

# THE SUMMER CAMPS TRUST

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Dear Parents.

## **SUMMER CAMPS.**

Someone from The Summer Camps Trust visited your child's school today to tell the children about all the fun and benefits to be had from spending a week of the school summer holidays taking part in a summer camp.

Summer Camps are held in boarding schools which are empty in the holidays, or in outdoor education centres, places with lots of room both indoors and out for varied holiday-type activities. Fifty to seventy five children aged 9 to 15 from many different schools and all parts of the country spend the week living together, and soon become a really happy holiday community. They enjoy outdoor games, indoor games, exploring the countryside, stories and songs round the fire at night, outdoor activities like rock climbing or rope courses, tracking games in the woods, mystery games, making a kite or a puppet - never a dull moment and lots of fun and laughs.

Children often go with one friend, brother or sister, but while there they make lots of new friends who they would never otherwise have met. They are looked after by young leaders who are well trained to be caring and understanding, but are also great fun. The people in overall charge are experienced in running residential weeks for children. There is a matron or well-qualified first-aider in case of need.

In many countries the annual week at summer camp is a real highlight of most children's lives. In Britain many fewer children take part. The Summer Camps Trust believes that something like this is really needed today, allowing children time to just play and be children away from tablets and laptops, and to meet others their own age from all kinds of schools - something not on offer in any other way in our society. The six Affordable Summer Camps being promoted for August 2019 (aimed at children who have never been to a summer camp before) cost much less than most other summer camps, and accompanied travel is included. There are even a few places available at a very low cost indeed for children from less well-off homes; children can be recommended for these places by the school.

**Do consider enrolling your children. They will have an unforgettable time and gain in confidence, social skills and creativity as well.**

**There will be a meeting for children and their parents who could be interested at 4.00 p.m. on Tuesday February 12<sup>th</sup> in the Theatre at Finham Park Secondary School. A representative from the Summer Camps Trust will speak, take questions and explain how to apply.**

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE MEETING.**