



Taceham Hundred District WINGS UNIT



WINGS 2009 : JOINING INSTRUCTIONS FOR EXPLORERS

This letter contains important instructions regarding our week at WINGS 2009. Please read all parts carefully. You have already completed all the forms required for WINGS2009. Thank you! If there is anything particularly urgent to discuss, please talk to us BEFORE the camp.

LOCATION VENUE AND DIRECTIONS

WINGS2009 takes place at the Cavalry Review Events Field, Windsor Great Park, Kings Road, Windsor, **SL4 2HP**

You are responsible for arranging your own transportation to Windsor. We suggest you hook up with someone you know and share lifts.

By car: The camp site is about 50 minutes from Thatcham by car. Allow extra time as it will be busy.

From **M4 J6** (Windsor/Slough) take the **A355** towards Windsor, then follow **A308** towards Old Windsor and Egham. Do not take the road towards Legoland but follow **A308**, and onto **A332** towards Ascot. The WINGS2009 site will be on your left-hand side and will be clearly signposted with **AA signs** (and visible!). A strict one-way system will be in operation at the drop-off zone. Please follow the directions given to you by the marshals.

By rail: If you intend to travel by rail, the nearest stations are Windsor & Eton Central and Windsor & Eton Riverside, both of which are a 3km walk from the WINGS2009 site (1 hour with heavy bags). A shuttle bus will operate commencing 09:00 from Riverside station which is within walking distance of Central Station. Please check train times carefully as this journey will involve multiple changes of train.

ARRIVAL AT WINGS2009

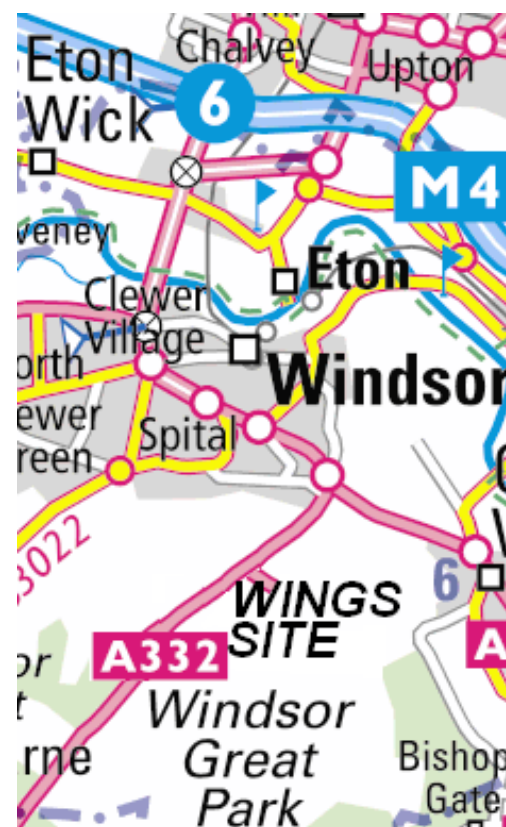
Our scheduled arrival and check-in time is **10 o'clock, Saturday morning, 1 August 2009.**

It will be extremely busy on that morning with five thousand other people arriving throughout the day. It is therefore vitally important that we can all hook up and meet at the same time. We may not be able to afford the time to send out leaders to look for late arrivals.

Please arrive in uniform with all kit in one holdall or large rucksack. Absolutely No bin-bags! WINGS2009 does not provide any porters to carry your bags. You will need to carry them yourself to the subcamp.

Arrive as close to **10:00** as you can. We'll try to make ourselves visible at the entrance. Once we have everyone together, we will enter the WINGS2009 site and will split into the two subcamp groups. We will have collected everyone's passes in advance. You will need to wear these throughout the week.

We are permitted to have a limited number of parents help us set up camp and this would be greatly appreciated if any parents can stay for a couple of hours. (We hope to have all tents up by early afternoon). If you can help, please let Ben Tichband know.



FIRST MEALS

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING A GOOD-SIZED PACKED-LUNCH FOR THE SATURDAY OF OUR ARRIVAL. The first meal we will be preparing will be on the Saturday evening. We will eat before the main opening ceremonies.

END OF CAMP

We will be dropping tents and clearing up from breakfast time on the following Saturday. It would really help if there are any parents who can arrive early (from 08:00) to give us a hand.

We are aiming to have everyone ready for departure by 11:30 on Saturday, 8 August. We hope to clear our site by 12:00. (First home football game at the Madejski is at 15:00)

VISITOR POLICY

WINGS2009 operates a strict visitor policy which is in place for the safety and wellbeing of all participants. Unfortunately, parents and friends will be unable to pop-in during the week. Members of the public will be refused access to the site.

There is planned to be an open evening for Brownies and Cubs on the Wednesday to which guests will be escorted.

Additionally, there is an adult volunteers evening on the Thursday night (no under 18's permitted).

If parents are interested in either of these, please check and register via the WINGS2009 website www.wings2009.org.uk.

INSTRUCTIONS

We will be operating a "need to know" policy during WINGS2009. If you need to know something, we'll tell you. We'll tell you what's happening next and we'll tell you once only, so it is important for you to listen to instructions.

If it's about something in the future that you don't need to know about quite yet, you'll be told it's a "future question".

SENDING POST TO US

Participants may enjoy receiving a letter, a comic or something from home. Please allow 2 days for post to arrive (we will not be collecting post on the day of departure). The address to write to us is:

*NAME OF EXPLORER SCOUT
TACEHAM HUNDRED UNIT
HARINGTON SUBCAMP
WINGS 2009
CAVALRY REVIEW
WINDSOR GREAT PARK
SL4 2HP*

It would be nice if everyone received at least one letter from home!

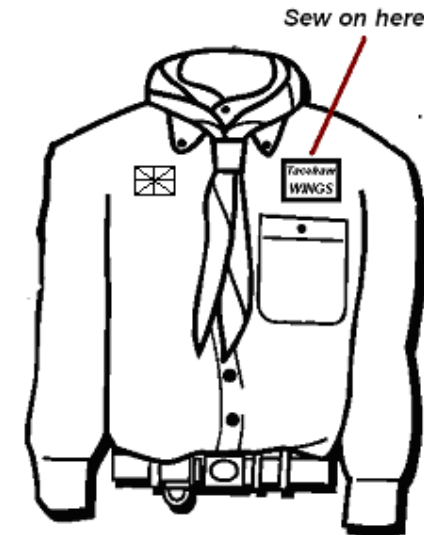
TACEHAM WINGS BADGE

Everyone who attended the training camp will have received a Taceham WINGS badge. If you weren't present at camp, you will find yours enclosed with this letter.

The badge is to be worn on your uniform until 31 May 2010. It should be sewn on to the upper left breast. See picture for the exact position.

Once we're at WINGS2009 everyone will receive additional badges, which they can use for, swaps or keeps.

Some Groups are issuing the Union Flag badge too. This goes on the upper right breast above all other badges.



CAMPING STANDARDS & DISCIPLINE

A good camp is one where everyone does MORE than their fair share of the work. Do what you are asked immediately, argue afterwards. Willing and keen volunteers are allocated nice fun tasks, shirkers are "volunteered" for the less pleasant tasks.

Over the past few years Taceham Hundred District has built a good reputation for its camping standards. Let's maintain it. To assist you in understanding what is required from all Scouts, Explorers and Leaders, below is our CAMP CONTRACT:

- ◆ Follow your Unit's Code of Conduct at all times.
- ◆ Behaviour during flag break and flag down must be impeccable.
- ◆ Uniforms must be worn in the correct way travelling to and from Camp, for opening and closing ceremonies, and at other times as required.
- ◆ Explorers will assist with duties when required to do so.
- ◆ It is the aim of each Explorer to have a good camp and ensure everybody else does too.
- ◆ Leaders should not show bias towards any Explorer Scout.
- ◆ After lights out Explorers will remain in their tents until it is time to get up in the morning (unless of course they need the toilet or are ill).
- ◆ No Explorers no matter what their age are permitted to smoke or drink alcohol whilst on camp. Any cigarettes or alcohol found on you will be handed to your parents and you may be sent home.
- ◆ A zero drugs policy is enforced. Any offenders will be dealt with severely by the authorities.
- ◆ Any Explorer Scout who continually behaves in such a way that they curtail the enjoyment of others or put themselves or others in danger will be sent home. A *three strikes and you're out* system will be operated.

CAMP LAW

The Scout Law is your Camp Law.

1. A Scout is to be trusted.
2. A Scout is loyal.
3. A Scout is friendly and considerate.
4. A Scout belongs to the worldwide family of Scouts.
5. A Scout has courage in all difficulties.
6. A Scout makes good use of time and is careful of possessions and property.
7. A Scout has self-respect and respect for others.

HOME CONTACT

If, in an emergency, you need to contact your child or any of the Leaders during camp, please do so through the home contact.

The emergency home contacts for the duration of WINGS2009 are:

Sarah Maskell (07766 223506)
Sonia Lewington (07979 855783)

You are expected to provide emergency contact numbers where we can get hold of you day and night. IT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE FOR PARENTS OR CARERS TO BE OUT OF CONTACT or to go abroad without delegating legal responsibility for their children to another responsible adult. We must know the name, relationship to the child and contact information of anyone acting in loco parentis.

AND FINALLY . . .

Some things to know about life at WINGS2009...

Your leader team will want to know you've eaten and you're getting enough sleep. If you're feeling low, talk to them. They're on your side.

If you can get yourself invited for dinner with 7 different units on 7 different nights then you've won. You'll have realised what WINGS2009 is really about.

Your patrol tents are your bedrooms, but unlike at home, you're going to share it with your friends. Keep it tidy, look after your belongings, and respect your roommates.

Hygiene is not just a dirty word; it can mean a sickly unit. Take time out to have a proper shower, with shower gel and shampoo; wash your hair, your hands, your feet; under the armpits, and around your other bits. After a long hot and active day you'll feel refreshed for the evening programme!

Everyone will be expected to chip in with the chores; we might only get 60 minutes to prepare our meals, cook it, eat it and wash up before the next event. If you're asked to help, help!

Tiredness can cause grumpiness and make people irritable. If you're tired, it's ok to take a power nap during a free moment. At night, it's respectful to everyone to allow others to sleep too.

Explorer Scouts. Parents and Guardians should discuss and share the above together.

WINGS 2009 : KIT LIST FOR EXPLORER SCOUTS

Scouts should pack their own kit. If someone else does it for them, they won't know what they have got with them, or where it is. There is a reason for all the equipment on the list – it has been devised over many years of experience. Please pack the kit in a soft holdall or rucksack.

All personal items must be labelled! The camp involves 7 days of activities and 7 nights away.

For Travelling

Uniform (top half) should be worn on arrival – including your Group/Unit neckerchief + a woggle! Scout uniform trousers may be worn, or alternative plain trousers or shorts, but no jeans or beach shorts.
All badges to be sewn on correctly.
Day Sack or small rucksack..

For Sleeping

Warm Sleeping bag (Compression sack preferable), Personal roll-mat, Pillow (Inflatable preferably), Teddy (optional), Pyjamas or Tracksuit to sleep in, Torch with spare batteries.

Everyone should change into something clean and dry at night.

For Washing

Wash kit – soap/flannel
Toothbrush/ toothpaste
2 Towels (assuming showers are taken daily)
Black bin liners for temporarily packing dirty/wet kit
No aerosol sprays of any description please.

Private shower facilities will be available with HOT water!

We expect everyone to shower when required. You may not notice your own personal odours, but others will.

For Camp wear and other activities

Outdoor summer footwear, socks
Comfortable Jackets / Cagoules
Warm trousers - No jeans. These become cold and uncomfortable when damp.
Warm jumpers, t-shirts etc
Shorts , Hat, Underwear, Socks

Enough clothes for a whole week away!

If you do sweat a lot, please bring extra T-shirts and change twice a day.

GIRLS : Loose shoulderless tops are not permitted.

For Water Zone activities

Suitable swim wear (eg shorts & T-shirt), old trainers, Towel. *GIRLS, NO BIKINIS*

For Eating

All cutlery, plates, mugs and bowls are provided. You do not need to bring any of these items.
However, please bring TWO tea towels which can be disposed of after WINGS2009.

For Badge Swapping

If you like to collect or swap badges, please bring these. Make sure you're aware of the value of the badges you possess. Adults are not permitted to swap with children!

For Wellbeing

Bring a solid 1 litre water bottle (not a bottle likely to be discarded as rubbish). You will need to take drink with you on activities.

Bring a sun hat and high UV protection sun cream. Inexpensive sunglasses with UV protection may be brought.

All medicines needed for the weekend should be clearly marked with the name and dosage, and packed in a plastic bag, and handed to the unit first aider on arrival, Lorraine Young.

A separate medicine dosage form is to be handed in for anyone taking medication.

Asthmatics who normally carry an inhaler may do so, but please declare it on the medical form. You should bring 2 inhalers, one to hand in and one to carry.

If you need to wear spectacles, please bring a spare set in a named case. You can hand these in for safe keeping.

For Entertainments & Spare Time

Playing cards, Pens, Paper, Books etc
Camp blanket (optional)

Please bring something black and white to wear for one dinner evening

For Spending

If you want an ice cream or three, a souvenir or two, or simply want to buy some tat to bring home for your parents, then you will need some pocket money.

We recommend no more than £30 in a named zip-up purse (in £5 notes).

You will be responsible for your own pocket money during the week.

Miscellaneous

No mobile phones (including camera phones)
No personal stereos or electronic games
No Alcohol or smokes
Yes inexpensive digital camera or disposable film camera but not camera phones.
Yes Stamps to send home a postcard.

If you have a silly hat, cloak or other unusual item you'd like to wear, bring it with you!

TIP : Mark the initials and the WINGS ID on any items!