

Pioneer Centre meeting

Thursday 10th February



Welcome to the Pioneer Centre! We are a Christian owned and operated charity (a facility of Northampton Association of Youth Clubs), and we aim to demonstrate our faith through our cheerful and good-mannered service to you: Our aim is to provide you with a comfortable, relaxed and hassle-free stay to the best of our ability

Where are we going?



Near Cleobury Mortimer - about 45mins away

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Small, compact site with easy access to all activities

ACUK-Pioneer Centre offers full en-suite accommodation for up to 310 guests across 7 individual, internally accessible, lodges.



Tree Tops: Girls
Forest Lodge: Boys

When are we going?

Wednesday 2nd March

We will spend the start of the morning at school

The coach is coming to collect us at approximately
10am.

(Our journey is approximately 1 hour)

On arrival, we will have a welcome tour before the children have a packed lunch. **SCHOOL ARE PROVIDING THIS LUNCH FREE OF CHARGE FOR ALL CHILDREN.**

Who is going?

Miss Holding

Miss Ceresa

Mrs Bannister

Mrs Glynn

Mrs Grennan

Mrs Bernard

Typical Daily Timetable

Children will wake up around 7:45am

Breakfast is served at 8:30am.

First activity session runs from 9:30am - 11:00am

Second activity session runs from 11:30am - 1:00pm

Lunch time is served at 1:15pm

Third activity session runs from 2:00pm - 3:30pm

Fourth activity session runs from 4:00pm - 5:30pm

Dinner is served at 5:45pm

Fifth activity session runs from 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Children will then have free time in their rooms with their friends

Lights out at 10:15pm



Activities

At the Pioneer Centre pupils will try a wide range of exciting activities in sessions designed to release their potential and meet your own learning objectives.

Our team of dedicated instructors will guide your students through our activities over the course of your stay, helping them to discover hidden strengths and learn new skills. You'll see your students growing in confidence, developing as a team and practicing leadership.



Activities

We are taking part in 10 activities over our stay:

high ropes

climbing

inflatable challenge

archery

caving

abseil/zip line

low ropes

camp fire

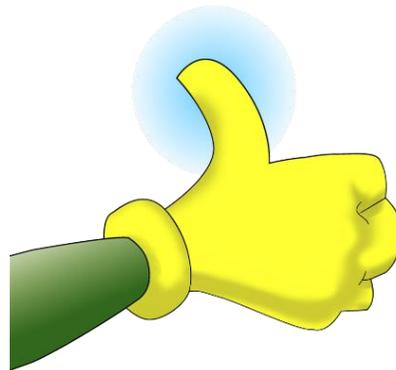
challenge course

team games



Activities

All children will be encouraged to have a go at trying these activities but never forced to do an activity. A big part of any residential trip is about having a go and trying something and trying to overcome any fears or worries they have when taking part in something they haven't done before!



Free time

During free time, there may be chance for your child to take part in activities such as

Outdoor 5-a-side pitch

Pool table

Table tennis tables

Football table

Large hall

These are led by school



Food

At Pioneer Centre we take seriously our constant commitment to provide freshly prepared, healthy and wholesome meals for everyone. Our excellent catering team work hard to provide a high standard of meals, a great range of meals and ensure the happiness of those who are enjoying their creations.

Whilst staying with us you will



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Centre of all our dietary

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child's stay.

Bedtime routine

In the evening after final activities, children will have free time in our lodges where they will be able to have a shower, relax with friends and catch up with people they haven't seen who may have been in other activity groups.

Before lights out, children can visit each other in their rooms.

Children are allowed to bring sweets and snacks for the evenings that they can share with friends **BUT NO DRINKS ARE TO BE BROUGHT WITH THEM.**

If children need a drink, they will have their water bottles from school with them that they can use for water.

At 10:15pm, all children will return to their own rooms before lights out and bedtime.

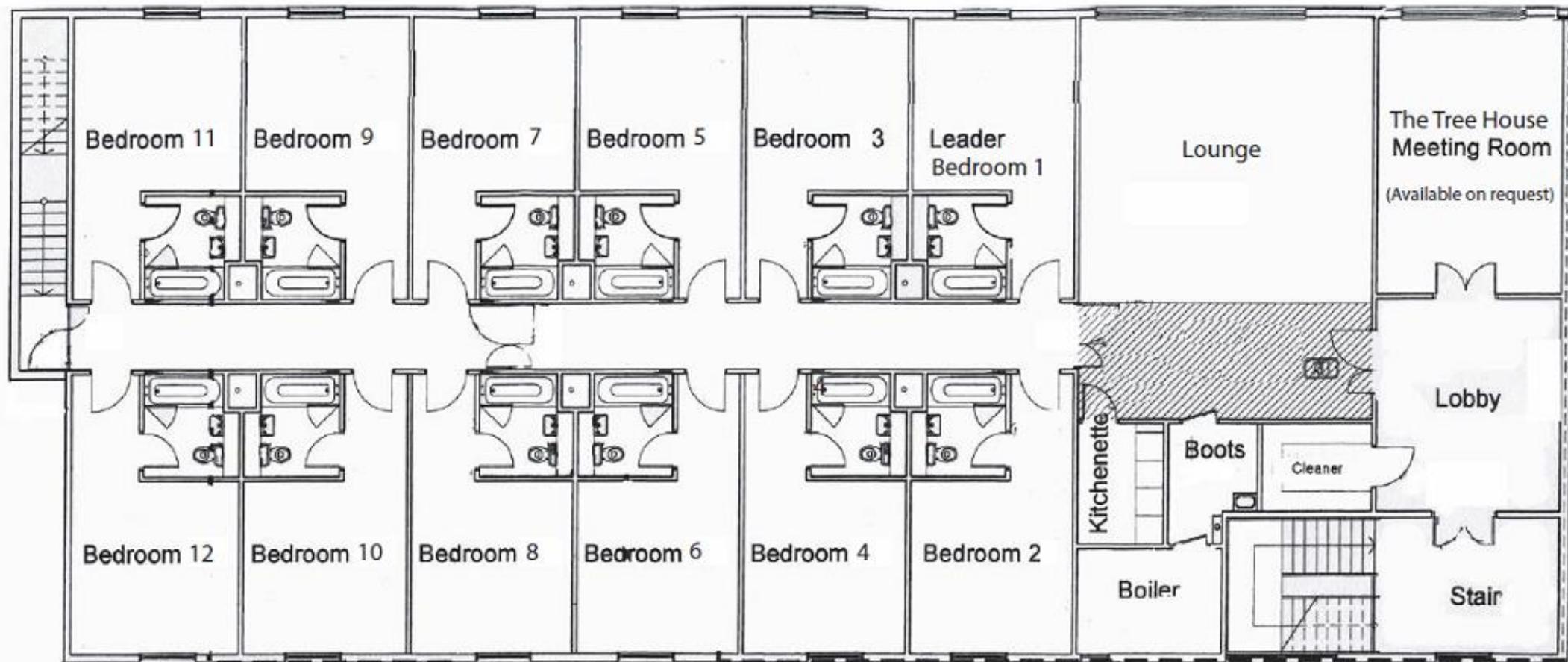
The rooms

All rooms have 4 beds - 2 singles and 1 bunk bed. Children have selected groups of friends they would like to share rooms with.

All rooms have en suite bathrooms with a toilet and a shower - the shower is above the bath.

The rooms





Forest lodge is the same configuration apart from bedrooms 1 and 2 have disabled shower facilities. Each lodge had its own day/breakout room, kitchenette, drying room & coat/boot store.

Staying safe

All of the staff and volunteers are fully trained and DBS checked.

Staff are first aid trained and suitable first aid equipment is on site.

All activity equipment is regularly checked before and after activities.

Staff are supportive of all children and encourage them to achieve their best.

What does your child need to pack? See Letter

Toiletries

Toothbrush and toothpaste
Soap and flannel
Towel
Hairbrush/comb
Roll-on deodorant
Shampoo and conditioner (travel size)

Other

Large plastic bag - for dirty clothes
Gloves and hat

Extras

A book /colouring
Money for souvenirs/snacks **£5 OPTIONAL**
Cuddly toy
Sweets - not too many
Empty water bottle (we will use schools)

Clothes

Long-sleeved t-shirts x3
Trousers x2 - **NOT JEANS!**
Warm jumpers x2 - **it is in MARCH!**
Underwear (4 pants, 4 socks and 2 vests)
Waterproof trousers and coat

Pyjamas
Slippers

Shoes

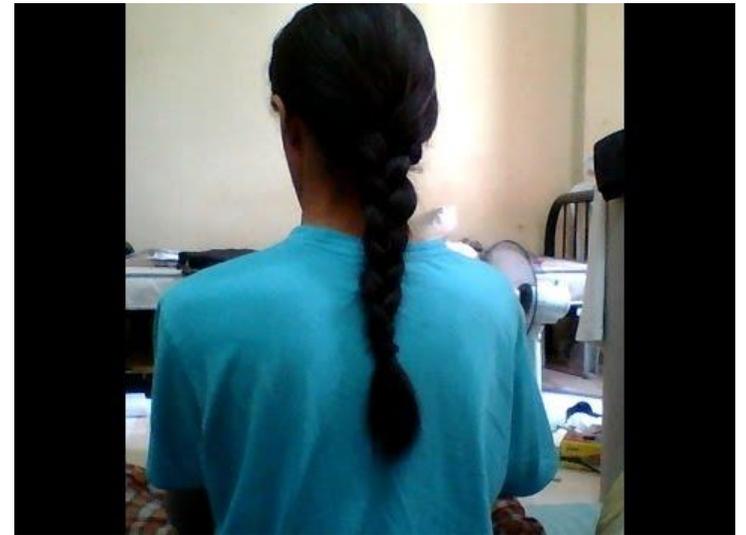
wellingtons
waterproof, comfortable, supportive shoes/trainers
indoor shoes/slippers

**PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL ITEMS ARE LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S
NAME ESPECIALLY AS THEY ARE SHARING ROOMS WITH OTHER
PEOPLE!**

Hair

Because children will have to wear a safety helmet, any child who has their hair tied back/up/in plaits etc, are asked to make sure their hair is plaited into a low plait at the back of the head.

This is to allow the helmet to fit your child's head safely. This is needed for both **girls and boys**. Children will not be allowed to take part in some activities if a helmet cannot be worn.



Medication

If you have stated that your child has medication and they need this medication whilst on our residential, **YOU MUST** fill out a medication form (available from the school office).

Any children who suffer from asthma will need to bring their **PREVENTER INHALER IF THEY USE ONE** and their normal **BLUE INHALER** too.

The teacher responsible for your child will then look after that medication (apart from inhalers which will be carried at all times) and ensure medication is taken when needed.

iPads, cameras, phones and other electronics are not allowed at the Pioneer Centre

If your child has an electrical item school will take it from them and keep it in school until home-time on the day of return.

Please be aware that you will receive a text message when we arrive and when we are due to leave for school. The teachers will be with their children and groups throughout the day so please do not expect constant updates on Facebook. If we can, we will try and post on social media but this **IS NOT** guaranteed - we will be too busy having fun! :)

If there are any problems or issues arise and you need to be contacted in an emergency, you will receive a phone call to the phone number given on your data collection form.

We will leave the Pioneer Centre at 2pm on Friday 4th March and should be back at school for the end of the school day.

Any questions?

