

# Wiltshire Outdoor Learning Team

## Birthday Party Information Sheet - 2020

Our aim is to make provide an *exciting, dynamic and memorable* birthday party based outdoors in an amazing environment

### Location

The parties are run at either Brokerswood Holiday Park, BA13 4EH or across the road in Roundwood (entrance is about 200 metres down the road on left as you head to the tin church cross roads). You will be informed on which location to meet the staff before the party.

### Party Length

Our parties last for **3 hours**. This gives you 2.5 hours of activities with our instructor(s) and then 30 minutes to either have your food (see below) or play in the park / woods

### Times of parties

From **April – October** the weekend parties start at either 1000 or 1330. If you want the Tarzan Trail on a Saturday this party will need to start at 1000. During the summer months we can run parties in the evenings after school, and during school holidays we can run parties most days of the week.

From **November to March** parties on a Saturday will only run at 1400 (including Tarzan Trail parties), and normal times on a Sunday. We are also able to run parties during the various school holidays during this period.

### Age ranges

The activities we provide are best suited for those aged 7 and over. In terms of height / size restrictions for parties we say that for tree climbing the children should be 8 and over and for the Tarzan Trail 9 and over.

We also provide parties for **adults** with the activities listed below plus the Zombie Apocalypse event (see our website for more information – [www.wolt.org.uk](http://www.wolt.org.uk))

### Numbers and costs

We charge £19.00 per participant or £190 minimum for the party but some activities will have an extra cost if you choose them. Our staffing ratios are usually 1 staff member to 10 children. These prices include VAT. This price includes a **FREE** Adventure Activity Voucher – see below

### Food options:

You have two options in regards to food:

- 1) Bring your own food to consume after the party.
- 2) Hire our gas BBQ for £30. Please bring all utensils and matches.

### The activities:

We will try and ‘tweak’ the activity to suit the wants / needs of the group on the day plus the weather. Parties should choose **TWO** activities – but only **ONE** red activity (Tarzan trail / Water activities / High Ropes) to make sure you do not have to rush the activities and you get your money’s worth out of your booking!

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Activity	Description	Clothing needed	Extra cost per head
Canoeing / kayaking / Raft building Challenge – fun and games on the water	In Canadian canoes (canoes fit between 2 – 4 people in them.) or sit on kayaks. For Raft Building we supply all the equipment needed to make rafts for the group The lake is only 90 cm deep – max! All participants to wear a helmet and buoyancy aid	All children must bring a complete change of clothes and shoes plus a towel – just in case!	£1 per head
Archery	Using a variety of recurve bows in our archery range. All participants will wear an arm guard		£0.50 if you require <b>ZOMBIE PICTURE TARGETS</b>
Axe throwing	Learn how to safely and effectively throw axes in to targets. Release the inner Viking!!! Suitable for those aged 12 and above		Nil
Team games e.g. capture the flag, zombie manhunt	Lots of games involving tearing around a set area of forest	Participants should wear ‘stout’ footwear, long trousers and sleeves and woods can be muddy, lots of trip hazards.	Nil
Shelter / Den Building	The group will have a given time to make a shelter – either in smaller groups or as one big group	As above	Nil
TARZAN TRAIL (similar to Go-Ape’) but not as high off the ground – <i>for those aged 9 and over. Min height 1.2m</i>	A fantastic series of challenges high off the ground – including a zipwire. All children will wear a full body harness and helmet and use the SMARTSNAP system – meaning they are <i>always</i> attached to the system.	Long hair should be tied up. No dangly clothing / jewellery	£4.00
Battlezone Archery	For participants aged 12 and above Two teams battle each other using bows with specially equipped arrows that bounce off their victims. Search ‘Battlezone archery Wiltshire’ on Youtube to watch the film	Participants where face masks and hand protectors.	£3.00
Laser Tag	Laser guns, teams and a wooded area – fantastic fun. Lots of different games to play.	Clothing that WILL get dirty	£2.00
Jacobs Ladder and Crate Stack Challenges	For those who have a head for heights and really want a team challenge. Two classic ‘high ropes’ challenges for groups. Jacobs Ladder involves 4 people trying to climb up a series of poles with the gaps increasing the higher they get. Crate Stack – 2 participants build a tower using milk crates – with them on top.	All participants will wear helmets and harnesses	£4.00

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## Party Themes!

Using the above menu you could create your own themed party.

Theme	Activities to be booked
Zombie Survival Party	Archery with Zombie Paper Targets followed by Team Games including <b>Zombie Manhunt</b>
Archery War Party	Start on the archery range learning basic bow techniques / accuracy and then move onto a battle between two teams with our ' <b>BattleZone</b> ' archery equipment
Weapons through the Ages	Start with <b>BattleZone</b> Archery – teams shooting specially equipped arrows at each other and then move on to Laser Tag
Heights and Water Challenges	Start on either the Tarzan Trail / Tree Climbing or Jacobs Ladder / Crate stack and then move on to a water challenge (Canoe / Kayak or Raft building)

## Party Invites

A basic party invite can be downloaded from our website – [www.wolt.org.uk](http://www.wolt.org.uk) - click on Parties and scroll down

## Where to meet

A member of our staff will meet up in the agreed main car park (either Brokerswood or Roundwood) 15 minutes before the start of the party. If the party is at Brokerswood to access the Park you may need to 'buzz' through at the main gate. If at Roundwood you will see a large gate with out sign on it – park at the top car park. Please can you inform the parents / carers of the children attending that this is the case.

## Can parents/guardians stay?

Only the parents/guardians of the child whose party is taking place can stay onsite during the party.

## FREE Adventure Activity Voucher

When you book and pay for your party we will issue you with a Adventure Activity Gift Card for £13.50 that can be redeemed on the following activities (bookable on-line):

Archery at Brokerswood

Canoeing at Brokerswood

Tarzan Trail at Brokerswood

Stand Up Paddle Boarding (at various venues across the County)

Other activities that appear on our 'Book Now' link from our website home page

## What now?

If you have any more questions about the party please contact the Wiltshire Outdoor Learning Team on either 07789 940971 or [info@wolt.org.uk](mailto:info@wolt.org.uk)

We will then send you a booking form or you can complete the booking form on-line (search 'WOLT on-line party booking form')

## Frequently asked questions

### 1. What happens if the weather is really pants?

In the event of really bad weather with your agreement we will either postpone the party to another date or we will cancel and you will get a full refund

### 2. What is the maximum number of people I can invite?

There should be no maximum number as such – we will just get more instructors in. However, once more than 20 are invited it may be necessary to split the group in half for certain activities

### 3. What do they need to wear?

We ask all to wear clothing and footwear that may get dirty and wet and bring a spare change of clothing and footwear so they can get back into the cars without issues. Be aware that if canoeing party children like to splash each other! The lake has also been known to 'eat' shoes if children jump out and stand in the muddy lake bottom.

### 4. Can I change my mind before the party as to what activities we want to do?

We try to be as flexible as yoga teachers on steroids. If you change your mind and the activity is available we will try and make it happen. Ideally we need to know what you want about 3 days before the start of the party.

### 5. Why can't we book Canoeing and the Tarzan Trail for the party?

Feedback from staff and previous parties is that if we try and squeeze these 2 activities into 2.5 hours we can be sure that one of the activities gets rushed. If you are 100% certain you want both activities please call us and we will discuss extending the party if possible