

# 1<sup>st</sup> Cropwell Bishop Scout Group



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**RE: Taster Camp and Summer Camp 2010.**

**Dear Parents / Carers**

**Camping is an integral part of the Scouting experience and I am delighted to announce that we have been able to arrange two events which will be held in July and August this year. Our first event will be a taster camp which is intended to introduce new Scouts and Cubs to camping in a very gentle way so that they are aware of what to expect if they wish to attend the main summer camp.**

**The Taster Camp will be held at Sherbrooke Scout Campsite which is located close to the Oxtou roundabout near Calverton from 23<sup>rd</sup> July to 25<sup>th</sup> July. Scouts will camp from 1630 hrs on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July through to 1600hrs on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July and Cubs from 1630 on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July through to 1600 on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July.**

**Summer Camp will be held from Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August through to Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> August at Walesby Forest Scout Camp, which is located just off the A614 near to Ollerton, full details to follow.**

**The cost of the Taster Camp will be £10 and I would ask for full payment to be returned together with the completed information forms which are enclosed with this letter no later than Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July for Scouts and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July for Cubs. Unfortunately if forms and payments are not returned by this date it will not be possible to accept any late applications due to the time constraints of obtaining event approval by the District Commissioner.**

**The Taster camp will provide an opportunity for Cubs and Scouts to take part in a range of pre arranged activities and these are included within the price of camp. These activities have been carefully selected to be accessible to all and will be staffed by qualified instructors from the Scout Association.**

**Going to Camp for the first time can seem quite scary, especially for younger members who might worry about any number of issues, perhaps even down to taking their favourite Teddy Bear along, well all I can say is that Bears like camping too! We will be discussing going to camp at Troop and pack meetings over the next few weeks. The Scouts have been practising their tent pitching and cooking skills already so we should be able to look forward to a first class cooked breakfast! It is however very important that if you or your child have any worries or issues that you discuss these in confidence either with me directly or with the appropriate section leader.**

**Each section will hold a 10 minute question and answer session at the end of a Troop or Pack meeting on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July for Scouts and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July for Cubs for the parents or carers of those children who will be attending camp. Please come along and we will answer any question which you may have. At this meeting you will also be provided with all the necessary supporting documentation which you will need in order to deliver and collect your children from the event together with details of the Home Contact arrangements and emergency procedure. You will also be asked to review your child's Essential Information Form at this meeting to ensure that you have notified us of any changes in circumstances.**

**Should you have any queries or concerns please contact me or the appropriate section leader directly.**

**Yours in Scouting**

**Chris keast  
Group Scout leader.**