

IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION 2022

Please read the following carefully

A) Specifically for PARENTS of Teen Campers

1. Supervision. We are very much looking forward to this year's summer camp and want to thank you for entrusting your children into our care. We seek to treat teenagers as young people rather than children and therefore give them a certain amount of freedom and responsibility. Each day there are specific periods of time when they are allowed to go off site. This is usually in the late morning or the early evening. Many use this time for a walk or visiting the local shops. (When there are any within easy reach).

We have strict rules for this time.

- They are encouraged to go out in groups and are not allowed off site on their own.
- They must be at least in twos or threes. (twos must not be boy & girl).
- There is a set time by which all campers must be back on site. (15min before the next event).
- Campers must sign out and in with the member of staff on duty.
- Campers are not allowed off site at any other time except with permission from a member of staff.

Each week we also have a day, Trip Day, when the whole camp leaves the site. On this day there may be a period of time when the campers are allowed to go in groups round a small town without being accompanied by a leader. There is a specific rendezvous point and a set time at which all campers must report to a member of staff. As usual this year we intend to have a contact point manned by a mature leader or staff member for the duration of the free time. We are informing you of these arrangements specifically to assure you of our concern for the wellbeing and safety of young people. However, in the present climate, we appreciate that some of you may prefer closer supervision of your children. The *Supervision and Activity Form* ([link in email](#)) gives you the opportunity of expressing your feelings about supervision.

2. Safety & Security. As we are under canvas in a field, safety and security are of utmost importance. All campers are accommodated in bell or ridge tents. These tents usually have three or four young people. Tent leaders will be housed in adjacent tents to ensure reasonable safety and security for your child. Staff patrol through the late evening and there is a member of staff on site at all times. In addition, we do operate a comprehensive child protection policy. (Copy on request)

3. Smoking, Alcohol and Drugs. The basic camp rule is that smoking / vaping is not permitted during the period of camp. However, we do accept that certain young people have an addiction that makes the above very difficult. If your child has an addiction to smoking / vaping, please select the appropriate statement on the *Supervision and Activity Form* ([link in email](#)). Drugs (except prescribed by a doctor) and alcohol are not permitted on site at any time.

4. Behaviour. The number of rules at camp is kept to a minimum. We see those which are in place as necessary for the success of camp and the maintaining of high standards. Campers who break the rules run the risk of being sent home. In such cases it would be the parents' responsibility to facilitate this.

5. Photographs. Photographs and video are taken at camp for use in our future publicity. Usually these are general or group shots with a few individual pictures or interviews. These will only be used by WEC International, organisations in sympathy with WEC to whom specific permission has been given and organisations contracted to produce publicity material on our behalf. Photographs will only be taken of children for whom parental consent has been given. Consent is requested before camp.

B) For Campers, Leaders and Parents

Each year we aim to provide a varied programme for our campers, where possible giving choices which cater for varied abilities and interests. While we seek to keep the basic cost of camp to a minimum to make it affordable for as many as possible (we don't run as a commercial venture), putting on some activities does include extra expense, particularly where we have to pay for the services of qualified people and hire equipment. This year we are informing you now of the activities on offer and of any cost involved. As some of these need to be booked before you arrive on camp, **we ask that you make your choices in advance on the *Supervision and Activity Form (link in email)***. If there is insufficient interest in a particular activity it may not run, but we aim to please as many of you as we can.

C) TRIP DAY

Our 'off site day' gives you the opportunity to explore Cromer.

You can spend the afternoon in the town where there is pitch and putt; a browse around the shops or the chance just to chill on the beach. The choice is yours! (More details of what is on offer will be available at camp).

D) ACTIVITIES

*Activities take place on three afternoons each week. Please note there are limited places. To ensure you get the activity of your choice, please **book prior to camp**. **Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.***

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