor
Name: _____
Practice: _____
Address _____

Postcode _____
Daytime Tel: _____

If receiving Hospital treatment
Hospital: _____
Hospital tel: _____
Consultant: _____
Patient number _____

Emergency permission:-
I give my permission for any suitably qualified camp first aider to administer first aid to the above person during the camp. I also give my permission for any first aider/paramedic/authorised leader to give consent for any necessary hospital/medical treatment provided reasonable attempts have been made to contact me.

Signed: _____
Print Name _____
Date _____
Relationship _____

Please note that this must be signed by the holder of parental responsibility if the person named is under 16 years of age for all or part of the camp and by the participant if over 16

Allergies:-
Is the participant allergic to ANYTHING (e.g. medicines plaster etc) \\YES / NO

If Yes then please give a brief description

International Participants only
Statement of medical insurance
I have made adequate provision to cover all medical costs incurred in the UK

Signed: _____
Print Name _____
Date _____
Insurance co. _____
Policy No. _____
Tel No.: _____

Don't forget to bring a copy of the policy with you

Medical Conditions:-
If the participant have any medical history that we should be aware of? (operations heart problems epilepsy diabetes asthma) Please list

Medication
Does the Participant take any medication?
YES / NO

If yes please list the medications on the next page

Participants own Medication List:-

Full generic and brand name please

Doseage

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Participants under 16 should give their medication to contingent leaders, inhalers should be kept with the individual a spare given to the leader

Medication on Site

The following medicines may be available on site. Please indicate which can or cannot be dispensed. Dosage will be in accordance to the manufacturers/suppliers recommended doses

Paracetamol (tablets and elixir)	YES / NO
Ibuprofen (tablets and elixir) - not for asthmatics	YES / NO
Chlorphiramine (e.g. piriton for allergies)	YES / NO
Antacid (Gaviscon, rennies tablets and medicine)	YES / NO
Simple Linctus (cough medicine)	YES / NO
1% Hydrocortisone cream (not on faces)	YES / NO
Insect bite cream (e.g. Waspeze anthisan)	YES / NO
Calamine Lotion (For Sun Burn)	YES / NO

I give permission for the above, as indicated, to be given at the appropriate dose

Signed _____ Print _____ Date _____

Participants are expected to bring their own sun creams/blocks/moisturisers. We request that participants that wear glasses bring a spare pair if possible

Medical History

Please describe any medical history that we should know about including serious operations and current treatments

Date of last tetanus vaccine _____



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KIT LIST - This is a guide, not an exhaustive list

Top half uniform for travel (hat, scarf, polo shirt/dress shirt)	
Rucksack or holdall - Please NO BIN BAGS as they are not appropriate	
Clothes for 4 days plus one spare set (tops bottoms and underwear)	
Plate, bowl, cup/mug, cutlery clearly marked please	
Stout shoes or walking boots	
Trainers	
Waterproof jacket	
Spare thick socks	
Torch with spare batteries	
Sleeping bag (with spare blanket if you feel the cold)	
Camp bed, carrymat or similar sleeping mat (please advise if you don't have)	
Swimsuit and towel	
Hat for evenings	
Washing kit	
Towel	
Playing cards or small game	
Tea Towel	
Packed lunch for outward journey and trips in day-sack or other small bag	
Carrier bag or bin bag for wet clothes	
Pocket money	
Cheap camera	
Pillow (by popular request)	
Medieval parade clothes	
Optional items	
Extra warm clothes	
Wet suit for water activities - optional	
Wellington boots	
Lock Knife - please do not bring folding or fixed blade knives as these are as dangerous to the owner as anyone else	

PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

- Mobile phones
- Expensive jewellery or other small objects of desire
- Video cameras
- Video games or players
- Boom boxes or radios