

Activity Descriptions – Windlesham Summer Camp 2007

Presentation and Welcome Party

Students will be given a brief presentation and Welcome. EC Social Leaders organise a Disco Party in the Windlesham Theatre. This is a great opportunity for Students to make new friends and dance away to popular music tunes. Spot Prizes will be given to the best dancers.

Excursion to Brighton Sea Life Centre

Students will leave Windlesham after breakfast with their Social Leaders for a day out in Brighton. They will travel to Brighton by coach and be given a packed lunch for their day out. The Sea Life Centre at Brighton has an amazing Tropical Reef, home to two giant sea turtles, black-tipped reef sharks and its own shipwreck. As well as the spectacular views afforded by the walkthrough underwater tunnel, there are now extra viewing windows and even a walkway over the top of this impressive tank. In Brighton Sea Life Centre's clashing, crushing world of claws and carapaces you'll find out more about the pre-historic Horseshoe Crabs, ingenious decorator Crabs and Giant Japanese Spider Crabs. Students will have their packed Lunch on Brighton Beach followed by a walk along to Brighton Marina (Time and Weather permitting)

Movie

A relaxing evening after a busy day watching a latest movie in Windlesham School's own Theatre – Each student will be given popcorn and a soft drink to enjoy during the film.

Orientation, Group Games and Sports

A chance to get to know your way around Windlesham School and its beautiful 60 acre site! Group Leaders will take Students for a tour of the estate and show them where activities will take place – Students will play games and sports at Windlesham for the rest of the afternoon and get acquainted with the School and their new friends.

Student Disco

An opportunity for all students to show off their dancing talents and have fun to music. Spot Prizes will be given to the best dancers.

Treasure Hunt In Woods

Following on from the morning Themed Lesson. Social Leaders will have had plenty of time in the morning to organise various Treasure Hunts around the school woods! The Camp is split up in various groups led by Social Leaders on a Treasure Hunt. Prizes will be awarded at various points during the afternoon. Once the treasure has been found Social Leaders will set up a small area where children can have their faces painted to fit in with the theme of Robin Hood.

BBQ and Outdoor Games

Camp will have a BBQ for their Evening Meal based at various sites within the Windlesham House School Campus. Led by Social Leaders they will then take part in various outdoor games. A chance for everyone to have fun before heading back to dormitories.

Excursion to Amberley Working Museum

A half day excursion to one of West Sussex's most popular attractions for young people. EC Students will be taken to Amberley Working Museum, which is about 20 minutes drive from Windlesham, by Coach, accompanied by their Social Leaders. Amberley is a thirty-six acre open air museum set in the midst of the beautiful South Downs in West Sussex. It is next to Amberley railway station in the Arun River valley, not far from the historic town of Arundel. With its historic buildings, working exhibits and demonstrations the Museum aims to show how science, technology and industry have affected peoples' lives.

Arts and Cake Decorating

EC has exclusive use of the brand new art department at Windlesham, students will be able to be creative in drawing, making collages or working on their Project Books. The Students will then have an opportunity to make a design for a cake, using ready made large and small cakes, icing sugar and crystals, ready to be judged by the Camp Coordinator and various other members of Staff! The best part is that after the cakes have been judged the students then get to taste their cakes!

T-Shirt Decorating – Arts and Crafts

Each EC Student will have an opportunity to decorate their EC T-Shirt to their own exclusive design! Something for everyone to be different and an opportunity to take home something that you have made, to remind you of a great time at Summer Camp.

Internet

A chance for Students to use Windlesham's It Suite to either contact friends and family or simply spend time on the Internet.

Camp Fire in Woods with Songs and Stories

After dinner EC Students will be taken up to the Woods at Windlesham by the Social Leaders, where a permanent Camp Fire site has been set up, here the Students will have a chance to enjoy stories and songs around the fire. A competition based around "I am an EC Student get me out of here!!" will be set up by Social Leaders.

Camp Olympics

As the Camp is split into various 'Castles' this is an opportunity for the groups to compete in a Camp Olympics. Various sports for both boys and girls will be organised by social leaders, including swimming, ball games, including football and tennis, athletics based around a competition and a chance for each student to take part and win points for their 'Castle'.

Talent Show

Very popular event! Takes place in the Windlesham Theatre and is a chance for students to show off their talents! Either individually or as a group! This may include the use of a Karaoke machine. It is an ideal time for the musically inclined members to showcase their talents, in a friendly and competitive environment. The competition is open to all students who have the courage to get involved. Others may just want to have fun watching! Prizes will be given for the best talents!

London Day Out

Students will leave Windlesham after breakfast with their Social Leaders for a day out in London. They will travel to London by coach and be given a packed lunch for their day out! They will have an opportunity to see some of the London sites from the Coach and be taken to the London Eye on the banks of the river Thames overlooking the Houses of Parliament and many other points of interest! At 135 metres above London, the London Eye is the world's tallest observation wheel, with 40km panoramic views on a clear day. The gradual 30 minute flight offers stunning views of London and its famous landmarks in a fully air conditioned capsule with bench seating. After their visit to the London Eye, students will have lunch by the river Thames, and then visit one of the London Museums. (Natural History Museum or Science Museum)

Quiz in Theatre about London Day Out

A fun way to test what the students have learnt about London and a good way to practice their English writing and communication skills. Prizes will be given to the winning team.

Marwell Zoo Day Out

Students will leave Windlesham after breakfast with the Social Leaders and a packed lunch ready for a fun day out at the Zoo. Marwell is set in a hundred acres of Hampshire countryside and has over 200 different species of animals including Amur tigers and leopards, cheetah, ocelot, zebra, rhino, pygmy hippo, giraffes, meerkats and penguins. Marwell is dedicated to the conservation of rare species and to spreading information about the world and its wildlife to all visitors. Students will have fun visiting the different animals and learning their English names!

Group Games – Sports and Archery

This event is organised by our social leaders and will include various group games and sports, suitable for both boys and girls including football, tennis and athletics. A fully qualified Archery Instructor will be on hand to run an Archery Activity for those students wishing to try this particular sport.

Disco Dancing Competition

An Evening of fun packed dancing in the Windlesham Theatre to the latest music hits and a chance to have fun in a dance competition! A chance for every student to show of their dancing skills. Prizes will be awarded throughout the evening for the best dancers.

Mysteries around Windlesham

Following on from the morning's Themed Lesson. Social Leaders will have had plenty of time to organise various clues around the school and the woods! The Camp is split up in

various groups led by Social Leaders. Students will follow a trail of clues based around Sherlock Holmes.

Excursion Arundel Castle and Village

A half day excursion to Arundel Castle and village, students will be taken by coach for a trip to Arundel Castle. The seat of The Dukes of Norfolk, set in 40 acres of sweeping grounds and gardens, Arundel Castle has been open to visitors seasonally for nearly 200 years. It is one of the Treasure Houses of England, each having its own unique place in history and is home to priceless works of art. Students can see paintings and furniture, tapestries and stained glass, china and clocks, sculpture and carving, heraldry and armor in stunning room settings. After visiting the castle, students will have a chance to look around the small yet very picturesque village of Arundel, stopping at various souvenir shops on the way.

Excursion Crawley Shopping

Students will be taken to one of Sussex's largest Shopping Malls in Crawley town centre. This Mall is completely undercover so Students will be out of the summer sun or keeping dry if we have a traditional English summer! This Mall hosts many large retail names including Book Shops, Souvenir Shops, large Department Shops, The Disney Shop, The Gadget Shop etc. A great opportunity for all Students to test their English and buy some souvenirs.

Farewell Disco and Party

This activity is organised on the last day of camp. Music will be played, games organised. Students will have the opportunity to exchange addresses and phone numbers!

Excursion to The Bluebell Railway

For students who will be staying 3 weeks this is a full day excursion to The Bluebell railway. Students will leave Windlesham after breakfast and are accompanied by social leaders. The volunteer-run Bluebell Line was the UK's first preserved standard gauge passenger railway, re-opening part of the Lewes to East Grinstead line of the old London Brighton & South Coast Railway in 1960. Since then it has developed into one of the largest tourist attractions in Sussex, yet it still remains true to its objectives of the preservation for posterity of a country branch line, its steam locomotives, coaches and goods stock, signalling systems, stations and operating practices

Excursion Petworth House and Grounds

Students will leave Windlesham after breakfast with their Social Leaders for a day out in Petworth. They will travel to Petworth by coach and be given a packed lunch for their day out! Petworth is about 45 minutes travel from Windlesham. Petworth House is a magnificent late 17th century mansion set in a beautiful park, landscaped by 'Capability' Brown. The house contains the National Trust's finest and largest collection of pictures including works by Turner, Van Dyck, Reynolds and Blake as well as ancient and neo-classical sculpture, fine furniture and carvings by Grinling Gibbons. There are also fascinating servants' quarters with authentic Victorian kitchens. The parkland surrounding Petworth House is of the finest man-made landscapes created in 18th century

Europe. Its considered to be 'Capability' Brown's masterpiece. A herd of over 700 deer graze under the groups of oaks, chestnuts and beeches.

Visit by Magician and Tricks

Following on from the morning's Themed Lesson on Harry Potter, a Children's Magician will visit Windlesham and entertain all students in the Theatre. All Students will have a touch of Magic at Windlesham as after the show a Workshop will take place where students can learn some tricks and persuade the Magician to show them how it is all done! A chance for students to live the story of Harry Potter in a real Boarding School!

Excursion Shopping Worthing

A half day excursion to the town of Worthing for an afternoon of shopping. Students will be taken to Worthing by Coach and accompanied by the Social Leaders. A time to buy souvenirs and presents. If shopping is not the students favourite pastime, then Worthing has a great beach area with a Pier and promenade walk. A chance for students to take in some of the atmosphere of an English seaside town.

Medieval Day and Archery

Following on from the morning Themed Lesson. Social Leaders will take the Camp into the Windlesham grounds for an afternoon of fun in the Woods with games, house games to with a competition to see which 'Castle is the strongest'!. A qualified archery instructor will be on hand to give students a chance to have a go at this great sport. An arts and crafts afternoon based on students building their own castles from cardboard boxes. A competition to see who made the biggest castle! A chance to have a mad jump around on an inflatable Bouncy Castle.

Excursion to Bramber Castle and Steyning

A half day excursion to the ruins of Bramber Castle and Bramber village followed by a village shopping experience in Steyning. Students will be taken by coach to Bramber castle and Steyning. Bramber castle, was built shortly after the Conquest by William de Braose to guard the then sizable port on the river Adur. Little remains of the castle except one wall of the keep about 75 feet high (24 m) and portions of the perimeter wall in the NE of the site. The mound on which it is built looks like a gigantic motte but is natural and there is a pre-conquest motte within the walls, which dates back to saxon times. From the site it can be seen what a very fine defensive position the castle occupied. During the Civil War the castle was attacked and destroyed by Parliamentary forces, who used the nearby church as a gun emplacement. The church was originally built in 1075 as a chapel for the castle and housed a small Benedictine college. Part of the original nave remains, but much damage was done in the seventeenth century and the Victorian restoration is not good. The present chancel is housed in the original tower and transepts. A true experience of how old castle and churches are in the UK