



# Blackland Farm trip

7<sup>th</sup> June - 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021

# Blackland Farm 2021!!

## We are off...!!!!!!

- ▶ Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June
- ▶ Blackland Farm is the Girl Guide owned activity centre just outside East Grinstead
- ▶ Trekco is the company running the week's activities on the site of Blackland Farm. We have been working with this company for 11 years. They are one of the largest independent outdoor activity companies in the UK and was established in 1989
- ▶ All the instructors are fully qualified and have a passion for working with children in outdoor pursuits. It is the quality of instruction that is the reason we have been using this company for so long

# Safeguarding

- ▶ All instructors are fully trained and DBS checked
- ▶ All groups of children at all times are under the supervision of a member of the school team
- ▶ Clear boundaries are set about accessing the site, night time routines and expectations of the children
- ▶ There is a night guard on duty all night and school staff are on hand to support children no matter what the time of day or night.



# The camp

- ▶ We are all outdoors all the time - the children sleep in large ridge tents
- ▶ Each day they will have three activities and one evening activity
- ▶ There is some free time when children play sports, hang out together, read, relax, sleep - ask when it's dinner time....
- ▶ We all come together for meal times - we eat in a large marquee
- ▶ The food is good quality and plentiful...chicken casserole, spaghetti bolognaise, meat balls are some examples, with vegetarian options and a cooked breakfast! Lunch is a picnic





# Activities

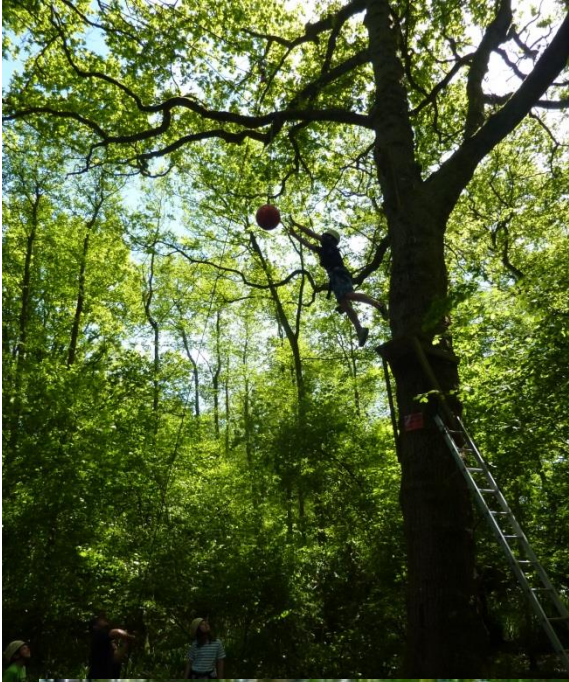


- ▶ There are a range of activities to allow children to explore their limits and gain new skills and confidence
- ▶ All are run by the Trekco staff with a member of the BP)S team accompanying the children
- ▶ Activities include 'high ropes', canoeing, archery, abseiling, orienteering, problem solving\*
- ▶ No child is forced to complete any activity, but encouraged to do as much as they can

\* Some activities may change to comply with COVID measures



## High ropes





Getting very wet...







Other activities



# Equipment

- ▶ Please see the list sent home - waterproof (jacket and trousers if possible, a hat and warm clothes for night time are key - onesies work well!)
- ▶ Sun cream please
- ▶ Plate, bowl, knife, fork, drying-up cloth
- ▶ Packed lunch for the first day
- ▶ Sleeping bag, pillow and mat
- ▶ OLD clothes! And very old clothes for canoeing - they will come back in a very wet and muddy state - please add a bin liner to the packing so the wet clothes can come back in this rather than getting everything else wet
- ▶ Wellies/waterproof shoes - even if it does not rain, the grass is wet in the morning and trainers are soaked by breakfast.
- ▶ CAKE!!!



# Other things

- ▶ Maximum £5 in a named purse/wallet/envelope to spend at the tuck shop to be handed in on the Monday morning
- ▶ Medication (detailed on the form) clearly labelled and handed in on the Monday morning
- ▶ All equipment to be in one bag/securely attached to one bag
- ▶ EVERYTHING must be named - children in tents are quite untidy and things do get misplaced - we have daily tent inspections to keep this to a minimum





# COVID Measures



- ▶ Firstly, we are outside ALL THE TIME
- ▶ Any child showing symptoms of COVID MUST NOT ATTEND until they have had a negative PCR test
- ▶ All activities will be managed for COVID - any activities requiring close contact have been replaced
- ▶ Children will be in groups and tents based on their classes.
- ▶ All facilities will only be used by our school - not sharing with other schools.
- ▶ All adults attending will be lateral flow tested the week before and during the week
- ▶ Masks will need to be worn by adults and children in the minibus to the canoeing