



14 July 2026

Dear Families

We are incredibly excited to share the final details of our upcoming three-Day Bushcraft Adventure! This trip is designed to build confidence, teamwork, and outdoor skills in a fun, supportive environment.

Below you will find all the essential information, including travel times, packing lists, and safety guidelines, to help you and your child prepare.

Trip at a glance

Event	Date	Time	Location / Notes
Departure Drop-Off	Wednesday 15 July	7.15am	Sackville main entrance (Registration in the canteen)
Coach Departure	Wednesday 15 July	8.00am sharp	We cannot wait for late arrivals, so please be on time!
Return Arrival	Friday 17 July	Approx 4.00pm	Sackville school (We will leave the site at 12.30pm)

Travel Updates: The journey is approximately 3.5 hours via a fully licensed and insured coach. We will send a text update if our arrival time on Friday changes due to traffic.

Location and Accommodation

Our adventure takes place in the beautiful **Badminton Woods** in the Gloucestershire countryside. The camp is a real woodland retreat, featuring:

- Safari-style bell tents for sleeping (grouped by age and gender).
- A large yurt and cosy campfire area for meals, talks, and gathering.
- A dedicated field kitchen and access to open forest terrain.
- Freshwater washing facilities and proper toilet blocks on site.

Staffing and Pastoral Care

Your child's safety and well-being are our absolute priorities. All bushcraft activities are led by fully qualified, DBS-checked instructors with extensive outdoor education experience and current First Aid certifications.

We maintain a superb **1:8 staff-to-student ratio** (exceeding recommended guidelines), and a designated lead teacher will be on-site at all times.

The following Sackville staff will be attending the trip to support students in a pastoral role throughout:



- Mr Parry, Miss Mitchell, Mr Longstaff, Mr Millican, Mr Morris, Mr Finer, and Mrs Hedley.

Kit List: What to Pack

Please pack using two separate bags: a **small day bag** for the coach ride, and **one main piece of luggage** that will go in the coach hold/trailer.

1. Day Backpack (Keep with them on the coach)

- Packed lunch for Day 1
- Refillable water bottle (or hydration system)
- Warm jumper/fleece
- Waterproof jacket
- Sun cream and sun hat
- Hand gel
- Torch (a head torch is ideal!) with fresh batteries
- Any necessary medications (must be clearly labeled)

2. Main Luggage (Goes in the coach hold)

- Warm sleeping bag and roll mat (essential for a cosy night!)
- Tracksuits or hardwearing trousers (no jeans if possible, as they stay wet)
- T-shirts, socks, and underwear
- Waterproof trousers
- Pyjamas
- **Two pairs of footwear** (e.g., sturdy walking boots and a pair of old trainers)
- Wash bag (toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, and face wipes) and towel(s)
- *Optional:* Insect repellent, plastic bags (for wet/dirty clothes), sleeping bag liner, pillow, and rucksack liner.

What NOT to Bring: Please leave **all personal food and snacks** at home. To keep belongings safe and encourage students to connect with nature, do not bring expensive electrical equipment, games, or technology. The Bushcraft Company is not responsible for lost items.

Food and Dietary Requirements

The bushcraft menu is designed to fuel adventure! Students will enjoy nutritious meals cooked in the Central Kitchen as well as camp classics cooked right over the campfire (like S'mores, hot chocolate, and pizzas).

- All dietary requirements and allergies will be fully catered for. Students will also get to try their hand at outdoor cooking!
- Because snacks and meals are provided throughout, we ask that **no additional food** be sent with your child.

Medical Consent and Medications

All participants must submit a completed medical consent form prior to departure.

- **Prescription Medication:** If your child requires prescription medicine, it must be handed to the lead staff member before departure in its original packaging, clearly labeled with their name and exact dosage instructions.
- A qualified first aider and a fully stocked first aid kit will be on-site at all times.

Sleeping and Hygiene

Students will be grouped in tents by age and gender. Staff will conduct regular tent checks throughout the evening and night to ensure everyone is settled and safe, with a staff member on duty overnight. Daily hygiene routines (washing hands, keeping tents tidy) will be supervised and supported by staff every morning and evening.

Device and Phone Policy: We are implementing a **digital detox** to help campers fully engage with the experience, build teamwork, and support their mental well-being. **Mobile phones must be handed in to staff before arrival at camp.** They will be stored securely and returned at the end of the trip. Parents can contact staff at any time via the emergency number provided prior to departure.

Behaviour Code of Conduct

We expect the highest standards of respect and teamwork. Students must show respect to staff, peers, and the natural environment. Bullying, unsafe behaviour, or failure to follow instructions will not be tolerated and may result in a student being sent home. Conversely, great teamwork, responsibility, and positive attitudes will be highly recognized and rewarded!

Thank you for your continued support in making this an unforgettable experience for our students. If you have any immediate questions, please feel free to ask - aparry@sackvilleschool.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

The Sackville Bushcraft Trip Team

