



Sandringham School

'Everybody can be Somebody'



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Dear Parent/Carer,

Bushcraft Woodland Centre (Year 7 trip) and Eweek 2022 June 2022

Each year, Sandringham School hosts E Week – a week of enrichment activities for each year group. Normal timetable is suspended for all students who complete activities on and off site. We have waited for the easing of COVID restrictions and, for the first time since 2019, the school is in a position to offer residential activities as part of the programme.

Year 7 students have the opportunity to access a three-day residential trip to the Bushcraft Company's Woodland Centre in Boughton Woods, Northamptonshire. **The trip will run from Wednesday 15th – Friday 17th June 2022**, and is open to all students in Year 7.

The trip provides a back-to-nature outdoor experience. Students will stay in safari-style shelters and bell tents in the heart of the forest. Nightly campfires add to the sense of old-fashioned adventure. All snacks and meals are provided and students will have the opportunity to cook at least one of their own meals over an open fire from fresh, exciting ingredients. The course itself is made up of a range of hands-on activities, including an introduction to bushcraft, fire and shelter workshops, navigation training, orienteering, archery and various games as well as some other activities tailored to this age group. All activities will be run by the specialist centre staff with the support of Sandringham staff. The Bushcraft Company, which is a well-established provider with several centres in the UK, prides itself on offering students an inspirational setting in which to develop their resourcefulness, teamwork, decision-making and leadership skills.

The total cost of the trip (including travel to and from the centre) is £209. This price also includes the cost for in school activities on Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th June 2022.

If the trip is oversubscribed, places will be allocated by a 'lottery', with names drawn randomly. Should you wish your child to take part, we will require an initial non-refundable deposit of £100 by Friday 29th April 2022 and a final payment of £109 by the 27th May 2022. Please make your payments via ParentPay. If your child is not successful in gaining a place your deposit will be returned.



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Parent/carers who wish to discuss financial assistance should email finance@sandringham.herts.sch.uk before applying for the trip. It is imperative that payment deadlines for this trip are strictly adhered to so that the necessary payments can be made to the tour operator.

Please note that by accepting your child's place on this trip you are undertaking to make full payment by the given deadlines. Please also note that Bushcraft does not differ from other companies with regard to cancellations and cancellation fees will apply.

As with all visits, it is important to stress that student participation on this trip is subject to their good conduct in school and if your child is removed from this trip due to their conduct, any monies paid to date will not be refunded. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email trips@sandringham.herts.sch.uk

Students who do not attend the trip will have a full week of activities in school and a separate letter will follow regarding the cost and schedule of this programme once we know trip numbers.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Nicholls
Deputy Headteacher