

County Scout Camp 2027

Fire and Ice Camp

Brief:

Welcome to the county scout camp for January 2027. This is an exciting opportunity for scouts across the county to come together for a cold weather winter camping experience designed to give scouts a taste for cold weather camping in a controlled safe environment, whilst allowing scouts the freedom to experience a range of activities at Ferny, along with a bushcraft / survival themed evening which is sure to kickstart the county scout program for the year.

Please read below to see all the information for the camp, final details including the full activity list and risk assessments etc, will be published nearer the time once final numbers are confirmed.

Myself and the County Scout Team look forward to seeing you there and are always willing to help where needed!

Callum Duggan

County Scout Section Program Lead

Location and Date:

Friday 29th January - Sunday 31st January 2027

Ferny Crofts Scout Campsite

Numbers:

Ferny have got a camping limit for this event set at 650 individuals. This does include leaders, so please send me a numbers list of both scouts and any leaders who are camping

on site overnight. Due to this restriction I am expecting the event to sell quickly so please get back to me soon, with numbers in order to secure your spot.

Price:

We are only charging for Scouts at this event and this price is set at £40 per scout. This covers for the site hire, as well as the full range of activities, however does not include catering. Groups will need to self cater on the event so please bear this in mind when charging your scouts. Please could groups pay the below account, and not do it through their district to avoid any confusion.

For groups to secure their place it will be a £20 per scout deposit which will be non refundable, which covers the site hire.

As the cut off for numbers is October 1st, by this date, groups will need to pay the remaining balance of £20 per scout which covers the activity list as this will be formalised in October, Alternatively if groups wish to pay the full £40 per scout up front this is of course absolutely fine, however this will be non refundable, however if you have scouts that drop out and you wish to transfer their ticket to another scout then this is also fine but please keep us updated.

HSBC

Account name: Hampshire County Scout Council

Account number: 51260936

Sort Code: 40-46-39

Please use the reference:

90-Scout Camp-Jan27

Having 90 in the reference is the most important bit to avoid misallocations.

Weather:

This is designed to be a cold weather winter camp set in January. January throughout the past few years has continued to be relatively mild through the day and only dropping at night, however this could always change. In order to mitigate any risk, both buildings at Ferny will be open to scouts throughout the night with heating, warm water and adults

inside to supervise, so in the rare case that a scout does get hypothermia this can be dealt with immediately. Please can yourselves as leaders ensure that the scouts do bring all season sleeping bags, blankets etc, and remain vigilant over your troop. The County Scout Team will monitor the weather leading up to, and over the camp so in the highly unlikely case of snow, there will be a plan of action already in place. The camp is fully risk assessed, with all risks being heavily mitigated, and is designed to be a fun, exciting experience for the scouts.

Activities:

The full list of activities will be published nearer the time dependent on permitted leaders availability and numbers, however at present every single activity at Ferny bar a couple due to the time of year will be on offer. This is in addition to a range of other activities run by the young leader team and other leaders which will be bushcraft and survival focused in order to take the scouts to that next level in their ability. For those who have not been to Ferny before a short glimpse of the activities planned are as follows:

- Zip Wire
- Archery
- Crossbows
- Rifles
- Go Karts
- Climbing
- Pioneering
- Fire Lighting
- Survival skills masterclass

This is just a small list with many more to follow!

Bushcraft Competition:

As this is a cold weather, and fire themed camp there will be a competition running throughout the camp where groups will be competing against each other to have the best survival / fire circle set up. This will test scouts on their shelter building, fire lighting, and capability to keep themselves sustained in cold weather conditions. The winners will be judged on the quality of their shelters, any pioneering additions they have created, and

safety of their firepits. Any groups who tie for the quality of their “mini survival camps” will be judged on their aesthetics and creativity so please bear this in mind! The winning group will be announced Sunday morning and gifted a secret prize yet to be revealed.

Volunteers:

This camp could not take place without the support of the leaders on board as well as the activity leaders. If you are a leader with a permit, or particular skillset and are willing to help on the camp to run an activity for the scouts please get in touch as this will allow us to give the scouts the best experience possible, and allows us to run more activities. If you are interested in getting involved with the camp please email at:

callum.duggan@hampshirescouts.org.uk

Parking:

Ferry does have parking however this will be managed on the day by a dedicated team. In order to ensure a smooth process, groups arriving will be given timeslots to arrive throughout the afternoon. Any leaders who wish to come earlier in the day however for kit drop off especially things like mess tents, will be supported with this by a dedicated young leader team who will assist with unloading. Exact timings will be released later on in the year.

Final Camp information:

Final camp information for things such as site allocation, risk assessments, etc will be released later this year once final numbers and leader volunteers have all been confirmed. If the event does sell out quickly however, then this information will be provided much earlier.

Contacts:

For general camp enquiries and sign ups please email

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For any financial enquiries please email the camp treasurer Dom Howell at:

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