

Year 4 Residential

May 21st-23rd 2025

THE
BUSHCRAFT
company

A large, multi-tiered canvas tent is set up in a forest. The tent has a brown canvas exterior and a wooden frame. Inside the tent, there are several wooden tables and chairs. The tent is surrounded by trees and foliage, with a large tree trunk in the foreground. The background shows a dense forest with many trees. The text "THE BUSHCRAFT company" is overlaid on the left side of the image, with "THE" in a small font, "BUSHCRAFT" in a large, bold, sans-serif font, and "company" in a smaller, italicized, sans-serif font. A dotted line is below "company".

OUR CENTRES



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CASTLE HOWARD, NORTH YORKSHIRE,
YO60 7DG

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BOUGHTON WOODS,
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE,
NN14 1EB

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BADMINTON WOODS,
GLOUCESTERSHIRE, GL9 1AH

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PENSHURST PLACE,
KENT, TN11 8HX

BADMINTON WOODS

 Gloucestershire

WHERE IS IT?

Badminton Woods lie in the heart of the Gloucestershire countryside with swift access to the M4, making it an easy journey for schools in Wales and the South-West.

It's a real outdoor adventure

Situated in the heart of the woodlands, each camp comprises of a large yurt and cosy campfire for mealtimes and talks, its own field kitchen, and safari-style bell tents to sleep in. There's also single-sex porta-loos and on longer camps showers are also available.

Our Bushcraft Camps are run by a team of experienced Instructors, who will remain with your group and take care of the activities, mealtimes and pastoral care for your students for the entirety of their stay.

- ✓ Safari-Style Bell Tents
- ✓ Private Teacher Area
- ✓ 24 Hour Pastoral Care
- ✓ Wilderness Location

Aims of the trip

- To take part in adventurous activities
- To develop team work skills
- To offer challenge
- To promote independence
- To have FUN

To assist all young people in reaching their full potential through sport and creative activity in a caring, accepting, safe environment – sharing enthusiasm and building self-esteem through relationships.

Safety and accreditations

ACCREDITATIONS

As an organisation that works with young people we are inspected and members of several governing bodies, which include:

- BAPA (British Activity Provider Association) – who set the standard for Quality, Safety and value for money activity centres and residential and day camp providers.
- The Council for Learning Outside the Classroom (LOtC) is the national voice for learning outside the classroom. This organisation ensures that the quality of our outdoor education provision meets their stringent standards. Our certificates are available to download below and will also be sent to you upon booking.
- Adventuremark is a non-statutory safety scheme devised by the Adventure Activity Industry Advisory Committee (AAIAC) for providers of adventurous activities that are outside the scope of the Adventure Activity Licensing regulations.

Our commitment to maintaining the highest standards of Health and Safety is further reinforced by our ongoing membership and communication with:

- Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA)
- Institute for Outdoor Learning (IOL)

STAFF

All staff are required to pass enhanced DBS checks, and also have a great deal of experience of working on camps of this kind. Every staff member receives extensive in-house training, as well as obtaining qualifications from national governing bodies for specialised activities, including archery and swimming. All Camp Leaders are first aid trained, and our Field Cooks have food hygiene certificates. Throughout the year our staff are regularly monitored, and we have a full time Safeguarding officer on hand to ensure that every child is kept safe.

What does camp look like?

This is the base for your adventure and will be exclusively for your group. On camp you will find safari style bell tents (10-12 students), a staff area and other structures to keep you warm and dry.

On arrival you will walk to camp and your main baggage will be transported for you by the Bushcraft Team. Please have a rucksack ready for your walk to camp with a water bottle and water-proofs.

You will work in tribes (up to 16 per tribe). Each tribe will work as a team through various activities, supported by a Tribe Leader, who will ensure everyone contributes to the team effort, achieving shared goals and leaving the woods with a great sense of achievement and a passion to learn more.

<https://thebushcraftcompany.com/your-questions-answered/>



Our campsite and tents



Travel arrangements

- Leave school at 8.15am on Wednesday 21st May
- Return to school at approximately 4.30 pm on Friday 23rd May. We will keep you updated via School Ping during the journey.

Accommodation



- Children will sleep in bell tents of up to 10 children.
- We have asked them for preferences and all 3 teachers and headteacher have been involved in making these decisions.
- We like to be able to promise everyone one friend each from their list.
- Children need to bring a sleeping bag, roll mat and small pillow (all named)



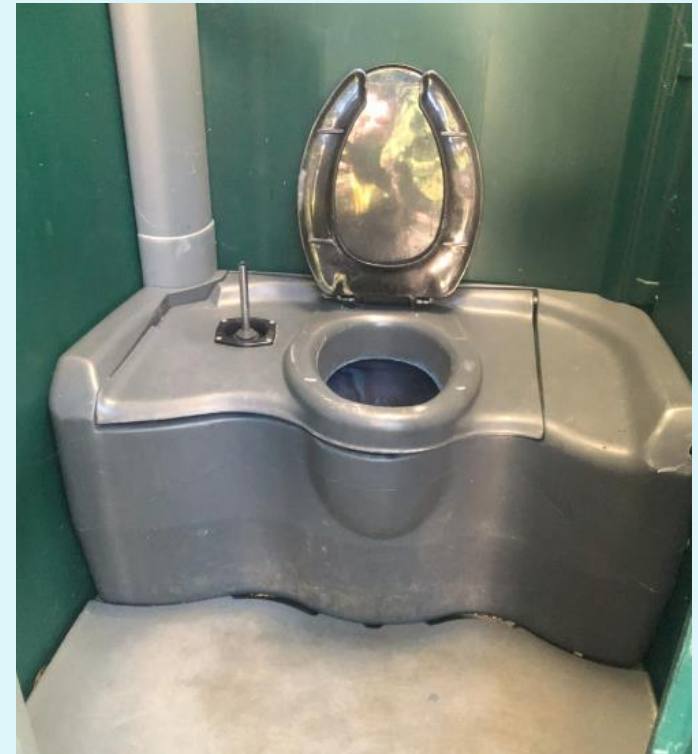
Campfire area



Hydration station



- Our toilets for the residential!



Bedtime

- After the evening activity the children will be expected to change into their pyjamas, brush teeth, go to the toilet and settle down in their tents.
- There will be a drink during the evening activity for those that want it and then story before bed.
- Once in bed the children will be expected to go to sleep and not disturb each other.
- Staff will stay outside to ensure that children have settled.

Expectations and groupings

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We like to be able to promise everyone one friend each from their list.

The children will be encouraged to try their best with all the activities.

It is a busy and exciting programme.

Children will be in groups of up to 16 with members of school staff and Bushcraft instructors for each activity.

Activities

Your child will know their tribe group the week before they go so this will assist with the packing of clothing.

They will need to travel in clothing suitable for arrival at Bushcraft.

ACTIVITIES



Fire Lighting



Shelter Buildig



Camouflage



Trap Making



Wilderness Walk



Camp Craft



Salmon Ponassing



Scenario SOS



Target Sports



Games

Day One - Wednesday

ARRIVE

Safety Brief & Welcome

Our instructors will discuss the key elements of Bushcraft and explain what the students can realistically achieve living in the wild. They will then have a safety briefing and familiarise themselves to their new surroundings.

Fire Lighting

The students will learn the basic principles of fire and the fire triangle. They will be shown a variety of ways fire has been made over the years, and put this knowledge into practice, lighting fires in tribes using these methods.

LUNCH

Camp Craft / Camouflage & Concealment

This is a chance for the tribes to develop a tribal identity, making fun tribal flags, dances and songs. Students will take part in a fun camouflage and concealment exercise, employing team tactics and making the most of their surroundings to camouflage themselves and evade capture.

Shelter Building

The students will learn why we need shelter when we are living outside and the types of shelter from different societies and nationalities across the ages. Tribes will build their own shelter, using natural woodland materials.

SUPPER

Evening Games

The students will embark on a series of exciting night-time stalking exercises through the forest, challenging them to use the full range and scope of their senses and to work collaboratively in an unfamiliar setting.

Night-time Routine & Bed

The Students will settle in to their safari-style camp and around the camp fire exchange stories and songs. They will be provided with hot chocolate and marshmallows to roast over the open camp fire.

Students sleep in bell tents (10-12 per tent) or

Day Two - Thursday

BREAKFAST

Wilderness First Aid

The students will learn basic skills to cope with a medical emergency in the wild, including how to construct a simple stretcher from the items you have on you, and how to improvise an effective splint.

Cutting Tools

Students will learn about the different tools used in the field of Bushcraft, both primitive and modern, and reasons for their use. They will be taught safe handling techniques and will make their own tent peg.

LUNCH

Scenario SOS

The students will put their new skills to the test and work in teams, using navigation to locate a simulated plane-crash scene, where they will treat the casualties and make improvised stretchers to evacuate them back to camp.

Foraging & Bush Tucker Trial

You will have the chance to learn about what you can and can't eat in the woodland and you will forage items from the forest to make a Bushcraft salad.

SUPPER

Tribes Got Talent

This is a fantastic way to spend the final evening, participating in our trademark talent competition, in which each tribe performs a skit, dance or song which they will have been practicing all week. All the students enjoy themselves and it is always a brilliant amusing, and at times, astonishing, as the students show off their skills.

Night-time Routine & Bed

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Students sleep in bell tents (10-12 per tent) or the shelters they have made.

Day Three - Friday

BREAKFAST

Trap Making

The students will be taught why it is important to find food in remote settings, and how this has been achieved over the ages. Our instructors will demonstrate trapping methods, before each tribe designs and builds their own trap.

Bushcraft Challenge

The teams will participate in a series of fun but challenging initiative exercises that will really put them to the test, both mentally and physically. This is a great team building activity and demands trust and communication.

LUNCH

Strike Camp, Leave No Trace

It is always important to make sure you leave the woodland as you found it, so we will introduce you to our Leave No Trace procedures before you make your way home.

Our sample itinerary

DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3
	Breakfast	Breakfast
Arrival, Safety Brief and Welcome	Wilderness First Aid	Trap Making
SNACK	SNACK	SNACK
Fire Lighting	Scenario SOS	Bushcraft Challenge
LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
Camp Craft / Camouflage & Concealment	Cutting Tools	Strike Camp & Depart
SNACK	SNACK	
Shelter Building	Foraging & Bushtucker Trial	
DINNER	DINNER	
Evening Games	Evening Games	
Night-time Routine & Bed	Night-time Routine & Bed	

Meals

FOOD



Cooked Breakfast



BBQ Burgers



Pasta



S'mores



Woodfired Pizza





- The camp kitchen and central kitchen eating area



At The Bushcraft Company, we know that fueling up for a day of wilderness exploration is super important. That's why we're happy to accommodate a range of dietary needs, from gluten-free to vegan and everything in between!

While we're not able to cater to super-specific diets like organic-only or weight management programmes, we're always happy to chat with you about any concerns you may have. So, if you have any questions or need to make any special requests, just reach out to your trusty account manager and they'll be happy to help!

To make sure we have plenty of time to prepare, please provide us with all dietary information for your students **at least 4 weeks** ahead of your trip. Don't forget to download the group planner document, where you can give us all the juicy details about your group's dietary needs.

Some meals are cooked on camp, over the open fire. And some meals are cooked by our head chefs over at the central kitchen – this is a larger kitchen in the woods where the students will go for dinner and enjoy a range of hearty food cooked in our camp kitchen.

FUSSY EATERS

- We do not offer custom meals for fussy eaters, but we will always try to offer a simple alternative, such as plain pasta, rice, or vegetables, for those who refuse the set menu options.

Our sample menu

	DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3
B/FAST		Central Kitchen	Central Kitchen
SNACK	Fruit & Biscuits	Flapjack	Trail Mix
LUNCH	Tomato Pasta @ Central Kitchen	Pizza	Wraps @ Central Kitchen
SNACK	Tunnocks Bar	Popcorn	
DINNER	BBQ Kitchen on Camp	Central Kitchen	
DESSERT	S'mores & Hot Chocolate	Blueberry Muffins & Hot Chocolate	

ON CAMP

The food that will be made and eaten on camp. Students will get the opportunity to cook over their fire, roast marshmallows and enjoy hot chocolate before bed.

CENTRAL KITCHEN

A larger field kitchen a short walk from camp, where students are served their meals and eat together away from the main camp area. The Central Kitchen Menu runs from Mon-Sun.

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Sausage Baps Cereal & Fruit	Sausage, Cheese, Egg Muffins Cereal & Fruit	Big Cooked B/fast Cereal & Fruit
ON CAMP	ON CAMP	ON CAMP
ON CAMP	ON CAMP	ON CAMP
ON CAMP	ON CAMP	ON CAMP
Pasta Bolognese	Chicken Curry	Pasta Bolognese

- Bushcraft Company kit list
- *Please make sure that your child packs their bag with you so that they know what clothes they have and where they are!*
- *Please try and use a soft holdall, as small as you can manage, as they are much easier to pack in the coach. They need to be able to carry their luggage to the bushcraft site!*
- *Please make sure that all items of clothing are labelled – even underwear.*
- NO – phones, ipads or other electronic items. No jewellery; if your child has pierced ears then preferably remove earrings. If this is not possible please provide tape to cover them for activities.
- If a child takes a 'fitbit', watch or camera it will be their own responsibility. We recommend that expensive cameras are not taken – it is possible to buy the single use disposable cameras.



DAY BACKPACK

(To carry the essentials)

- ☐ Jumper or fleece
- ☐ Waterproof Jacket
- ☐ Medications (labelled with clear instructions on the application/use and dosage required)
- ☐ Water bottles or hydration system
- ☐ Alcohol hand gel
- ☐ Torch (with fresh batteries) – a head torch is ideal
- ☐ Sun cream (weather dependent)
- ☐ Sun hat (weather dependent)

- Warm sleeping bag
- Roll mat
- Small pillow/cushion and pillowcase
- Underwear and spares
- Socks and spares
- Warm night wear
- Wash kit – toothbrush, toothpaste, wet wipes, hair brush/comb
- 1 towel. We don't expect to be showering so no need for a huge towel.
- Hair bands for long hair to be tied back
- 2 pairs of trousers – preferably tracksuit style, joggers or leggings (not jeans)
- 2 comfortable T-shirts
- 2 jumpers - ***wear one, pack one.***
- Waterproof coat with a hood – **MUST CARRY IN BACKPACK!**
- Waterproof over trousers if you have them
- Hat and gloves if the weather is cold
- Sunhat and suncream if the weather is hot - **MUST CARRY IN BACKPACK!**
- Binbag for dirty washing
- 2 pairs of trainers—***wear one pair, pack one pair.***
- Book or similar for bedtime
- Cuddly toy – only one small one!
- Disposable camera to take photos if wanted.
- Refillable water bottle. - **MUST CARRY IN BACKPACK!**
- Small backpack to carry waterbottle and coat around to activities.

Expectations

- Children will be expected to be respectful at all times to each other, staff and instructors.
- They will be encouraged to try their best in all activities.
- If behaviour is unacceptable, spoils the enjoyment of activities for others or is considered dangerous then the child will be removed from the activity for an appropriate length of time.
- If necessary, parents will be contacted and asked to collect their child from the centre.

Staffing

- Mrs Osmond – Trip Leader
- Mrs Flowerdew – First Aider
- Mrs Jones – Educational Visits Coordinator
- Mrs White
- Mrs Millar
- Mrs Hughes – 1:1 support

Forms

Thankyou for handing in your consent forms. We have been able to send off all appropriate information to the centre on time and so that they have forward knowledge of and of your children's needs.

If your child needs any medication then please make sure that it is **clearly labelled, in a bag with a school medicine form/care plan**, and handed in on the Wednesday morning. This includes medication they may need at night time. Please provide details of how much and when any medication is needed.

If your child needs asthma inhalers or epipens then please make sure they are also handed in. Two epipens are needed for the trip.

Please make sure we have an up to date care plan for your child with Mrs Rogers in the school office. **Please tell us if we need to take the one we have at school, otherwise we will be expecting you to provide them on the morning.**

Communication with parents/carers

We always endeavour to keep parents and carers up to date with our adventures on residential.

We will update you via School Ping once we arrive and each afternoon/evening with a general update.

The Bushcraft site has good phone signal but not good phone signal for using social media and uploading photographs, hence we are using School Ping for updates rather than our school Twitter page.

Tent and Tribe groupings

Mrs Etherington, Mrs Gregory, Mrs Osmond and Mrs Flowerdew have all partaken in ensuring the groupings will lead to happy children on their first Spurcroft residential!

If you have any concerns about tent or tribe groupings, it is vital that you get in contact via the school office with Mrs Osmond as soon as possible and by the 9th May.

She will take these concerns on board and ensure your child is happy with their groups and sleeping arrangements.

Any questions?

