



Megamix Newsletter 3 May 2019

With only 70 days to go we hope you are getting excited and looking forward to being part of Girlguiding Midlands first festival style camp.

We have lots of great things lined up for the guides, rangers, young leaders and leaders to do. In this newsletter there is some further details of things we think you might need, a final information email will be sent in early July.

Arrivals

We are working hard on allocating time slots based on the information you have provided and you will be sent yours via email very soon, if you haven't yet returned your information form please do so asap.

Don't forget if you are festival style camping you will need to carry your kit from the carpark.

Check-in

Once you have everyone in your group on site, please send a leader to the Hub to check in and collect your welcome packs which include neckers, lanyards, badges, activity information and wristbands. You will be able to collect your car parking passes at the same time. These should be displayed in your car windscreen as soon as possible.

Visitors to the site

Anyone helping you deliver kit or pitch camp on arrivals day should either have left the site by 5pm or go to the Hub to collect a visitors pass.

From Sunday onwards, please can you ask all visitors to sign in at the Hub to collect a visitors pass, so we know who is onsite. All visitors should return their pass to the Hub and be off site by 10pm.

Camping

If you are traditional style camping don't forget to check your kit and that the gas hoses are in date, there will not be replacement gas on site but we have been advised there is a facility no more than 5 minutes by car for replacements.

For everyone we have been advised you need to make sure you have strong pegs, as ground can be quite rocky and hard.

Mobile phones

There will be facility to charge power packs for leaders in the Hub so please make sure yours is clearly named.

Just to let you know that the mobile signal at Beaudesert is poor.

On line shopping deliveries for traditional style camping groups

If you are planning to have an online delivery, please can you book this for after 5pm on Saturday as we will be unable to accommodate deliveries during arrivals times.

Please make sure you have someone in the car park to receive the delivery.

Please make sure they know which unit you are.

The address for the site is:-

Beaudesert Outdoor Activity Centre, Beaudesert Park, Cannock Wood, Rugeley, Staffs, WS15 4JJ.

Activities and Fast Passes

On arrival at Megamix, you will be given some 'Fast Pass' tickets for your guides/rangers/young leaders. These will enable participants to go to a specified activity at a designated time, where they will be guaranteed to do the activity without having to join a queue! You'll be able to trade your Fast Passes as you like, swapping with other groups, or by taking your tickets to the swap shop to exchange them for another activity. Fast Passes will be available for a selection of the most popular activities on the site, and there will also be times where these activities are run on a 'queue and do' basis.

Consent form

The Girlguiding information and consent form is attached to this newsletter and has the activities that require parental consent on page 1. Please ensure that parents return both pages of the form but also keep a copy of part 1 for themselves. As leader you are responsible for ensuring girls do not take part in activities for which they do not have consent.

Chill out Zone

If you fancy time away from the high adrenaline activities or need that calm 5 minutes, then come to the chill out zone to sit and relax, enjoy a mocktail, face painting and nail art and loads more. There will also be a number of workshops, look out at the Hub for more information.

Megamix Got Talent.

If your girls love to perform and want to have a chance to take to the stage, don't forget about Megamix Got Talent. We'll be running a talent competition each day on the stage and the winner will be performing during the evening set and will get the chance to meet the bands performing too. Why not get practising so that you're ready to perform?

Theme nights

No camp is complete without an opportunity to dress up! We'll be having the following theme nights at Megamix, so feel free to add accessories/outfits to your kit lists.

Saturday - **Girl Power** (think inspiring women, awesome heroines, or your favourite girl bands)

Monday - **UV night** (be bold, bright and beautiful)

Tuesday - **Mega Party!**

Shopping

No festival is complete without a range of spending opportunities!

There will be a limited range of Megamix and Girlguiding Midlands souvenirs, a selection of fun accessories and gifts to take home. The Treat Truck will be offering Ben and Jerrys ice cream and a range of cakes from mid morning and the Chip van will be open in the evenings for that late night snack.

The Chill out zone will also feature our Mixology Mocktail Bar where you can purchase drinks and nibbles and there will be popcorn on sale at the evening film showings.

Beauesert shop will be open and offers a range of souvenirs, sweets and essentials so do remind girls to bring some spending money.

Drink Stations

There will be cold drink stations for girls, with hot drinks for leaders only across the day and night. In addition tea and coffee will be available from the Hub for leaders, please remember to bring your reusable cups and water bottles. Hot drinks will be available for everyone with breakfast and evening meals.

Festival style campers, for those leaders who cannot get going without that first cup of coffee, drinks will be available, but if you prefer we can fill a thermos flask for you the night before, you just need to provide the flask.

Meal times

Details of the meal times will be in your welcome pack, and posted around the site. Fully catered Festival campers will be allocated to one of three eating areas and will have an early or late sitting, which will be confirmed in your welcome pack.

Training opportunities

We are still working with the training team on what trainings will be available, we will send details about booking on as soon as it is available. If you have any ideas of what you would like to see on offer please let us know.

Kit List

We have attached a very general kit list which you may wish to amend or add to.

For activities, no specific kit is needed, there is a limited number of places for water-based activities and suggest shorts and t-shirt will be ok for this.

Don't forget to bring things for the theme nights.

Alcohol policy and smoking policy

Please find the link to the Girlguiding policy below:

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/making-guiding-happen/running-your-unit/events-and-going-away/going-on-residentials/>

Smoking in front of young members should be avoided, and substance misuse will not be tolerated by Girlguiding.

Unit Information Forms

Thank you to everyone who has sent these in. We are still waiting for some units to send in. These were due on 1st May, please can they be sent in ASAP so that we can allocate arrival times and confirm dietary requirements with the caterers.

Forms should be sent to Midlands Head Office— email: midlands.headoffice@girlguiding.org.uk

REN forms

You should have completed part one of the form which we sent out with the March newsletter. 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.

You can email completed REN form to:- megamixmidlands@gmail.com

The home contact for the whole event is Jackie Brocklehurst, however, you do need your own home contact on your own REN form.

Information and Consent forms (ICE)

Attached to this newsletter is a copy of ICE, please make sure you have both parts of the document returned as the check list of activities is on the first page.

Health Forms

Attached is a copy of the current Health form. You will need a Girlguiding health form for each girl and leader, these will be held by the camping group.