**BBMC Summer Adventure Camp: 27 May – 1 June 2024:**

* **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)**
* **Immediately following the Unite event organised by BB England & Wales**

**Fees (which may be reduced if grant aid to subsidise the camp can be obtained or if numbers attending are high enough to achieve economies of scale):**

* **Young People - £140**
* **Leaders taking part in CMC Adventure activities - £175**
* **Leaders not taking part in CMC Adventure activities - £105**

**FAQs**

1. **What is the Purpose of the Camp and who are the BBMC?** 
   * The Boys’ Brigade Mountaineering Club (BBMC) is a network of 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 & Wales 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 Risk Assessment etc. The UNITE immediately prior to the Adventure Camp is also a ‘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 the number of leaders attending the camp. More below.
3. **Who can come?**

* In short, any Young Person…
  + 1. over the age of 11 (i.e., in School Year 7 at the time of the camp) 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).
       3. possess the necessary equipment for mountain-based activities (boots with ankle support, waterproofs and a day sack)
    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 more advanced streams during the week.
  + The camp can be used as a 5-night Gold DofE residential for DofE participants who do not know anyone else coming on the camp.

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, if the camp is providing enough overall leaders to satisfy ratios etc. This would need to be agreed with the BBMC on a case-by-case basis. So, leaders could leave up to three young people at Dyffryn Ardudwy after Unite or parents could drop up to three young people off on the Monday and they can be picked up on the following Saturday and perhaps enjoy 5 days on their own in North Wales.
2. **Activities & Equipment?** 
   * On our 2023 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 2024, we hope to repeat these activities and add further activities, possibly paddle boarding and/or sailing as optional alternatives and perhaps extend the mountain walking to include an overnight bivvy.
   * Activities are provided by BB leaders with suitable qualifications in outward bound activities (which are mostly provided for free) and by the nearby 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 with good treads 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 have booked the ‘A’ campsite which has a kitchen, a toilet/shower block and a marquee for meals and recreational activities.
   * We’ll be sleeping in canvas tents & using residential block for cooking, eating, washing, showering, toilets and indoor recreational activities. Those attending Unite who have brought their own tents may use them on the Adventure Camp but may have to re-pitch them on the ‘A’ site. Any groups or individuals (not attending Unite), that do not bring their own tents can be accommodated in large ridge tents provided by the BBWMD Camping Centre.
   * Food will be a range of freshly cooked breakfasts & evening meals with provided self-made 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. and we may be able to provide a tuck shop onsite.
4. **How does the pricing structure work?**

* 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.
* It’s 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 CMC Adventure provide 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.
* 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>.
* After you have registered an interest, we will send you details (probably early in 2024) on how to confirm numbers and pay including deposits etc.