

School Camp Out 2011 - 16/17 July 2011

Dear Friends

School Camp Out 2011 is this weekend! What better way for school families to begin to chill out and wind down towards the end of term than taking advantage of enjoying the countryside on our doorstep and pitching your tent in the company of others. Whether experienced or novice campers this is a fun event and the children love it.

Mr & Mrs Holloway have once again kindly lent us their field at Haymans Hill, just outside the village (directions overleaf). Turn up any time after 12 noon on Saturday 16th July 2011.

The field is extensive, but please pitch your tent in the lower part of the field – look for the signs that show the ‘quiet area’ if you are concerned about late night noise disturbing younger children’s sleep. Be alert as you enter the site via the single track and watch out for children as you drive down the field.

Please familiarise yourselves with the woodland areas around the field and be aware of any hazards and uneven terrain. There are a number of ponds within the woodland area, the larger of which are on either side of the upper part of the field. It is therefore advisable for the children to stay within the lower parts of the field and woodland unless accompanied by an adult.

Your children are your responsibility at all times. Please don’t come along and expect entertainment or supervision to be laid on for your children. Do bring games equipment for cricket, rounders, football, etc. It may also be possible to fish. Bring a kite if the wind blows.

If you bring a dog, please keep under control and on a lead at all times and be sure to clean up after it.

We intend to collect fuel for the camp fire from the woodland area on the western edge of the field. These woods are more extensive than the areas on the eastern fringes of the field. The school barbecue will be available, should you wish to make use of it. We also have a camp fire to build and gather round in the evening – bring marshmallows!

Please remember to bring torches and warm clothes. Stout footwear is advised.

You are welcome to stay as long as you wish on Sunday morning before making your way home, but please aim to vacate the field by noon.

Please respect the countryside and the generosity of the owners by taking all your rubbish from the site. We would love to be able to use the site again next year.

Each family are asked to contribute £10 whether they choose to stay or not. This helps towards the hire of the portable toilets on site. Cheques are payable to the Friends of Horsmonden Primary School.

This event is of course dependent on the weather. If in doubt, please telephone on the day to see if there is any change in plan – telephone 0779 008 2089.

We hope that you and your family will have a wonderful and safe time.

For further details or information please contact Catherine Catchpole, cacatchpole@btconnect.com or telephone 01892 724439 or 07779 008 2089.

The Friends of Horsmonden Primary School

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Directions from Horsmonden Primary School

From Back Lane turn right into Maidstone Road

After 1 kilometre (approx) turn right at 'The Corner' into Haymans Hill.

Drive past entrance to Haymans Hill Farm on the left.

Then past the entrance to Upper Haymans Hill Farm on the right.

After 30 metres (approx) take the next track on the left to enter the School Camp Out field – the entrance will be marked.

Directions from Capel Cross, Goudhurst Road

Turn right into Grovehurst Lane

Turn left after Grovehurst ponds into Haymans Hill

After ½ kilometre (approx) turn right into the School Camp Out field – the entrance will be marked.