



**Betteshanger**



## School holiday club

### Welcome Pack

*"We recognize that children need to be able to take risks in order to learn and develop. Coming home dirty, with a few bruises and scrapes are all part of a healthy childhood."*

#### What will we be doing?

Forest school is a wonderful ethos brought over to the UK from Scandinavia, it allows children time and space to reconnect with nature in their own way. We offers lots of different activities each day, such as lighting fires, using tools, building dens, making crafts, creating dens, campfire cooking and so much more. However children on our holiday clubs are allowed to flow freely around the woods and dip in and out of activities at their own pace, it is a relaxed and wonderful environment where they will learn new skills and develop their self confidence in a way that is personal to each and every child.

#### What should your child bring?

During the winter months:

- ♣ Gloves and hat
- ♣ Jacket/ waterproof coat + trousers if possible
- ♣ Fleece/ jumper
- ♣ Warm socks and spare socks
- ♣ Warm wellies/ walking boots/ sturdy shoes (please note unless wellies are neoprene they're not very warm when they're wore all day)
- ♣ A complete spare set of clothes (+ bag to keep them in)

During the summer months:

- ♣ Sun hat and sun screen
- ♣ A thin, long sleeved top
- ♣ Long sleeved jumper
- ♣ Trousers
- ♣ Sturdy shoes/ walking boots
- ♣ A spare pair of trousers and socks (+ bag to keep them in)
- ♣ A waterproof coat (can be lightweight one if light showers are predicted)

The sessions will continue regardless of the weather unless specific risks are identified i.e. high winds, very low temperatures and floods. Please ensure that children are dressed appropriately and remember, there's no such thing as bad weather just the wrong clothing.

Children will need to bring with them a packed lunch and drink, they will be provided with a small snack and water will be available to top up drinks bottles throughout the day. We encourage food awareness and therefore discourage the bringing of energy or fizzy drinks. Please ensure that we are aware of any dietary information about your child.

We provide all the tools and equipment; please do not allow your child to bring any with them. If tools or dangerous equipment is brought from home it will be confiscated and locked away until the end of the session.

We do try to repatriate property at the end of the day, however we cannot take responsibility for belongings. We do not offer replacements or compensation for lost items. Please discourage the bringing of any valuable or well-loved items.

## **Where do we meet?**

Our site is based at Betteshanger Park, we meet at the Visitor Centre / Cafe at the beginning of the day and children are then picked up from the same place. As you drive into the Park, take the first left into the car park, walk over to the Cafe and we will be waiting for you.

Please be aware that Betteshanger Park allows a free 20-minute drop off, after which time you will have to pay for parking. Unless you wish to pay for parking, please do not come earlier than the drop off and pick up times. We are unable to cancel any parking fines for exceeding the 20 minute free drop off period.

## **Getting there**

**By Road** - We are well connected to the motorways (M20 and M2) and local road network, so we're easy to find. We are on the A258, approximately 2 miles from Deal and 10 miles from Dover. If you're using a Sat Nav, please use postcode CT14 0BF. Please be aware, your Sat Nav may take you along small country lanes. For a more direct route from the M20 or A2/M2, follow the A256 to Sandwich and then pick up the A258. Please do not follow road signs to Betteshanger village.

**By Rail** - We are well serviced by the main rail networks and Southeastern High Speed from London. Our nearest train stations are Deal (3 miles) or Sandwich (4 miles). For train times and rail enquiries please see Southeastern.

**By Bus** - Our local bus provider is Stagecoach and the No. 14 stops close to the Park. For bus times and enquires please see Stagecoach.

## **Booking and payment information**

To book, complete the online form on [www.betteshanger-park.co.uk](http://www.betteshanger-park.co.uk), send an email to [info@betteshangerparks.co.uk](mailto:info@betteshangerparks.co.uk) or call 01304 619227. Payments must be made at the time of booking to secure a place.

Spaces are not confirmed until the payment has been received. We reserve the right to fill your space if it has not been paid in full.

## **Well-being of children and adults is our priority**

We acknowledge that the best way for a child to learn is by being able to experience and explore for themselves. We allow children to access and take appropriate risks and therefore become responsible for themselves. Children may use tools and make fires, they may also climb trees, slide down slopes, play with mud or on a rope swing. All sessions are led by a Level 3 Forest School Leader with high adult to child ratios. All staff are DBS checked with a qualified first aider on site. We plan activities for the age and ability of the children.

Procedures and risk benefit assessments are in place for each tool and activity.

## **The Forest School Association**

Really Wild Wooders is a member of the professional body for Forest School which promotes quality forest school for all. If you want to find out more see:

[www.forestschoollassociation.org](http://www.forestschoollassociation.org)

## **Terms & Conditions**

- Really Wild Wooders Forest School Family Days are sold subject to the right of Betteshanger Park and Betteshanger Park reserves the right to alter or vary the advertised programme due to events or circumstances beyond its control without prior notice and without being obliged to refund monies or exchange tickets
- In the event of the event being cancelled, Betteshanger Park will offer ticket holders alternative dates (subject to availability).
- Payment is required at point of booking in order to secure the place(s). Betteshanger Park will not make refunds for bookings but, at the request of the customer, we will offer an alternative date (subject to availability) or endeavour to fill the booking. If Betteshanger Park is unable to fill the booking, no refund will be provided.
- From time to time Betteshanger Park offers promotional discounts or concessions on tickets. Once any ticket is purchased at full price, no discounts or concessions will be made retrospectively.
- Betteshanger Park reserves the right to refuse admission to venues to ensure the safety of its staff and other customers.
- Whilst every effort will be made to admit latecomers to events this will be at the discretion of the event manager and cannot be guaranteed..
- Betteshanger Park and its employees are insured against loss, damage or personal injury through their negligence within its premises but shall otherwise not be liable
- Betteshanger Park may record or take photographs of events and participants for use in promotional material and online. If you are not happy for your image to be used in this way please alert a member of staff.

## **Medical Conditions**

It is important for your child's safety, and for the safety of the group, that our staff are made aware of any medical conditions that they may have such as asthma or allergies, and if these have not already been disclosed on your booking form, we ask that you let staff know on

arrival. Any medication brought onto the site must be given to the activity leader for safe-keeping. Children must be able to administer their own medication when required.