



Megamix Newsletter 2

March 2019

To date approximately 1200 members have booked their places at Megamix. We still have space for another 300 self catered campers so if you have any friends either locally or from outside the Region who might be interested there is still just time. Bookings need to close soon.

We hope this Megamix newsletter provides you with all the information you need to continue your planning for joining us in August for this amazing event but if we haven't answered your question please get in touch.

Activities update

Our activities team is working hard to bring you some truly unique activities at Megamix! From high ropes to archery, frisbee golf to caving, there is something adventurous for everybody. Most activities will run on a 'queue and do' basis allowing girls to do as many different activities as many times as they want to! As well as adventurous activities, there will also be a more 'chilled' programme alongside, so there is something for everyone.

Evening entertainment will include live artists and bands and we have already made some exciting bookings - look out for announcements on who is joining us at Megamix in our Facebook group in the coming weeks.

Megamix Got Talent.

Do you love to perform? Want to be on stage during the evening?

Each day we will be running a talent competition on the main stage.

You will need to sign up on the day for a 5min slot to perform to the judges and supportive crowd.

The winner each day will then perform during the evening and meet the bands on stage that night.

Get practising ready to perform or decide on the day that you would like to take part.

Facebook group for group leaders

Have you joined our Facebook group for leaders taking participants to Megamix? It's a forum to meet other participating groups, and to ask any questions about attending! We have two Youth Forum members as admins, so please be patient with them and if they don't know answers they will refer them to the planning team. Please remember to state the unit you are attending with when you request to join, as we are using this information to verify group members. To find the group, search for 'Girlguiding Midlands Megamix'.

Additional Staff for service team:

Have you booked over Guide to Leader ratios for Megamix? Could you spare a pair of hands for the service team?

If contributing to making this camp magical is something on your to do list then please email the address below for more information about how to become a full or part time service team member.

Do you know a Girlguiding member who is up for a challenge? We still have some spaces on our service team, so, for those who are 18+, who like to inspire, create and help the world around them, then we have the perfect job for them! Please get in touch with the service team at megamixserviceteam@gmail.com for more information and details of how to book!

Travel

With so many of us having a blast on site at Beaudesert, space is at a premium and parking spots will be very limited! We are asking you to travel to and from site either by coach or with parents doing a 'drop & go' (car shares also encouraged here to reduce traffic!)

If any leaders in your group will need to leave a car on site then they will be asked to pre-book a space and we will be collecting vehicle details in May. Priority spaces will be allocated to those with additional needs and to our Traditional Campers who are self catering.

It may be that during the event 'resident' cars will be blocked by 'day visitor' cars, so please don't plan to be able to pop off site on a regular basis.

If you have any questions about car parking or travel please get in touch, including 'Megamix Travel & Car Parking' in the title of your e-mail. Thanks.

FORMS

REN

We have attached the latest version of the REN from the website, with some sections completed . All other areas need to be completed by you. In addition we have included a guide to completing it . Once you have completed part 1, it should be sent to your commissioner for signing off. Once you have all your details and completed part 2 of the form, this should be sent to us via your commissioner at least 6 weeks before the event (end of June), you should include your risk assessment in this.

Risk assessments

The camp will have a full risk assessment that will cover site, activities and general risks. Each camping group needs to complete a risk assessment which covers things specific to their camping group, and travel. The main event risk assessment will be available for stage 2 of the of the REN sign off.

Others Forms

Additional forms will be sent out later and will include the standard Girlguiding information and consent form and Health forms. These will contain all of the information on activities consent is required for. These will be sent to you by May.

Additional Information needed

We have attached a form to complete with details for each camper, and we will need this returning to us by 1 May the information needed includes

- Name, and membership numbers of all people in your camping groups
- Ages of guides or rangers
- Method of travel, car details if a parking pass is required (registration number)
- Preferred arrival time
- Any special dietary requirements
- Any mobility issues
- If you need to be camping near to another group
- Tent sizes

Health and Consent forms will be sent to you in May

Festival Camping Catering

We are finalising the details of menus and will get these to you with the next newsletter

Drink stations will be available in various location and leaders will need to make sure everyone brings a reusable travel cup/ water bottles.

Event Clothing

Each participant and leader will be given a necker, badge and lanyard with Z card as part of the welcome pack. We have teamed up with Onestop scouting to supply Megamix branded Hoodies, Zoodies, Polo and T shirts which can be personalised with your name or group. Orders can be collected at Megamix or delivered to you at home before hand. The youth forum have chosen black, purple and royal blue as our main colours and the black necker, embroidered with the logo, will have a royal blue and purple border. We have included a navy range for those who love their guiding navy! To purchase Megamix clothing cut and paste www.onestopscouting.co.uk/megamix-girlguiding-midlands.

Souvenirs

A selection of other souvenirs will be available to buy at Megamix and if you have any suggestions of what your groups would like to see available post these in the Megamix Facebook group for consideration!

Camping and Tents

There will not be any sub camps or gateways as we want everyone to have a Mega time and join in the Mix. So why not decorate your tents, fairy lights and solar lights for the evening as it will be dark on the walk back to your tent and it makes finding your tent easier. Festival flags are also good, the girls could decorate one before coming!

Our teams will be on hand to show you where your allocated camping will be. The site will be very busy, so please follow the instructions given by the camp team to ensure safety.

See info on the next couple of pages regarding tents

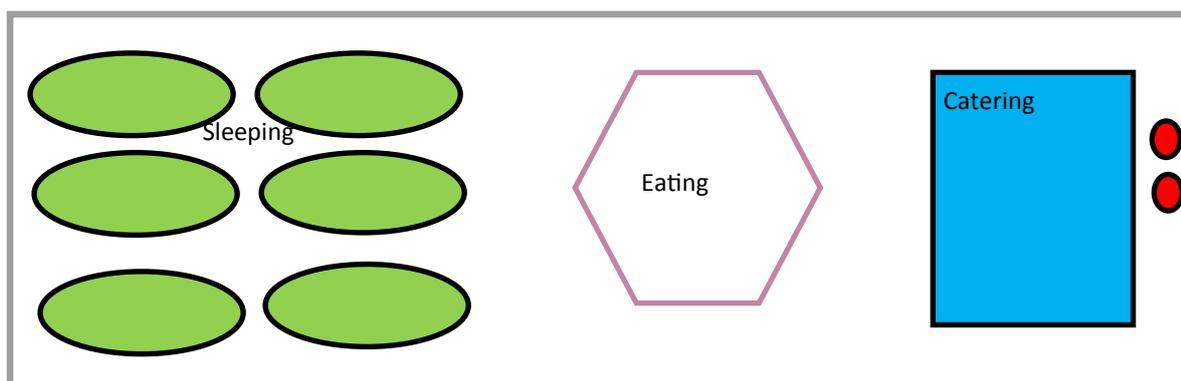
Traditional Style - Self Catered camping

Please see the below for sleeping tents.

Catering should be done from one main tent wherever possible and please be mindful of the limited space. You will have a pre-allocated pitch which will reflect your number. Again we ask that you camp with festival style camping in mind so no 'horse shoe'.

Camping and catering tents will back onto the main driveway with gas bottles outside in line with current health and safety regulations. If you wish to bring a gazebo for eating under then this permitted however must stay on your campsite.

No toilet tents please.



Festival Camping (Catered)

This is a festival and we will be festival camping – only sleeping tents will be required. Please find guidance on appropriate tents at the end of this document. On arrival, you will be notified of your pre-allocated campsite and there will be volunteers on hand to show you where to go. All requests that have been submitted regarding campsite allocation (this must be done in advance) have been taken into consideration but cannot be guaranteed. Please be aware that all equipment will need to be carried to your site, which could be a slight walk. Please ensure that if girls are at tents after dark a leader is also present at the campsite.

We will not be camping in sub camps and ask units to bring things to decorate their camping area.

With a lot of campers on site during the weekend space will be very limited! Please use this as a guide for the best tents for a festival.



Tent A- Pop up tent / Small hike tent 1-2 person (can't stand in)

Tent B- Centenary tent / Medium tunnel tent 3-4 person

Tent C – Dome / tunnel tent 4-6 persons, all sleeping in one end (can stand in)

Tent D - Tunnel Tent 4-8 person, sleeping in two ends (can stand in)



Tent E - - we simply don't have the space! Large family-style tents that are designed for week-long camps where you need space these are not suitable for this festival camp. This includes tents with large porches, extensions or with multiple pods . coming out at different places.



Remember this is festival camping, please do not bring gazebos. You will be asked to take them down. There are plenty of toilets available in the main area of the campsite so no toilet tents please