

Ely to Le Mans Camembert it!

Saint Denis d'Orques, France
International Camp 2018



Information for Scouts invested by the end of
the Summer term 2018; Explorer Scouts;
Ely District Leaders; Ely District SASU;
Chipmunks Network;
EBC Scouts.



To: Scouts & Explorer Scouts; Ely District Leaders; Ely District SASU; Chipmunks Network; and EBC Scouts

Following our previous successful international expeditions, Ely District Scouts are planning to take a contingent of Scouts & Explorer Scouts to France in the summer of 2018 and have booked accommodation and camping in Saint Denis d'Orques – about 30 minutes outside Le Mans.

Dates

UK departure will be on the morning of Monday 13th August 2018, with return late on Thursday 23rd August 2018.

What's included?

- ✓ All travel to/from the camp-site, group travel insurance, excursions and activities during the trip.
- ✓ Indoor Accommodation and Camping; with hot showers, food & all planned activities.
- ✓ Specially designed expedition Badge; together with T-Shirt, Polo Shirt & Hoodie with the expedition logo. Also an Expedition Scarf and a UK badge to be worn on the uniform shirt. (UK badge for those who don't already have one)
- ✓ Pre-Expedition team building activities

Planned Activities are expected to include:

- Off-site trips to various places, including a trip to the beautiful city of Fougères or the 24 hour racing museum at Le Mans.
- A chance to go and experience a botanical gardens with a difference.
- A range of Scouting activities and an opportunity to meet local Scouts.
- An opportunity to make new friends and sample French culture.
- An opportunity to work towards the Scout World Challenge Award, the International Activity Badge and the International aspect of the Chief Scout Platinum Award.

Age Limit.

Lower limit: Scouts must have been invested by the end of the Summer term 2018 - no upper limit!

Costs and Fund-raising

This year we have found that due to overall accommodation costs, transport and inflation we are looking at a slightly higher cost than some of our previous trips. The actual cost for the France trip has therefore been budgeted at £595 per person with the expectation that participants should be able to reduce this by taking part in fund-raising activities.

PLEASE NOTE: This year we will be applying the same system as 2016 for the distribution of district monies raised towards this trip, so that those who put in most effort see the greatest reduction in their travel and activity costs. We do, of course, understand that there are those who would be happy to pay the full £595 cost because they are not available to take part in any fund raising activity. So on registering your interest, you will be making an initial commitment to the full £595 cost of the trip. Your final payment schedule will be adjusted with credits from the fund raising pool according to how much time and effort you give.

Individual and group fund-raising efforts are actively encouraged and may be used to contribute to your costs for the trip. At Group level this is a good way of promoting Scouting in your local area and will also count towards the Fundraising Activity Badges.

Passports

Everyone taking part in this trip will need to have their own Passport, valid until the end of August 2018. If the person travelling does not have a Passport then one must be obtained in time for the trip. Holders of British passports, describing them as "British Citizens", currently do not require visas to enter France.

Anyone who is not a British Citizen should check to see if they need a visa and put the details down on the reply slip.

In order to book the travel we will need the full name of the person travelling, as shown on their Passport. The Passport will be used as identification when

checking in for the travel, so the name on the travel documents **must** match that shown on the Passport.

EHIC

In addition to travel insurance, we also require everyone to have a valid, up to date, EHIC (European Health Insurance Card). If you don't have one, or you have one that needs renewing, you can apply online at the official NHS website www.ehic.org.uk – they are free and you just need your NHS number. **Warning** - *if you search on the web you will find other sites that offer to issue/renew EHICs but will try to charge you for the service. If you use the official NHS site there is **no** charge.*

Booking

To secure your place we require an initial (non-refundable) payment of **£95** by 1st November 2017. We feel this gives ample time to think about the trip and apply. The bookings will be done on a first come first served basis and are limited by rooms and camping space.

Following the deposit, there will be regular monthly payments of £60, due on the 1st of each month from January to July. This will be followed by a final payment of £80, less any fund-raising credit due. A final statement will be sent out before this is due detailing all payments made, any fund-raising credit due and the amount due in the final payment.

Amount	Due by
£60	1 st January
£60	1 st February
£60	1 st March
£60	1 st April
£60	1 st May
£60	1 st June
£60	1 st July
£80 less fund-raising credit	1 st August

The initial payment will also include specially designed Scout Association Travel Insurance.

Please return the Contact Sheet (back cover) and initial payment to:

Ian Weatherall

District Treasurer, Ely District Scouts

1 Hardwicke Close, Littleport, Ely CB6 1JB

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If you have any questions please contact Ian or Caroline Spaxman:

caroline.spaxman@elydistrictscouts.org.uk

Note: the non-refundable payment cannot be refunded, except for extenuating circumstances, including major illness/family issues or if another person can be found to fill the place.

To keep up to date with the event please join our Facebook group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/elytolemans2018/> or follow us on Twitter

@Ely_Scouts

Explorer Programme

This year sees the start of a new, revamped Explorer Programme within the international experience. Firstly, the Explorers will have the opportunity to plan and travel to the site independently using Eurostar and then make their own way to a number of off-site activities. Secondly, within the trip itself, the Explorers will have the opportunity to go exploring, planning and taking part in their own programme which could see them off-site for two nights. Although the leadership team have suggestions for these days off-site and will be supervising the Explorers, this is very much an opportunity for them to decide what is important to them on an international camp.

Les Faucherries – Saint Denis d’Orques

We have booked accommodation at Les Faucherries which is approximately 2 miles north of the village of Saint Denis d’Orques and half an hour west of Le Mans. The accommodation is made up of four buildings which comprise a variety of smaller bedrooms – unlike in Luxembourg there are very few large rooms – please be aware that Scouts may not be able to choose who they share with.



As a result of feedback from previous trips, this year the Explorers will be utilising the outside space and creating their own mini-camp site. This will provide a more independent experiences for them.

The buildings are equipped with a dining hall and kitchen to enable a more communal feeling at meal times, whilst other areas will be allocated as chill out spaces/activity areas.

Outside is a vast amount of space for wide-games and traditional scouting activities which will form part of the on-site activities. The main attraction outside however is a large lake which is a few minutes’ walk away, this will be used for swimming and other water activities whilst we are on-site.



Le Mans City and 24 hour Racing Museum

Le Mans merges old with new seamlessly, an old town incorporating a variety of historic buildings and interesting stories, mixed with a new modern town full of squares and shopping options. Le Mans is obviously most famous however for its 24 hour endurance race, and no visit to Le Mans would be complete without a trip to this iconic area. Scouts will get the opportunity to visit the Museum at the race track itself to find out more about this iconic race.



Fougères Castle and Medieval Town



Dating back to the 10th Century, Fougères Castle is steeped in history. This visit will incorporate some of the interesting facts from the various historic moments this castle has witnessed before then allowing the Scouts to explore the historic town itself. With tight windy streets and quaint little shops, Fougères is a must-see!



Terra Botanica

A botanical garden with a difference, this promises to not just appeal to those botanists among us. Featuring cinema shows, including one in 4D, various rides as well as a 150m high balloon experience, these gardens promise a different view around every corner.



Explore life's roots through the first plants and forests, make friends with butterflies in the greenhouse, or take a boat ride through the greenery and discover nature's phenomenon's. There is even a chance to try your hand at panning for gold and some palaeontology!



Lactopôle Cheese Museum, Laval

This unique museum tells the story of one of the leading French cheese companies, including its history and various successes. The guided tour will explore how cheese, butter and milk are produced and marketed and will enable an interesting comparison with the UK! Finishing with the opportunity to try a selection of their cheeses this trip will give a real taste of French culture.





Margot and Roquefort Caves

These caves date back over 25,000 years, there have been prehistoric drawings found as well as traces of fingerprints. There will be guided tours of both these unusual caves which will give a good opportunity to see French prehistoric history up close! Also on-site are some interesting walking routes where a variety of rare breeds can be spotted including various dragonflies, bats and mice.



Papéa Parc

With a variety of rides to suit even the most adventurous adrenaline seeker, this theme park aims to cater for all. Including everything you'd expect from a theme park we aim to end the trip on a high!



Proposed Itinerary

Monday 13th August – Travel

Tuesday 14th August – On-site

Wednesday 15th August – Visit to Margot and Roquefort Caves

Thursday 16th August – Visit to Fougères OR Le Mans Explorer Programme

Friday 17th August – Visit to Terra Botanica Explorer Programme

Saturday 18th August – On-site Explorer Programme

Sunday 19th August – Hiking – local routes

Monday 20th August – Visit to Lactopôle

Tuesday 21st August – On-site

Wednesday 22nd August – Papéa Parc

Thursday 23rd August – Travel

REGISTRATION SHEET

Full Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____
(as shown on Passport)

Known as: _____

Address:

Scout Group/Unit: _____

Contact Details for Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Name(s): _____

Phone:

Landline: _____ **Mobile:** _____

email: _____

(For anyone under the age of 18, this should be an email address for a parent or guardian)

Passport Details:

Has own Passport? Yes/No **Expiry Date:** _____ **Nationality:** _____

If not a British Citizen – is a Visa required? Yes/No

Agreement:- I authorise my son/daughter to be part of the Ely District Scout contingent to France, for the trip planned from 13th to 23rd August 2018. I am paying £95 as an initial, non-refundable, deposit - a receipt will be provided for this payment. I also undertake to pay the remaining instalments by the dates specified.

Deposit:- Initial Deposit paid by (please delete as appropriate):-

Online transfer using the Participant's name as a reference: o Beneficiary: Ely District Scouts

Sort Code: 40-52-40 Account no: 00016807

Cheque (payable to: Ely District Scouts)

Cash

Signed: _____

Print Name: _____

Please return by 1st November 2017 to.

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