

EVAC TIMES

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The news sheet of the 2010 Didcot & District Scout camp

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MOST KIDS CAN'T WAIT TO LEAVE HOME -

In 1939 young people from UK cities were evacuated from their homes—not knowing where they were going, for how long or what to expect when they got there.

This spring, we are holding our own Evacuation event, taking young people away from Didcot for a time of surprises and adventure. BUT we know where we are going, for how long and we have the most exciting programme of activities to keep everyone occupied whilst they are there.

This year we are going to hold a District Camp. That means all the groups in our District can come and take part. So if you are a mem-

ber of the 2nd, 12th, 15th, 23rd, Chilton, Hagbourne or Harwell you are welcome to join in the mass evacuation from Didcot to the site of the camp at Wallingford.

The Evacuation Camp will take place over the May Bank Holiday weekend 29th—31st May on the Hithercroft Sports park site.

Leaders and Executive members will set up during Thursday and Friday. Then use Friday evening as a time to consolidate the adults within Didcot Scouting.—If you are not yet involved in the leadership—there is time to sign up and get involved in time for our won-

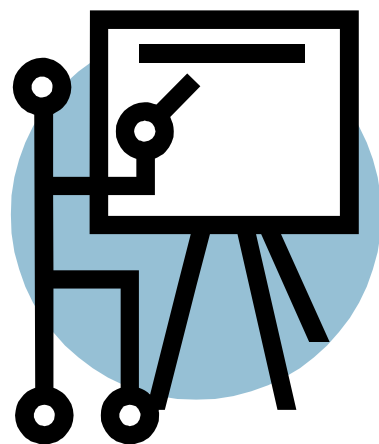
derful fish and chip supper on Friday 28th May..

Cubs, Scouts and Explorers will be able to camp from Saturday 29th (very early morning) till Monday evening. The cost of this will be £50 per young member .

Beavers will be welcome to attend either Saturday, Sunday or both days. The cost per day will be £10 per young member.

So, our Evacuation is planned, exciting and will offer something for everyone.

We think the kids won't wait to leave home, if only for a long weekend, when they hear more about what is going to happen this May.



*Plans are underway now!
But if you want to get
involved with planning it
is not too late to join in .*

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WOW: ARE WE GOING TO DO THAT ?

'Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few.'

Churchill 1940.

'Never in the field of a District Camp was so much entertainment and activity organised by so few.'

DC 2010

Di Chesterman and Sandra Taylor are ploughing ahead with plans for an incredible

weekend—you are welcome to join the effort and take on a role.

Contact them at di@scoutsindidcot.org.uk or on 07771 590244.

So far we are planning:

Abseiling, air raids, archery, airfix models, assault course, battleships, bushcraft, bomb disposal, caving, concert party, casualty simulation, climbing

wall, dog fights, drill, first aid, face painting, farm, go karting, grow your own, make do and mend, meet the veterans, model railways, memory lane, planetarium, paper planes, radio station, ration packs, Royal Tournament, shelter building, shooting, singalong, shelter boxes, star gazing, trash to treasure, vehicle maintenance and a Victory Street party—plus more !

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PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT—HOW CAN WE HELP?

Many parents will be keen to help in some way. If you want to get involved at the camp itself, you will need to have a completed CRB form.

If you know what you would like to do—please contact us directly.

One of the most important ways that you can help is to help us find enough funds to make this the best event we can produce. Perhaps you work for a company that would sponsor one activity or one aspect of the camp.

For Example:

The toilets = £600.

The Climbing Wall = £750

The Animal Farm = £500

Victory Street Party = £200

Airfix models = £200

The Site = £300

First Aid = £1000

Or there are many smaller workshops that just need a small amount to buy craft materials and basic equipment.

We would be happy to give you a sponsorship pack, to pass onto your place of work.

All sponsors will be publicly acknowledged and have the opportunity to gain some press coverage for their involvement.

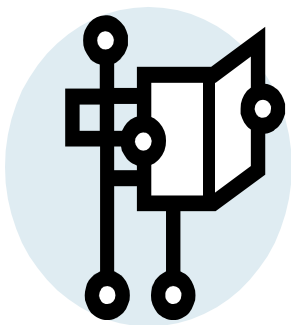
Other ways to help ?

Encourage your children to really enter into the spirit of the camp and commit to the weekend—after all, it means a weekend of peace for you !

Parents—why not take your embarrassing photos to work and get your colleagues to pay for a good laugh at your expense—its for your kids benefit !!!!!

“where will imagination and an entrepreneurial spirit take your group members?”

Do something Sir Alan Sugar would be proud of.



See our own museum of artifacts and hear stories from real people about real experiences—far better than mere fiction.

GROUP CHALLENGE

Events of this sort are not cheap—so we challenge you to raise £100 per group / section.

If every Beaver, Cub, Scout and Explorer group raised £100 it would make a huge difference.

Suggestion: Give every member of the group £1.

Give them a week to invest the money and bring back more than £1. Ideas include buying a bucket and sponge and cleaning the neighbours cars, buying basic ingredients and making cakes to sell, buying a duster and spray polish and doing housework for the family

Where will imagination and entrepreneurial

spirit take your group members ?

Leaders, Don't forget to reclaim your £1 before paying the money into the District Camp fund.

Or if you prefer to work together why not hold a group event. Work can be such fun when done as a team so how about a carwash, a toy sale, a sponsored litter pick—the choice is endless.

SHOW & TELL AND MEET A VETERAN

During the weekend of the camp, we want to make our own museum and share family memories.

Do you have artifacts and items that are 'on theme' that you could lend us for the duration of the Evacuation?

For example—I have a gas mask that we found hidden in the roof of our house. It was there when we bought the house, it has the ladies name on the box, and we'll

leave it behind if we ever sell the house. We think it 'belongs' in that attic.

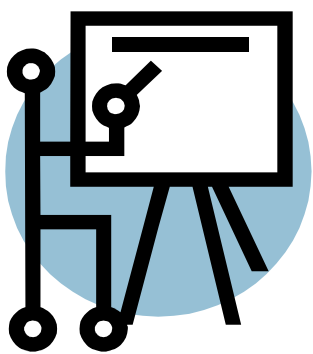
Perhaps you have items of clothing, certificates, postcards, ration books or old toys that you think would help make for an interesting display—we would naturally look after all items and return them at the end of camp.

To that end: does anyone fancy being a museum curator for the weekend ? We

need a volunteer to take charge of this activity.

Having taken Cubs to the Museum at Youlbury, I know how interested the members are in the past.

Alongside this, we plan to have a 'meet the veteran' area . A chance for the young members to meet people who were evacuated, served their country or who welcomed an evacuee into their home. Help put us in touch with these people ...



*What lovely logo
can you come up
with?*

LOGO COMPETITION

Obviously we need a logo for our Evac Camp.

A symbol that we could use on stationery, neckers, blanket badges or anything else that we want associated with the event.

We would like the logo to represent Didcot's District Evacuation Camp.

Simple designs are easiest to use and colours should be kept to a minimum—think wartime when printing was an expensive luxury.

Anyone may submit a logo for consideration—so simply design your logo on a piece of plain paper.

Write your name and group name / section on the sheet and hand in to your leader by Friday 26th February or post to:

The District Commissioner, Scouts in Didcot, 5 Mereland Road, Didcot, OX11 8AP marking the envelope 'Logo for Evac Camp'.

WHAT ON EARTH WILL I EAT ?

Well, we are negotiating with a group who provide a simulated war time kitchen and we hope they will provide at least some of the meals.

It is possible that groups will be asked to self cater for breakfast and lunch with the evening meal provided—but this still has to be confirmed.

One of our weekend activities will be to build our own allotment using grow bags

that we will have started at home - and brought to site.

We also suggest that groups make up their own 'Emergency ration boxes'. Either each group to make a box—or each member to make a box. The idea being that this tin box contains some emergency treats such as biscuits or chocolate—but remember, the container must be rodent proof.

Remember that supplies were scarce during WWII and so in keeping with the theme we ask that emergency rations are limited!

However, we will be holding a tuck shop on site where ration coupons can be exchanged for small items.

Roll out the barrel and we'll have a barrel of fun.

We will be looking for 'acts' for our concert party—so think Gang Show, and start preparing your group offering. Old and young—all are welcome to perform!

BOOKING FORM: PLEASE SAVE ME A SPACE AT EVAC CAMP

This form indicates your desire and commitment to join in the Evacuation Camp weekend event. Detailed permission and medical forms will be sent nearer the time.

Full payment for Beavers and Deposit payments for others of £10 are required at the time of booking

Name:Beaver / Cub / Scout / Explorer / Leader—circle as appropriate

Group:..... Parent Signature

Home Contact (Address or email).....

Beavers—I would like to join in on Saturday / Sunday / Both days @ a cost of £10 per day. Full payment now

Cub / Scout / Explorer—I would like to be Evacuated for the weekend at a cost of £50. Deposit of £10 now

This form, plus money, must be returned to your leader by Friday 26th February.

Thank you for committing to the event.

Scouting is all about Young People.

SCOUTS IN DIDCOT

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Encouraging you to 'do your best' at all times.

To take part in new challenges and experiences, especially outdoor adventures.

As a young member, if you have an idea for something that you want included at Evac Camp please let us know at di@scoutsindicot.org.uk

We can't promise to do everything but we need your ideas and input to make the camp really great.

PLEA: FOR A SERVICE CREW

So here's the plea:

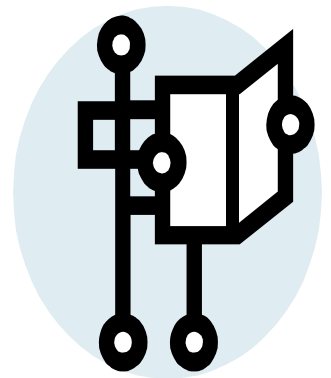
We will need a service crew for the weekend—a willing, hard working group of Explorers, Young leaders, Network, Fellowship, Exec Members—in fact anyone who will take on the jobs that everyone loves to hate.

We will be building composting urinals, keeping the loos clean and stocked, managing the waste, keeping fire buckets full, and generally looking after the site.

We will be escorting visitors on site and patrolling the main entrance .

If you think this is for you—don't be shy - let me know and the job's yours!

We are currently negotiating with Sustainable Wallingford with regard to waste management and other sustainable activities such as an on site swap shop—as relevant today as it was during WWII.



*Check your
ration card —
Can you have
sweets today or
not ??*