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SSPX Boys' Summer Camp 2024 Information Pack

The summer camp will take place from Monday 22nd July to Saturday 27th July 2024. Boys are welcome to stay full time only. It will not be possible to attend on a daily basis.

Thank you for your application for a place on this year's Boys' Summer Camp. We are really looking forward to the camp and have lots of fun activities lined up for the boys. Please see below for everything you will need to know about the camp. Once you've entered all details in the online application form and have read this information pack, please sign the acknowledgement found at the end of the online application form. The camp is open for boys aged 8 to 14. For those boys who have already been on the summer camp before and who are under 15, please come back again this year! If you have any questions that remain unanswered, please contact the Camp Organiser using the contact details on page 6 of this document.

Camp Aim:

Our aim is to provide a safe, fun, friendly and relaxed environment in which Catholic boys can get together, learn more about the Faith, receive the Sacraments and make new, Catholic friends.

Location:

The Summer Camp will be taking place at: St Michael's School, Harts Lane, Burghclere, Newbury RG20 9JW, UK.

First Day Timings:

Date: Monday 22nd July 2024 Arrival: Approximately 2.00pm
Camp start: 3.00pm

Arrival times are flexible, but it would be helpful to the Camp Organiser if you could aim to arrive at approximately 2.00pm so that we can make a prompt start at 3.00pm. The boys will be shown to their rooms to unpack and the first activity to launch the summer camp will begin at approximately 3.00pm. Parents are required to leave before the start of this activity. If you are delayed or you have difficulty in finding the School, please call on the contact details provided on page 5 of this information pack.

Last Day Timings:

Date: Saturday 27th July is the last day. There will be a picnic lunch at 1.00pm and departure will be at 3.00pm.

Parents are encouraged to arrive before 1.00pm and are invited to join the boys and staff for a last day picnic lunch (please note that food will be provided for the boys and staff, only). We appreciate that some of you will have travelled from afar so please let us know in advance if these timings are unsuitable. We are happy to be flexible with timings wherever possible. We will aim to ensure that the boys have packed their belongings and will be ready for departure. It is important that the rooms are left clean and tidy. Staff are responsible for ensuring that the boys assist with this.

For any questions, please contact Fr. Dominic O'Hart

boyscamp@fsspx.uk



Programme:

A programme of activities will be put together which we are confident will appeal to boys of different ages with a variety of interests. We will have Mass and Catechism every day and the boys will be able to learn more about their Faith whilst focusing on some inspirational saints within their teams. There will also be a busy programme of games, challenges, team-building activities and outdoor skills with some singing included as well. We've also factored in some 'down time' so that the boys can amuse themselves and build on new (and old) friendships.

Facilities:

The camp is taking place at St Michael's School. The boys will be staying in dormitories/tents which are on the School premises. 8 years to 10 years are in dormitories, 11 years to 15 years are in tents.

Staff and Chaplain:

All volunteer staff have been DBS checked and have completed a number of online courses, as required by the Recruitment Policy for St Michael's School. An appropriate number of volunteers will hold first aid qualifications. There will be a dedicated Summer Camp Chaplain who will be leading the religious elements of the camp.

Food:

Meals will be provided for the boys at breakfast, lunch and dinner. There may be some cooking activities during the camp for the boys with appropriate health and safety measures in place. Please ensure that you make us aware of any food allergies and intolerances that your son has. It is important that we are given plenty of notice and sufficient information so that meals are prepared accordingly, and we can make sure we keep all of the boys healthy and safe.

Health and Hygiene:

Staff will ensure that the boys wash their hands regularly and that they maintain good hygiene with access to regular showers when required. Any medical conditions declared on the online application form will be noted and followed-up on where necessary. If there are changes to medical conditions or prescribed medication or your son obtains a new injury or illness before the beginning of the camp, please ensure that you email the Camp Organiser with the relevant details.

Infectious Illnesses Including COVID-19:

We will be using a 'common sense' approach to managing illnesses which will start with maintaining good hygiene, keeping hydrated and eating regular meals. If your son or anyone in your family, prior to the start of the camp, develops symptoms of something that could be contagious, please contact us immediately to discuss this further. Any minor sickness, illness or injury your son experiences on camp will be managed by the staff onsite, with medical help being sought for anything more serious (parents will be kept informed, of course). Unless you specify, we will not contact you if your son suffers minor symptoms/illness, but rest assured that you will be called promptly should his symptoms worsen.



Prescribed Medications & Remedies:

Suitably trained camp staff can administer prescribed medicine to your child. Medication can only be accepted if it has been prescribed by a registered health care professional and proof of prescription is given to the Camp Organiser. Medication must be in the original container as dispensed by a pharmacist including the manufacturer's instructions and must be clearly labelled with the child's name, dosage and route of administration. Staff must be given consent by Parents/Guardians to administer medication (see end of form). For those children who are deemed by their doctor and parents to self-administer prescribed medication, staff will supervise the consumption of medication. It is vital that you notify the camp staff if your child is carrying their own emergency medication. This should be sent to the camp clearly labelled with your child's name and date of birth. If your child has an EpiPen, this must be handed to a dedicated First Aider on arrival, who will make sure that the EpiPen accompanies your son to all activities. If your child carries his own EpiPen in a bag around his waist, please remember to add this vital information to your **online application form.**

Risk Management:

There will be many activities during the camp that may present certain risks. A full Risk Assessment is provided, and boys will be closely supervised to ensure they are kept within accommodation and day trip boundaries. They will be accompanied at all times by staff members and if playing a 'wide game' or doing an activity that requires them to separate themselves, in small groups, from the main group they will be briefed on boundaries and hazards. If parents would like a copy of the complete week's Risk Assessment, please contact us using the phone number on page 6 to request this. Please note that all staff will be briefed on the Risk Assessment and will receive their own personal copy.

Spending money:

There will be little opportunity to spend money except during the camp outings that may have an onsite gift shop. If you'd like your son to bring pocket money, please ensure this does not exceed £20. Pocket money will be collected and stored by staff, so please give your son a plastic bag to put a wallet in and label it with his name.

Kit List:

Most of the camp activities will take place outdoors so please pack clothes that are suitable for outdoor play and sightseeing. Please make sure that all belongings are clearly marked with your son's name as it's very easy for belongings to get mixed up or mislaid.

Boys should not bring sweets, treats or magazines of any kind. We have learnt from experience that sweets, biscuits, and other treats can hold a great power over children. Personal stashes can cause jealousy and even treats given by parents to share with other children can cause disputes; the reality of sharing can be harder than the theory, as we know! Please rest assured that the boys will be properly fed, and treats will certainly feature as part of the camp's cuisine.

The boys must not bring mobile phones or electronic devices to the camp. If, however, your son needs to carry a mobile phone for the journey, it should be handed in on arrival. If any phones or electrical items are found, they will be confiscated and only returned to the boys at the end of camp. We will accept no liability for the security of these items whilst they are confiscated, although they will be kept together in a safe place.



Please see below for a full kit list:

Clothing	Bedtime	Toiletries	Other
Trainers x1	Sleeping bag. Camp mat for those in tents (11yrs -15yrs)	Toothbrush and toothpaste	Missal/prayer book
Sandals x1(or 2 nd pair of trainers)	Pillow and pillowcase	Shampoo	Rosary Beads
Mass Shoes x1	Torch	Hairbrush (comb)	Water bottle
Casual modest clothes (trousers, tee-shirts) suitable for outdoors and getting grubby (enough for 5 days)	Eye mask and ear plugs (optional)	Body wash (soap or shower gel)	Suitable book to read
Smart modest outfit to wear to Mass x2		Sun cream	Small rucksack for outings
Underwear and socks x5		Towel	Pocket money - £20 maximum (named wallet)
Jumper/fleece x1		Wash bag	
Waterproof jacket x1			
Swimming shorts x1			
PJs x1			
Laundry bag x1			
Sun hat/cap x1			
Sunglasses (Optional)			

Emergency Contact Information:

In the event of an emergency, we will contact you immediately. Please ensure you have provided emergency contact information and a secondary contact if we are unable to reach you in the first instance. Please enter this information on the application form.

Contact During the Camp:

The boys are not allowed phones, but there is access to a general mobile phone with Telegram and WhatsApp in the school telephone booth which they can use at suitable times. If there is an emergency at home or you wish to contact the Camp Organiser, please refer to the contact details on the application form. If you need to speak to your son, let the Camp Organiser know so that a call back can be arranged.

We recognise that camp attendees will usually suffer from homesickness at some point during the week and that they may wish to contact their parents. We will, at appropriate times, (which do not interfere with camp activities), allow phone calls to be made to home. With a bit of support, reassurance, and comfort, we will do our best to ensure that homesickness doesn't interfere with your child's enjoyment of camp activities. We hope that the range of activities offered during the camp will provide a positive distraction.



Safeguarding:

According to the statutory guidance outlined by the Department for Education in '[Keeping Children Safe in Education 2023](#),' it is emphasized that the School's Safeguarding Policies extend to all activities conducted on school premises. As the boys' camp will be held on St. Michael's School premises, this regulation will be enforced starting September 2023. For detailed information regarding our Safeguarding Policies, please click [here](#) (or visit <https://stmichaels-school.uk/en/policies-34052>).

SSPX Safeguarding Officer: Mr. Joe Rogerson, 07813 704493, safeguarding@fsspx.uk

SSPX District Superior: Rev. David Sherry, 020 8946 7916, district@fsspx.uk

SSPX DSL: Rev. John Brucciani, 01635 278137, j.brucciani@fsspx.email

SSPX Camp Organiser: Rev. Dominic O'Hart, 01179775863, d.ohart@fsspx.email

Code of Conduct for staff: Please click [here](#) and scroll to page 29.

Payment:

Please arrange payment using the payment details at the end of this information pack. The fee covers food, accommodation, activities, and outings costs (admission fees and transport), resources et cetera. Payment must be received before the camp begins.

If payment in full is unachievable, we are happy to accept payments in instalments across 3 months before the start of the camp. A separate payment agreement will be issued in this scenario.

Early bird payment – this is when sign-up and payment are completed before 1st June 2024.

Cancellation and Refunds:

Cancellations made 14 days or more in advance of the camp will receive a 100% refund. Cancellations made 10-13 days or more beforehand will incur a 25% fee. Cancellations made within 7-9 days of the camp will incur a 50% fee. Cancellations made 0-6 days beforehand will incur a 100% fee. Extenuating circumstances will be considered if cancellation is made past the required time limit and will be at the full discretion of the Camp Organiser.

Where only absolutely necessary and in circumstances beyond our control that require us to cancel the camp event, will we then do so. Payments received will be refunded in full within 14 days of the cancellation date. Please note we will not be held liable for any associated travel/accommodation costs in the event of a cancellation.

Sign Up times:

The deadline for signing up and making payment for the 2024 boy's camp is the 7th July 2024



Please Note:

The administration of both boys' and girls' camps has now been assumed by the Young Roman Catholics (YRC), our District's youth group. Going forward, all payments should be directed to the YRC rather than St. Michael's School. Please note that any incorrect payments may result in delays processing your application, thus potentially affecting the confirmation of your son's place on the camp.

Finally:

Please ensure you have completed the online application form in full and have read the information pack. When you have done this, please review the signed acknowledgement within the online application form.

Chaplain	Fr. Dominic O'Hart	
Organizer	Fr. Dominic O'Hart	
Email	boyscamp@fsspx.uk	
Tel	07749877425	
Location	St. Michael's School, (RG20 9JW)	
Cost	£165 full week,	Early bird - £135 before 1 st June
Camp Payment Bank Transfer Ref – "Name of child-camp"	<u>Account name:</u> Young Roman Catholics <u>Sort Code:</u> 30-98-97 <u>Account No:</u> 52616663	
Payment by Cheque Ref – "Name of child-camp"	Pay "Young Roman Catholics" and send to St Michael's School Harts Lane Burghclere, Newbury RG20 9JW	Address envelope to Miss Emma Blyth