**BBMC Summer Adventure Camp: 26 – 31 Aug 2023:**

* **A ‘managed event’ run by the BBMC & sponsored by the BB In Wales**
* **At the BB West Midland District camp site at Dyffryn Ardudwy, Eryri (Snowdonia)**
* **Young People & Young Leaders - £135:**
* **Leaders with Responsibilities - £45 – see Q7 for more details**

**FAQs**

1. **What is the Purpose of the Camp and who are the BBMC?** 
   * The Boys’ Brigade Mountaineering Club (BBMC) is a network of mostly current BB leaders who are passionate not just about the great outdoors, but how engaging in outdoor adventure activities provides the best possible environment for the all-round development of young people but especially their spiritual formation.
   * Hence the camp is designed with this purpose in mind – suitable for both novices or experienced young people to engage in outdoor adventure activities in a safe but challenging way in a supportive Christian environment.
   * The camp will also include short devotional talks.
   * The camp is also designed to be as accessible and flexible as possible as you see below.
   * For reference the BBMC reports into the England Committee and as the camp is in Wales the camp is co-sponsored by BB in Wales
2. **What is a managed event?**
   * A ‘Managed Event’ means that the BBMC provides staff with all the relevant qualifications and takes responsibility to organise the activities, conduct RA’s etc. The UNITE event at Feldon is a similar ‘Managed Event’
   * Hence Leaders will mostly just be responsible for how their YP get to camp (although this can be delegated to parents) and their general conduct while on camp (outside of planned activities).
   * NB – it may be possible, in consultation with the BBMC to send YP unaccompanied depending upon numbers. More below.
3. **Who can come?**

* In short, any Young Person…
  + 1. over the age of 11 (i.e., Will be entering School Year 8 and above in September 2023) who:
       1. is willing to have very limited access to their phones (1 hour per day while semi supervised) and zero access to other screens during the week
       2. are willing and possess basic fitness & competence required to join in with these activities. (There is also a limit to how we can cater safely for all food & other allergies).
    2. Girls are welcome but as we haven’t had any attend before we’d need to re-think our risk assessments and ensure that we had sufficient female leaders.
  + Any current BB Young Leader who would like to get involved with such a camp, irrespective of whether they bring young people with them. They just need to be a registered leader on OBM with their home company.
  + Both young people with no existing experience in outdoor activities and those who have some experience and are looking to be challenged further. Depending upon overall numbers we hope to run an introductory and advanced stream during the week.
  + The camp could also work for an individual looking for a residential experience to complete their DofE Gold – but please speak to us about how that could work.

1. **Is it for Companies or Individuals?** 
   * Both – again we’re trying to be as flexible as possible so that….
   * Small companies that don’t currently run camps can offer their YP a camp. We can be flexible to give such companies their own company time to make it feel special to them.
   * YP & young leaders who are keen to get involved may book in directly. This would be similar to say the Waltham Walk & Cleveland Hikes where companies book in a small team of 3 or 4 YP supported by a leader or two. However, we have no pre-defined group size.
   * We are also open to individuals or up to three YP from a company booking in with no accompanying leader as long as the BBMC is providing enough overall leaders to satisfy ratios etc. This would need to be agreed with the BBMC on a case-by-case basis.
2. **Activities & Equipment?** 
   * On our 2022 Adventure Camp we did a full day of kayaking and a full day of mountain walking and half day of rock climbing and half day of gorge walking.
   * For 2023, we hope to repeat these activities and add further activities, possibly paddle boarding and/or sailing as optional alternatives and extend the mountain walking to include an overnight bivvy. We are also looking into mountain biking at a near-by centre.
   * Activities are provided by BB leaders with suitable qualifications in outward bound activities (which are mostly provided for free) and by the near-by Christian Mountain Centre – who offer a range of activities that are paid for.
   * Our pricing structure only allows for two paid half-day activities.
   * The final list of activities is hence dependent upon which BB leaders support the camp and the schedule of the CMC (the tide times will affect any water sports). We would be very happy to work with those who have booked in to provide the activities which are most popular.
   * The basic equipment for every camper is a pair of walking boots (walking shoes may be adequate) & day ruck sack, water bottle & waterproofs – and a pair of old trainers for water sports (must be a closed shoe – not flip flops), and trunks/shorts t-shirts for getting wet etc. Sleeping bag, mat and towel & toiletries & usual changes of clothing. Each person should also bring crockery (not china), cutlery and a tea towel, plus a torch. A full packing list will be issued closer to the camp.
3. **Accommodation & Food** 
   * We will be using the excellent BB West Midland District camp site at Dyffryn Ardudwy, Eryri (Snowdonia). See [www.bbcamping.co.uk](http://www.bbcamping.co.uk) for more information.
   * We’ll be sleeping in canvas tents & using residential block for cooking, eating, washing, showering, toilets and indoor recreational activities.
   * As it is the last week of the season, we will be responsible for helping to strike the tents etc.
   * Food will be a range of freshly cooked breakfasts & evening meals with provided packed lunches.
   * **Whilst we will attempt to meet any dietary needs it must be noted that the kitchen is not big enough to guarantee that any served food can be completely segregated from meat or nuts etc**.
   * The shop serving the nearby caravan park will be accessible to purchase treats etc.
4. **How does the pricing structure work?**

* Click on <https://bbmc.boys-brigade.org.uk/adventure-camp-details> for the current cost options for the different categories of young people & leaders.
* We’re aware finances are tight for many people at present and so the BBMC has tried to make this camp as affordable as possible by providing a considerable subsidy for the camp – and finances are tight for us as well!
* Its also complicated by the paid for activities – we have assumed all young people will be taking part (indeed, there is no plan B for them) but it is optional for leaders – who may prefer some down time as the activity centre provides the leaders to maintain ratios.
* Note – transport to and from the camp is not included in the cost, but transport during camp, is included. See Q8.
* There will clearly be some overlap between Young Leaders & Leaders with Responsibility – but not much! If the Young Leader is the sole leader for a group of young people with responsibility for them, they are the responsible leader. But the majority of 18 to 25s are likely to be coming either on their own, or as assistant leader without the primary responsibility for the group of young people and will make use of the full programme- so they will be considered a young leader. Obviously, they will also have some jobs on camp, but so will the young people.
* Leaders with Responsibilities – these are the BB Leaders who are giving up their time to run activities+ such as kayaking, scrambling, cooking etc.  or those leaders who are only coming to bring young people/leaders from their company and are responsible for supervising them outside of the activities. We want to recognise the sacrifice these leaders are already making in giving up their time and don’t want to penalise them further financially. (However, if any of these leaders feel able to contribute further, that would be very welcome). + £45 pro rata for number of days attending - we will also offer to cover the petrol costs of leaders coming purely to run activities.
* If Leaders with Responsibilities paying £45 wish to do the paid for activities, we would ask that they cover the cost of this which is £63.
* Obviously, everybody’s situation is different, so we’d be happy to discuss further if finances are a material blockage to leaders/young people attending, or if you have access to Company or Battalion funds that could assist, especially with travel costs.

1. **How does transport to and from camp work?**

* As with most camps of this type, those who book are responsible to arrange their own transport to and from the camp.
* Transport using BB minibuses whilst on camp is included in the cost.
* We recognise transport may prove to be difficult. We hope to have a few minibuses attend from different parts of the country that it may be possible to hitch a ride with. Contact us for details. You would need to contribute to the travel costs

1. **How do I enquire further or book?**

* You can resister your interest and ask a question using the form <https://bbmc.boys-brigade.org.uk/expression-of-interest-form>.
* Once you register, we will send you details on how to confirm numbers and pay including deposits etc.