

# BRUMJAM

## 2016



## Group Newsletter

## Welcome

to BrumJam 2016. We are all looking forward to an amazing week and will be welcoming 1,500 participants to the event. We have a packed day programme and an exciting evening programme which will cater for all tastes. We hope that this newsletter will provide you with a news update and essential information before you get to the camp.....

**Simon Cardall**  
Jamboree Chief

## Flags

BrumJam will be having a main camp flag break every morning at 09.00 on Upper Paddock. We will fly a flag for each Country represented on BrumJam. You are welcome to attend however please be aware of activity departure times. The best days to attend are when you are doing The Mountain Zone or The Four Corners of the World Zone which are both based on site.

If you have a Scout Group /Troop or Girl Guide Unit "carrying type" flag on a pole then please bring it to the opening ceremony.

## Uniform

For all members, adults and young people your national uniform should be worn for arrival at site, for the opening ceremony and for departure on the last day. For the closing ceremony please wear your Sub Camp colours – green, red or yellow (or blue for Staff). When travelling off-site please ensure that you have your Sub Camp neckerchief on.

## Arrivals

**We are really keen to make the arrivals process as smooth as possible. Please read the details about arrivals on the FAQ page on the website. Please arrive according to your allocated Sub Camp time slot. This will spread the traffic out. Arriving early causes us issues as we will be managing the Staff arrivals up to 11.30am on Saturday morning.**

- All Coaches go to Gate 1 on Station Field
- All Vans and vehicles with trailers for Asia and Africa Sub Camp go to Gate 1 on Station Field
- All Vans and vehicles with Trailers for America Sub Camp go to Gate 3 on "The Park"
- All Cars and Mini Buses (without Trailers) go to Gate 3 on "The Park"
- The Support team will be on hand from Saturday 30th to assist with moving equipment.

**RAILWAY BRIDGES ON ACCESS ROADS TO SITE –  
MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF THE BRIDGE IS 12'3".**

**All vehicles should approach from M42 Motorway and  
Greenhill Lane.**

**See the attached latest site map.**

# Our BrumJam Programme

Our programme team have been working hard over the past 18 months to ensure your week will be packed with activities and adventure and leave you with memories and experiences to last a lifetime.

We will be taking you on a journey around the World, meeting new friends along the way. On your journey, you will have the opportunity to take part in all activities available across the week, whether you are a Scout, Guide, Explorer, Senior Section or adult leader!

## Your journey will take you to the following places:

**The Skies** – Each Sub Camp will meet Activity Leader Alex and his team, bright and early at the Coach stop to board the coaches to Alton Towers. You will then have the rest of the day to enjoy the experiences, sights and sounds and more importantly brave the rides such as Rita, Nemesis, Oblivion and Galactica before heading home at the end of the day.

**Will I need anything special for this day?** We suggest taking a packed lunch, full drinks bottle, some money, suncream and a hat if it is hot and sunny or wet weather clothing if it is going to be wet along with a rucksack to keep everything safe.

**The Deserts** – Each day, half a Sub Camp will meet to walk down to the sister camp site, Pikes Pool. After a short 10 minute walk, Activity Leaders Lynne and Gary and the guys from 'We're a Knockout' will take over and split you into teams to compete loads of wild and wacky challenges throughout the day with one team being crowned the BrumJam Knockout Champions.

**Will I need anything special for this day?** We suggest taking a packed lunch, full drinks bottle, suncream and a hat if it is hot and sunny or wet weather clothing if it is going to be wet along with a rucksack to keep everything safe. You may want a towel to dry off at some point as you are bound to get wet in some of the challenges!

**The Oceans** – Each day half a Sub Camp will meet at the coach stops to go across to Edgbaston Reservoir for a day of water activities. They will be met by Activity Leader Ben and his team from Bear Creek Adventure to take part in either windsurfing, sailing, kayaking, canoeing, rowing or stand up paddle boarding on Edgbaston Reservoir.

**Will I need anything special for this day?** We suggest taking a packed lunch, full drinks bottle, suncream and a hat if it is hot and sunny or wet weather clothing if it is going to be wet along with a rucksack to keep everything safe. You will more than likely get wet so will need suitable clothing that you don't mind getting wet including enclosed footwear. You will also need your towel and wash kit, a dry change of clothes and a bin bag to bring back your wet clothes.

**The Mountains** – Throughout the week, each half Sub Camp will get the opportunity to have a go on the exciting activities available onsite run by Ned and his team, including the 3G Swing, fan descender, zip wires, climbing walls and much more. Each Sub Camp will be split into groups and have a go at 4 exciting activities throughout the day.

**Will I need anything special for this day?** We suggest having a full drinks bottle, suncream and a hat if it is hot and sunny or wet weather clothing if it is going to be wet along with a rucksack to keep everything safe.

**The 4 Corners of the World** – Each half Sub Camp will get the opportunity to have a go at the activities in the '4 Corners of the World' led by Activity Leader Steve. These activities are based onsite and will include the Pool Party, Bushcraft and Survival zone, Craft Tent and adrenaline zone which includes the Body Zorbs, Segway skills and BigAirBag freefall.

**Will I need anything special for this day?** We suggest having full drinks bottle, suncream and a hat if it is hot and sunny or wet weather clothing if it is going to be wet along with a rucksack to keep everything safe. You will need enclosed sturdy footwear for the bushcraft and survival zone, swimwear and a towel for the Pool Party a smile for the craft tent and nerves of steel for the adrenaline zone!

**Home** – They say there is no place like home so each Sub Camp will spend a day together moving around 5 zones to keep you busy. Each Sub Camp will get the opportunity to have a go at the activities that have been designed to encompass different aspects of each continent. These are led by the different Sub Camp Teams. The activities are based onsite and will differ "cities" to visit including Rhythm City, Dance City, Culture City, Diverse City, Active City and Star City.

**Will I need anything special for this day?** If the weather is warm enough we suggest having full drinks bottle, sun cream and a hat as you will be outside for most of the day but if the weather isn't then you will be doing the activities inside the different Sub Camp Marquees so you will need a waterproof. Finally we suggest comfortable clothing should be worn for the various different activities that we have in store for you.

## Evening Entertainment

Greetings from the Evening Entertainment Team – we've got the pleasure of putting on the parties, games and other high jinks every evening throughout the week. There are three different parts to the Evening Entertainment – The Arena (dancing, singing, discoing and the ceremonies all happen here), The Clubhouse (board games, badge swapping, quiz night, rock nights and Adventure speakers) and The NINAAs (games, sports, touch rugby and more). The evening entertainment starts at 7.30pm every night and usually runs until 10pm.

To help you get the most out of these, have a check on list of things that you're going to need for the week.

You're going to need:

**A pretty good sense of fun and willingness to have a go**, our evening entertainment covers all manner of things, some of which you'll have done before, and some new things too

**Neon Fancy Dress** – for our Neon Beach Party on Wednesday night

**Uniform & flags** – for the opening ceremony (no chairs or benches tho)

**Sub Camp Colours outfit** – for the closing ceremony we'd like you to come dressed in your Sub Camp colours – you're welcome to use this theme with as much imagination as you can!

You might also want to think about getting involved in:

**Enter a team in the Wide Game on Sunday night**

**Take part in the Sports Competitions on Monday night**

**Try out the Giant Games on Tuesday night**

**Dance the night away in the Ceilidh with Contra Alt Delete on Tuesday night**

**Enter a Team in the Quiz on Wednesday night**

**Try Dance Hall dancing on Thursday night**

**Have a go at Tag rugby with the RFU coaches**

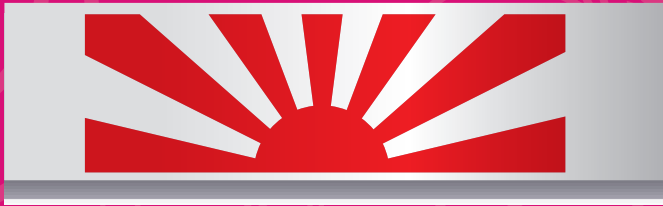
More is happening through the week and you can keep up with this via the Radio Station BrumJamFM and the chalk boards stationed around the main field. Team entries can be made at the desk in The Clubhouse.

Finally, on Monday night we have two special guest speakers coming to The Clubhouse to talk about their adventures, both near and far, in an evening of Daring Deeds. We have Justine Curgenvin, a sea kayaker whose travelled from Russia to Antarctica, New Zealand to Patagonia, making award winning films about her adventures, lessons learnt and wildlife encounters. More information can be found at <http://www.cackletv.com/>. We also have Rich & Tom Seipps, who a father and son endurance cycling team, including Strathpuffer (24hours of Scottish Mountain biking in Winter). Tom is 11 years old and they are currently training to take part in the Tour Divide with their customised tandem over 2745miles across the USA. More about them here: <https://twitter.com/richpips> <http://minipips.blogspot.co.uk/>

# SUB CAMPS

## Asia

Participants on Asia need to bring a yellow t shirt and something for example a necker or a badge from where they are from to contribute to a display of participants. Could the Asia participants please design and bring a bandana or head band to tie on their head for the opening ceremony they can design it with their group name and a Japanese design for example (karate kid) see photo below these can be made very easily by material and then add a design on....



## Americas

Can all participants on Americas Sub Camp please bring the following items:

- A light green t-shirt (similar to the colour of the Americas Sub Camp logo),
- A cowboy hat to wear in the opening ceremony it can design it with their group name.

Can all groups / contingents on Americas Sub Camp please bring the following items:

- A Neckerchief or Badge from where you are from to be used within the Sub Camp Marquee.
- A piece of cloth (50cm by 50cm) depicting what epitomises your group or contingent i.e, local landmarks, activities you enjoy doing and anything else you want on it.

## Africa

We look forward to welcoming all of our groups into Africa Sub Camp! To make us stand out, please bring with you the following items:

- Red T-shirt (similar colour to the Africa Logo) This will help brighten up the opening ceremony, we want to see a sea of red!

We would like you help decorating our Sub Camp Marquee too! Please bring with you a spare necker, signed by all of the participants from your group, We'll make this into a big necker bunting to be put around the marquee.

Your individual group identity is very important for us, and we would love you to also bring something to represent your local area to help diversify our marquee! Items will be placed on display in the marquee, and it would be great if you could attach a small note to describe what it means to you.



## Just a few reminders....

If you are dropping your children off at Creche, please ensure you have checked in with a member of the Creche team before leaving the group room. If you are a day visitor, please make sure you send food with your child !!

## Communications at BrumJam

Andy our resident news reporter will be putting together the daily newsletter helped by Dave and Eileen our photographers and Krissie taking video footage. We will also be printing and selling photos taken during the day. We will also have our very own @brumjamradio broadcasting live throughout the day so bring a radio with you to keep you company during the day.

### Payments

By the time you get this newsletter your final payment will have been due – please pay promptly as this really does help the admin team.

### Shopping...

There will be a regular shuttle bus to the nearest large Morrisons and the camp will accept deliveries from all major supermarkets...

### BrumJam Merchandise

Remember to place your order for any of the branded items by the 15th June so it can be ready for you to pick up when you get to the camp.

### WiFi

There is very limited Wi-Fi access at Blackwell – the best access is around the location of the Camp Shop and the Coach House.

### Phone Charging

This will be available in the Stable Block and we will be requesting a small donation per phone which will then be donated to the chosen charities

Europe	Birmingham Childrens Hospital
Africa	The Edwards Trust
Americas	Guide Dogs For The Blind
Asia	St Mary's Hospice

### Site Support Staff

If you require help from the Site Support team, please do not hesitate to contact Andy Medcalfe, Site Support Team Leader, who will endeavour to help with your query or issue.

The best way to get hold of Andy will be via the radio comms (through Control). Andy will then either respond or visit the Sub Camp/area as required.

The Site Support Team are there to assist and help were ever they can.....hopefully with a smile on their faces!

Remember we are only an email away from any query being answered – no question is too trivial and if we can't provide a swift answer we will let you know and get back to you as soon as possible.



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**See you all very soon.....**