

BLOWOUT 2017



SAT 29TH APRIL

Joining Instructions

Thank you for booking to join us on our Blowout day which is now very close. We're just finalising the details for the event but below are all the details we think you will need to prepare for a fantastic day or weekend with us.

Times

Thursday – Any groups staying for the weekend who wish to pitch tents on Thursday night may do so without any additional charge but please make arrangements with us so that we can ensure you pitch in the right place. Again, we're busy so please don't spread out too much.

Friday – Campers can arrive any time to set up, wristbands will be available for collection on arrival.

Saturday -

09:30 Flagbreak & Opening Ceremony in the main courtyard

10:00 All activities start

13:00 All activities stop for lunch

14:00 All activities re-start

17:00 All Activities stop

17:00 Evening Meals start for those who have pre-booked

18:00 Carnival games in Courtyard

19:00 Warm-up Entertainment starts in Courtyard

19:30 Evening Entertainment starts

22:00 Entertainment finishes

Evening Meals

Evening meals are available to those who pre-book at £4.50 per person. We will take bookings up to a week before when we need to finalise numbers. Vouchers (Showing your meal time slot) will be issued along with wristbands.

Each meal includes a main course, dessert and a hot or cold drink. The current plan is for the choices to be:

Bangers & Mash	Swiss Roll & Custard
Chicken or Veg Curry	Fruit Pies & Custard
Spaghetti Bolognese	Bread & Butter Pudding

If you have anyone with special dietary requirements, please get in touch so we can accommodate their needs.

Food & Drink

There will not be any facility for meals other than the pre-booked evening meals. The tuck shop will be open throughout the event and sells pop, chocolate, pringles, ice-creams etc.

Additionally, we will be running a Tea/Coffee/Juice station throughout the day which is open to all wristband holders and will be free of charge. Make sure you bring a packed lunch or have your own catering facilities if camping.

Shelters

We have, of course booked the weather and it will be gloriously sunny! However, if you're just coming for the day and would like to erect a shelter to store bags, packed lunches etc and give you somewhere dry in case it does rain then we will have an area available for you to do this. Please check on arrival where you need to set this up.

Parental Permission Forms

For Scouts, two of the activities on offer (Rifle Shooting & Crossbows) require a parental permission form to be completed for each young person. We have a sample form on our web site which can be used: <http://www.bibbysfarm.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/Bibbys-Farm-Parental-Permission-Form.doc> Sadly, we can only allow people who have the required permission to undertake the activity. We have different coloured wristbands for those who can and cannot take part so please have the permission forms ready when coming to collect your wristbands and we'll issue the correct colour wristbands for your young people (Green if Permission OK, red if not)

Car Parking

Space is at a premium, particularly on busy events like this. We ask that you try and minimise the number of vehicles coming to site wherever possible. If parents are transporting, please try to arrange car-sharing wherever practical.

We now have the use of the field just before ours for overspill car parking and so any cars just "dropping off" will be asked to park on that field as the main car park is likely to be full. We used this field on a very wet weekend recently and the ground was solid so no cars got stuck or needed to be rescued unlike some of our other fields.

Evening Entertainment

We will start with some music to warm the crowd up from 7pm in the main courtyard ready for our two acts to start at around 7:30pm who will alternate performances right through until 10pm.

The acts are the Pantonic All Stars Steel Band from Stockport who are just amazing. We also have Chloe Pownall, a female vocalist who will alternate with the Steel Band:

<http://www.pantonic-all-stars.org/>

<http://www.shoutpromotions.co.uk/portfolio/chloe-pownall-female-vocalist-manchester-singer/>

Wristbands

Please check you have the correct number and type of wristbands ordered. The £12 ones are for anyone staying the full day and include your day visit fee, access to the activities, drinks station and evening entertainment. If camping, an additional camp fee applies. For anyone coming just for the evening or for Leaders taking part in the evening entertainment, there is a reduced fee wristband at £5 which we will issue from 5pm

Booking Numbers

Following this e-mail, we aim to send out confirmation bookings to everyone. Please check that your numbers are correct and let us know if any changes need to be made as soon as possible.

We understand that numbers may vary slightly which is absolutely fine but we don't want to get caught out with huge swings in numbers which could affect the quality or viability of the event. So, if you have 40 places booked, turning up with 38 or 42 is no problem whatsoever.

Payment

Ideally, we'd like our invoices to be settled before the weekend. If you can do this, you can pay by any of the methods on the attached "methods of payment" document.

If you can't pay beforehand, paying on the day is fine but it will speed up the issue of wristbands if you've settled up already.

First Aid

Groups should be providing their own basic first aid cover. We will be supplementing that with basic support from Reception and of course managing any incident where the emergency services could be required. Please check with reception for any queries or requests for support.

Please also remember that Chorley A&E is still part-time 8am-8pm. If you need to visit A&E outside of these hours, we have laminated maps & directions for all local hospitals in our accident book in reception available to borrow.

Clothing

Uniform is not required although wearing neckers for Scouts may be handy to help identify people. Please make sure you have clothing appropriate for the weather that weekend.

Activities

We have many activities planned for the day and wristband holders can take part in as many activities as they like, as many times as they like. Our instructors will do their best to ensure that everyone gets a fair share on all the activities and so if there is a queue, people will need to visit a different activity or join the back of the queue for a second "go". We've scaled our activities so that the queues should not be too long but obviously the more popular ones may have a longer wait time than others.

Included in "the plan" are the following although this is subject to change depending upon the weather, instructor availability and so on:

Climbing	Bouldering	Archery	Rifle Shooting
Cave Bus	Pedal Cars	Grass Sledges	Laser Tag
Inflatables	Crossbow Shooting	Geocaching	Crate Stacking
Axe Throwing	Mountain Bikes	Cork Guns	Crafts
Rope Bridge	Parachute Games	Box Hockey	Frisbee Golf
Facepainting			

Risk Assessments are available on our web site for many of these already and we are hoping to upload additional ones for the other activities over the next few days. You'll find them on the Blowout page of the web site. Remember, these are only a guide. You should assess the risk yourself with your own people in mind.