Birthday Parties - Information for Bookers

We provide: Hot chocolate (or juice/squash in the hotter summer months); milk (cow and/or oat); chocolate biscuits and marshmallows for s'mores; cups; materials for activities; tarps to cover the ground/damp logs for sitting on & belongings

Please bring: Drinks and cups for any adults joining the party (we will provide hot water, tea and coffee); any extra food you would like e.g. pre-cooked hot food, snacks, birthday cake, food to cook on the fire (you will need to supervise this and provide pans and utensils); plates, napkins, cutlery for the food. Children should wear warm and waterproof clothes and wellies or old trainers, as we will be outdoors.

Parents / Guardians / Carers: We ask that only some of the parents, guardians or carers of the children attending the party stay for the duration. This is to reduce overcrowding/noise to ensure our practitioners can successfully communicate with the children to lead the party. We suggest that 1 adult be available to stay and assist per every 1-3 children, depending on individual circumstances.

Activities: We usually start with a woodland game followed by a treasure hunt to find marshmallows and biscuits to make s'mores on the fire. We pause to enjoy the s'mores with a cup of hot chocolate, before moving on to an activity: making magic wands or things from clay, den building, painting with natural materials, or similar, tailored to the children's interest. In the last half an hour there is time for food (provided by you). Then, if time allows, we usually play a couple more games to finish.

Meeting point: The party leader will normally meet you at the main gate to Greyfield Wood (by the car park) but will confirm with you before the party. They will also confirm what time you can access the site to set up if needed.

Site access & parking: The site address is Greyfield Wood, Greyfield Road, High Littleton, BS39 6YE. There is a small car park (space for 10 cars). The party location is a short walk from the car park, accessed by a (mostly flat) path.

Facilities: There are no toilets at Greyfield Wood, however we encourage wild wees! Visitors to the wood can use the toilets at the Star Inn in High Littleton. The nearest public toilets are at the Red Lion car park, High Street, Paulton (around 2.5 miles from Greyfield Wood). We will have use of the roundhouse for shelter in the winter and if the weather is wet in the spring-summer-autumn, otherwise the party will be at one of our camps in the woods.

Dogs: As the parties are held in a public woodland, please be aware that dogs can sometimes be present in the surrounding area. If you are bringing your own dog, they must be kept on a lead if the party is held in the roundhouse, to avoid them from straying out into the field.

Ticks: Please be aware that we occasionally encounter ticks (which live in grassy and wooded areas). We suggest your child/ren wear long sleeves and trousers where possible/comfortable, and that you check them over after the session in the bath/shower. The risk of picking up Lyme disease is very low, and adults show higher incidence of infection than children, however the sooner the tick is removed the better. You do not need to do anything else unless you notice a rash or become unwell, in which case consult your GP. To remove safely:

1. Use fine-tipped tweezers or a tick-removal tool. You can buy these from some pharmacies, vets and pet shops.
2. Grasp the tick as close to the skin as possible.
3. Slowly pull upwards, taking care not to squeeze or crush the tick. Dispose of it when you have removed it.
4. Clean the bite with antiseptic or soap and water.