

# Lightweight Camp and Day Hike

17-19 April 2026

Bonaly Centre, Edinburgh



**This is a lightweight camping weekend and day hike activity based at the Bonaly Scout Centre, outside Edinburgh.**

## About the weekend

We have eight youngsters involved - four older Scouts and four Explorers. Our intention is to help build up their lightweight camping and hiking experience. They'll be sleeping in hike tents and on Saturday, our main day activity will be a circular **low-level hike route** in the Pentlands.

We hope to have a **campsite activity** too, plus on Sunday morning, we have booked a 30-min session on the **Alpine Coaster** at the Midlothian Ski Centre!

We'd like to make this completely participative for the young people - so from the start, they'll be loading the equipment into the trailer when we meet at the Scout Hall, setting up the site when we arrive at Bonaly (we'll have the mess tent, cooking equipment, some tables and chairs) plus personal tents.

All weekend they'll be involved in preparing and cooking meals - with Friday **and** Saturday main meals - then on Sunday, they'll take down the site and help unloading and returning equipment to the stores on return to the Hall.

Since our last visit, Bonaly has an impressive new "Facilities Hub" providing toilets and washrooms – so much better than the portacabins of our last visits!

## Times

The weekend timings are different from usual school weekend activities – we'll meet at the Scout Hall around **14.00 hrs** on Friday 17 to load the trailer and we'll be ready for collection from the hall at around **15.30 hrs** on Sunday 19 after having unloaded

Uniform is not required when leaving but they'll

need to have their kneecaps with them to wear when appropriate.

## Cost

The weekend will cost just **£25**, all in, and you should make payment to your youngsters' activity bank accounts in advance of the camp, please. Our Activity Bank account with RBS Dunfermline Branch details are:

- **Sort Code:** 83-33-00
- **Account Number:** 11075356
- **Name:** 114th Fife Scouts Activity Bank
- **Quote:** young person's name and activity bank number as your reference

## InTouch

In the details form, you should provide us with family and trusted alternative contact numbers for your youngster.

**During the weekend, you can contact us on our emergency phone:**

**07543 484527**

This phone is not monitored outside of events, so is not for general use to contact us

## What will they need with them?

The **Kit List** follows on from this information.

## And finally

if you have any questions or queries, please email me at [linburn.scouts@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:linburn.scouts@yahoo.co.uk). Or chat at any Scout or Explorer meeting night.

## Stuart Middleton

Group Lead Volunteer

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# Kit List

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## You'll need:

- Rucksack or holdall-type bag as your main bag
- Smaller daysack for use on the day hike (for waterproofs, packed lunch, extra layers, etc). We'll check before the hike activity starts
- Kneckie to be worn on arrival and when leaving camp, and other times as needed!
- Sleeping bag / Karrimat or blanket
- Warm, outdoor jacket or coat
- Waterproof jacket and trousers
- At least **two** full changes of "activity" clothes - trousers, sweat tops, jersey, shirts, etc
- Night wear
- Spare underwear and socks
- Gloves and hats - just in case
- Wash kit, personal stuff and a towel
- Boots or strong shoes for hike wear, plus trainers for other times
- Torch + spare batteries - best to make it a head torch
- Water bottle - DON'T FORGET - you'll use it all the time
- Meal utensils – flat plate, bowl, mug and knife, fork and spoon
- Personal entertainment items – if they make a noise, can you make sure you have head/earphones for them to ensure private listening!

## Please note:

- Please **do not** bring penknives or other bladed items
- If possible, mark items with your name