

December 2018



Dear Parent/Carer

Geography Outdoor Education Residential Weekend Friday 28th to Sunday 30 June 2019

The Geography department is planning to run a residential weekend in conjunction with Thornbridge Outdoors (Sheffield's LEA Outdoor Centre holds the appropriate AALA certification). The aims for the weekend are to develop additional geographical skills and knowledge, which compliment parts of our syllabus, and give the students an opportunity to try some outdoor activities. Full details of the activities and organisation are provided on the overleaf. The proposed itinerary may have to be changed depending on the weather conditions! This programme is also subject to meeting LEA approval.

If the trip is to go ahead a contribution of **£110** is required which includes all food, use of equipment and facilities, instruction and transport to activity sites during the weekend. The students will need to make their own transport arrangements to and from Thornbridge Outdoor Centre. If not enough contributions are forthcoming the trip may have to be cancelled. If payment is a barrier to any pupils, please contact the organiser in the first instance. Financial assistance is available at the Headteacher's discretion. The excursion has been provisionally agreed by the Headteacher, pending the Governors' approval.

On the Saturday afternoon we are planning to run two activities, which your son/daughter can opt into. The final organisation of these activities depends on the numbers of students who opt for each activity. The choices are (a) climbing and abseiling or (b) mountain biking. The climbing activity is restricted to a maximum of 10 students. For ease of staffing it is best to have approximately equal sized groups.

Could you please complete and return the reply slip, the completed medical form and a non-refundable deposit cheque for £60.00, made payable to Silverdale School, to be handed into the Student Reception in an envelope marked with your son/daughter's name, form and titled Thornbridge Residential by Monday 4th February 2019. The outstanding balance of £50 will need to be paid by Monday 15th April 2019.

Unfortunately, we only have the capacity to take 24 students. Gaining a place on the excursion will not be on a first come, first served basis. Numbers will be counted after the deadline for deposits and in the event of the trip being oversubscribed; all names will be drawn out of a hat at random creating a firm list and reserve list. If after that time, a pupil declines a place, deposits are non-refundable unless a replacement can be found.

Should you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, directly or via your son/daughter.

Yours sincerely

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Silverdale School - Geography GCSE Residential – 28 to 30 June 2019

PERMISSION SLIP AND DEPOSIT DEADLINE MONDAY 4 FEBRUARY

Name of Student: _____ Form : _____

I give permission for my son/daughter to attend the Residential at Thornbridge Outdoors Centre from Friday 28 to Sunday 30 June and I enclose a deposit of £60. Once my child has been accepted onto this trip, my deposit will be non-refundable unless a replacement can be found. I understand the travel arrangements for this weekend trip.

We will ask you to complete a full medical and emergency contact form nearer the time once your child has a place on this trip

My Saturday Activity Option is (please TICK preferred one)

(a) Climbing & Abseiling

(b) Mountain Biking

If you have selected mountain biking do you need to hire a bike? _____

Signed (Parent/Carer) _____ Date _____

Accommodation and Services

Thornbridge are providing all necessary camping equipment and we will have access to The Camp, which is a large building containing catering facilities, showers and toilets, a dining room, a store room for additional kit and a drying room. We will also have access to adjacent block including a recreation room and a classroom.

Food

The weekend is fully catered for including Friday evening. However all the meals will be cooked (but not prepared) by the students. They will also have responsibility for serving and clearing up the evening meals. The breakfasts will be simple toast and cereals, and the packed lunches will be DIY. Students should bring additional snack food if required.

Transport

To reduce costs, parents will have to be responsible for delivering and collecting their children to and from Thornbridge, DE45 1NY (NB we are at Thornbridge Outdoors Activity Centre – take a sharp turn after you cross the old railway coming from Little Longstone – not Thornbridge Hall). All transport during the weekend will be provided by Thornbridge.

Supervision

The students will be accompanied by two members of Silverdale staff from the Geography Dept. Thornbridge staff will supervise the Outdoor Education activities.

Itinerary

Friday	Arrive approx 5.00pm Set up camp, briefing, cook evening meal, evening activity, hot drinks and bed.
Saturday - a.m.	Team building activities, including the high and low rope courses and problem solving tasks or Option activity climbing or mountain biking
Saturday - p.m.	Team building activities, including the high and low rope courses and problem solving tasks or Option activity climbing or mountain biking
Saturday - Evening	On site activities
Sunday - a.m.	Geography fieldwork exercise.
Sunday - p.m.	Breaking camp and debriefing. Finish at approx 2.00pm.