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SSPX Girls' Summer Camp 2024 Information Pack

This year the Girls' Summer Camp will take place from Monday 19th August to Saturday 24th August 2024. Girls are welcome to stay full time or as a day camper. For day campers - drop off is at 8am and pick up is 7.30pm, all meals are included.

Thank you for your application for a place on this year's girls' summer camp. We are really looking forward to the camp and have lots of fun activities lined up for the girls. Please see below for everything you need to know about the camp. Once you have entered all of the 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. This camp is open for girls aged 8 to 14. If you have any questions that remain unanswered, please get in touch 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 girls 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 19th August 2024

Arrival: at approximately 2.00pm. Camp start: 3.00pm

Arrival time is 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 timely start at 3.00pm. The girls 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 cannot find the School, please call on the contact number provided at the end of this information pack.

Last Day Timings:

Date: Saturday 24th August 2024

Departure: Approximately 3.00pm

Parents are encouraged to arrive before 1.00pm and to join the girls and staff for a last day ceremony with light refreshments. We recognise 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 where possible. We will aim to ensure the girls have packed their belongings and will be ready for departure.

**Programme:**

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

Facilities:

The camp is taking place at St Michael's School. The girls will be staying in the dormitories on the School premises.

Staff and Chaplain:

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

Food:

Meals will be provided for the girls: breakfast, lunch, and dinner. There may be some cooking/baking activities during the camp with appropriate health and safety supervision in place. Please ensure that you make us aware of any food allergies and intolerances that your daughter 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 your daughter healthy and safe.

Health and Hygiene

Staff will ensure that the girls 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 daughter obtains a new injury or illness before the beginning of the camp, please ensure that you email the Camp Organiser who will update the staff.

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 daughter or anyone in your family, prior to the start of the camp, develops symptoms of something (other than a common cold) that could be contagious, please contact us to discuss. Any minor sickness, illness or injury during the 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 daughter suffers minor symptoms/illness, but rest assured that you will be called promptly should her 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 your daughter'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 daughter to all activities. If your daughter carries her own EpiPen in a bag around her waist, please remember to add this vital information to your online application form.**

Risk Management:

There will be many activities during the summer camp that may present certain risks. A full Risk Assessment is provided, and girls 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'll be briefed on boundaries and hazards. If parents require a copy of the Risk Assessment, please contact us using the contact details below to request one. Please note that all staff will be briefed on the Risk Assessments and will receive their own personal copy.

Spending money:

There will be little opportunity to spend money except when on outings that will have gift shops onsite. If you'd like your daughter to bring pocket money, please ensure this does not exceed £20. Pocket money can be collected in and stored by staff so please ensure that your daughter has a named plastic bag with her purse inside.

Kit List:

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

Girls 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 be assured that we will make sure the girls are properly fed. Treats will certainly feature as part of the camp cuisine.

The girls must not bring mobile phones or electronic devices to the camp unless your daughter has to carry one for the journey, in which case it should be handed in on arrival. If any mobiles or electrical items are found, they will be confiscated and only returned to the girls at the end of the camp. We will accept no liability for the security of these items whilst they're confiscated, but they will be kept together, in a safe place.

Please see next page for a full kit list:



PACKING LIST				
Clothing	How many	Bedtime	Toiletries	Other
Trainers	1 pair	Sleeping bag	Toothbrush and toothpaste	Missal/prayer book
Sandals	1 pair	Pillow and pillowcase	Shampoo and conditioner	Rosary Beads
Smart shoes	1 pair	Mattress cover	Hairbrush, hair accessories	Water bottle
Casual modest clothes (skirts, tops, tee-shirts, dresses) suitable for outdoors and getting grubby	Enough for 5 days	Torch	Body wash (soap or shower gel)	Suitable book to read
Smart modest outfit to wear to Mass and sightseeing outings	2	Eye mask and ear plugs - optional	Sun cream	Small rucksack for outings
Underwear and socks	Min 5 pairs plus spare		Towel	Pocket money - £20 maximum
Leggings to wear under skirts	Optional		Wash bag	
Jumper/fleece	1		Sanitary wear, if required	
Waterproof jacket	1			
PJs	1 pair			
Laundry bag	1			
Sun hat/cap	1			
Sunglasses	Optional			
Mantilla	1			

Emergency Contact Information:

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

Contact During the Camp:

The girls are not allowed mobile phones, but there is access to a general phone with Telegram and WhatsApp in the School telephone booth which they can use at a suitable time and also the Camp Organiser's phone. 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 daughter, 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 on a regular basis. We will at appropriate times, and not interfering with camp activities, allow phone calls to be made to home. With plenty of support, reassurance, and comfort, we will try our best to ensure that homesickness doesn't adversely interfere with your daughter's enjoyment of camp activities. We hope that with the range of activities offered during the camp that this 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 girls' 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://stmichaelschool.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 on the document above 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 have been received before your daughter arrives at the camp.

If payment made in full is unachievable, we will consider accepting payments in instalments across 3 months. A separate payment agreement will be issued in this scenario.

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.

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 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.



CONTACT INFO AND PAYMENT DETAILS	
Chaplin	Fr. Gary Holden
Organizer	Ann Nalumansi
Email	girlscamp@fsspx.uk
Tel	07772 011 634
Camp Location	St Michael's School, Harts Lane, Burghclere, Newbury RG20 9JW
Camp Price	£165 full week, Early bird - £135 before 1 st July.
Camp Payment Bank Transfer Ref. "Girls Summer Camp"	Account name: Young Roman Catholics Sort Code: 30-98-97 Account No: 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