



Dear Parents,

March 2010

We would like to invite you and your family to our Fun Day for children with Disabilities and/or Special Educational Needs.

It is to be held on

Saturday 10th July 2010

at our

Scouting Centre at Blackwell Court

Agmore Road, Blackwell, Near Bromsgrove. B60 1PX
(www.blackwelladventure.co.uk)

11am – 4pm

We are hoping to reach all of the children in Birmingham who have a Special need, and invite them, along with their siblings and parents to our Fun Day. If you have friends who have not received this invitation, or are members of a support group or Special Needs club or Association, please feel free to photocopy it to pass on to them/ or download one from www.reavalleyscouts.co.uk or to e-mail headquarters@birminghamscouts.demon.co.uk / or phone 0121 359 7959 to ask for one to be sent out to you/ them.

All the children and young people will be able to have a go at the activities we have on offer- siblings included- not just the children with Special Needs. (NB **some** activities will have to be restricted to children over 6 years).

We are asking for just £6 for the whole family as a booking fee, and after that **all** activities on the day will be free, whether you want your faces painted or to cook over an open fire, whether you want to go out on the water with our kayaking team, or are brave enough to have a go at the (wheelchair accessible) zip wire. Maybe you would prefer to look at our amazing Scalextric display, or watch the birds of prey. Perhaps you are coming to do some leather branding? Is music your thing? Or craft? Maybe you'd like to sit and relax in our refreshment area after a few goes on the bouncy castles. Maybe you are a wizz at skittles? Or would like to try your hand at archery for the first time?

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You can have a go at our climbing wall, 'crate stacking', and abseiling. You can just wander, and enjoy the beautiful grounds if that's your thing, or try out the confidence course if you are a bit braver. There are more and more activities being added as we get nearer the date – those I've mentioned are only some of the things we are putting on to ensure everyone finds something they enjoy.

Bring a picnic and stay the full 5 hours, or come for whatever part of the day you can manage. There is plenty of parking and we have accessible toilets including a changing bed. The only thing you might need money for is, if you choose to go into the site shop which sells small souvenirs, sweets, chocolate and ice-creams. There is no further charge for any of the 'have a go' activities, or even our refreshment areas once the initial booking fee (of **only £6 for the whole family**) has been paid.

The Scout Association is a voluntary organisation and a registered charity, so if you *are* able to let us have an e-mail address that will really help us to keep our postage costs down. We assure you we will not pass it on to anybody else, nor use it for any purpose other than in connection with the Fun Day.

Please fill in and return the application form as soon as you can. We need to have them all returned by **7th May**, but in the event of the day being oversubscribed, we will allocate places in the order the applications are received.

To keep our postage costs down, we will not send out a further letter. If you do not hear from us to the contrary, please assume your family's place has been booked. If you have any queries in the meantime, please e-mail, or phone Birmingham Scout Headquarters (details above).

We look forward to meeting you on the day,

Cathy Thomas
Assistant County Commissioner with Responsibility for Special Needs
County of Birmingham Scout Association

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