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Year Six Residential Visit to Croft Farm 24th - 28th September 2011

Departure

We will leave school on Monday morning, 9:30, by coach. Your child will need to bring a packed lunch for this day.

Return

We expect to be back in school between 3:15 and 3:45pm, depending upon the traffic conditions.

Teaching Staff

The member of staff in charge of the visit is Mr Harris, a female member of staff, Mrs Mills, may also accompany the group.

Insurance

The children are fully insured for this visit. The details are available upon request.

Medical Information

If your child will need to receive any form of medication during the week, please hand this to Mr Harris on the Monday morning, clearly labelled with name and a medication form, which we will send out nearer the time.

Clothing

A separate list of the required clothing is enclosed.

Pocket Money

There is a maximum of £10 per child, please not supplied in notes. We ask that you provide a resealable bag to put the money in, which MUST be named. Mr Harris will collect £6 of this on Monday for safekeeping, the other £4 should be brought by the child in a purse for the first day.

Accommodation

Accommodation is in 'chalet' style rooms, with 4 children in each.

Cost

The cost of the trip £235.

The payment of this is very flexible, you may pay in a lump sum, weekly or monthly to the school office. Could all cheques please be made payable to Devon County Council. We will require:

£25 deposit by December 5th 2011; with a payment of

£30 by January 14th 2011; a further

£30 by February 11th 2011; then

£30 by the second Friday of each month; and a final

£30 by July 8th 2011, totalling £235

If you have any concerns or difficulties with financing the trip please arrange a confidential meeting with Mr Harris.

I hope that any of your questions will be answered at the meeting, but if you or your child have any concerns, please feel free to ask me and I will do my best to answer them.



Welcome to JCA 2011

Let the adventure begin...

JCA

Climbing and Abseiling

Abseiling was great yet scary! To get up to the top of the abseil tower you had to climb up four ladders inside the tower. As soon as you got up to the top of the tower you had to lean back and gradually jump down.

About us

We are a leading provider of school activity courses the UK, established for 14 years.

Operating from centres across the country, we deliver high quality educational experiences that meet the needs of every individual.

Our courses encompass a range of outdoor activities which encourage personal and social development, inspire and motivate learning, foster independence and build confidence, all in a safe environment.

Let the adventure begin...

The value of JCA

We believe that learning outside the classroom is essential to a well-rounded education. Our courses focus on engaging and enjoyable learning, and help develop life skills...


- Learning to work together as a team
- Achieving personal and team goals
- Conquering fears
- Trying new and exciting activities
- Experiencing living away from home
- Respecting and valuing each others abilities
- Revealing undiscovered strengths

"Outdoor education gives depth to the curriculum and makes an important contribution to students' physical, personal and social education."


Ofsted, Outdoor Education – Aspects of Good Practice, September 2004

Let the adventure begin...

Windsurfing



Windsurfing is brilliant!!!!
 To start with we had to paddle across the lake like surfers. It was so funny because I went the wrong way into the reeds and got dragged out by a speedboat!!!
 The hardest part was when we got our sails – I kept falling off!!!




National Curriculum

Our programmes are linked to Key Stages 2, 3 and 4 of the National Curriculum, our standard midweek Action & Adventure programme offers the opportunity to cover aspects of:

- PE
- PSHE
- English
- Maths
- Art & Design
- Design & Technology
- Music
- Science

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Safety is our top priority

We adhere strictly to the Activities Centre Advisory Committee (ACAC) Code of Practice

We operate strictly within the Code of Practice laid down by the British Activities Holiday Association (BAHA) of which we are full members

We are corporate members of the Institute for Outdoor Learning (IOL)

We are affiliated to the NAHT and our Operations Director is a full member of the Association of Heads of Outdoor Education Centres (AHOEC)


Let the adventure begin...



Katacanoeing



When we did katacanoeing we didn't wear wetsuits. The katacanoes were two canoes held together by two poles. It was really fun because we stopped and played a game called paddle sticks. I was in a boat with Andy, Hannah, Ashley, Jack and Daniel.



Our instructors

All JCA instructors are required to:

- Attend an interview prior to employment - criteria for selection includes suitability to work with children, enthusiasm and friendliness
- Provide two referees
- Undergo a rigorous assessment / training programme
- Submit an Enhanced Disclosure to the Criminal Records Bureau (CRB)


We train our instructors in National Governing Body (NGB) Qualification:

- British Fencing Association
- British Orienteering Federation

All staff hold the HSE recognised Appointed Persons First Aid qualification and Senior Staff hold the First Aid at Work Certificate. Climbing and Abseiling technique is instructed by SPA Assessed instructors and assessed by one of the UK's leading climbing trainers/assessors (MIC qualified).




Let the adventure begin...

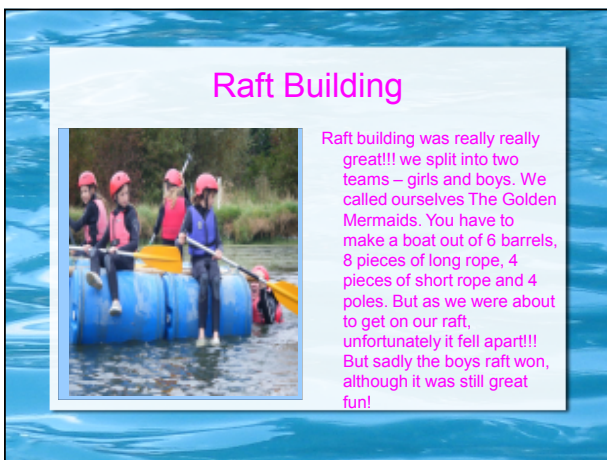


What your trip includes...

- Full board accommodation
- Full activity programme
- Full holiday insurance
- Evening entertainment programme
- Activity group size maximum 1:12
- One dedicated multi-trained instructor per activity group for the duration of your course
- Achievement certificates




Let the adventure begin...



Raft Building




Raft building was really really great!!! we split into two teams – girls and boys. We called ourselves The Golden Mermaids. You have to make a boat out of 6 barrels, 8 pieces of long rope, 4 pieces of short rope and 4 poles. But as we were about to get on our raft, unfortunately it fell apart!!! But sadly the boys raft won, although it was still great fun!




Croft Farm

Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire



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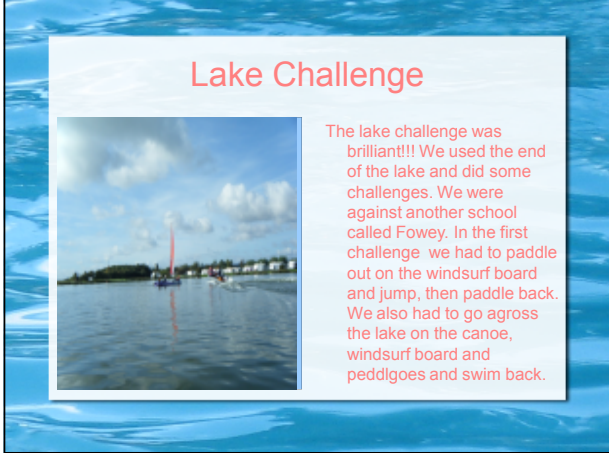
Croft Farm




Gloriously located in the heart of the Cotswolds near the historic town of Tewkesbury, with access to the River Avon.

Croft Farm boasts its own 12 acre lake, providing the ideal base for a wide range of watersports. In addition, groups can enjoy some more adventurous paddling on the river. The site also has an abundance of green space for an excellent selection of land based activities.

Let the adventure begin...



Lake Challenge



The lake challenge was brilliant!!! We used the end of the lake and did some challenges. We were against another school called Fowey. In the first challenge we had to paddle out on the windsurf board and jump, then paddle back. We also had to go across the lake on the canoe, windsurf board and peddigoes and swim back.



Croft Farm

Accommodation




JCA has a well designated area of accommodation in one section of the centre:

- Purpose built Scandinavian-style log cabins
- 4 beds in each cabin
- Amenity facilities close by
- All log cabins have heating and lighting and are specifically designed with children in mind

Children are required to bring a sleeping bag and pillow.

Let the adventure begin...



Croft Farm

Facilities



Our Croft Farm centre offers an impressive range of facilities including:

- 12 acre lake
- Clubhouse
- Marquee
- Sports field
- Bar & Eatery
- Shop

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Sailing



When we did sailing we had to get into groups of three. I was in a group with Amber and Holly. We had a purple boat and we called it the amethyst. As we were sailing Jodie decided to jump off her boat and join our crew!!! But as soon as she jumped off her boat poor Ashley was left alone and her boat capsized!



Croft Farm

Activities

There are lots of exciting and adventurous JCA activities to choose from...

Abseiling

Airgolf

Archery

Blind Trail

Canoeing

Circus Frenzy!

Climbing

Dance Mania

Fencing

Initiative Exercises

Kayaking













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Mini Olympics

Parachute Challenge

Raft Building

Raft Building Extreme

Rocket Launch

Sailing


Sporting Activities

Team Challenge

Windsurfing

World of Sport

Let the adventure begin...



Croft Farm

Sample Programme

	MORNING		AFTERNOON		EVENING
Sessions	1	2	3	4	5
MONDAY	Travel to the Centre		Intro Tour	Climbing	Giant Cluedo
TUESDAY	Archery	Initiative Exercises	Windsurfing		Campfire
WEDNESDAY	Kayaking		Sailing		Talent Show
THURSDAY	Raft Building		Abseiling	Fencing	Disco
FRIDAY	Team Challenge / Presentation		Travel back to School		

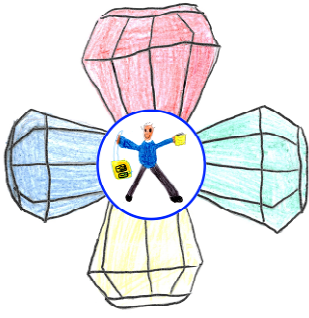
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All specialist equipment is provided. Children are required to bring suitable outdoor clothing for activities.



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18th November 2011

Dear Parents,

We have arranged to take Year 6 on a residential activity course to the Croft Farm Centre at Tewkesbury from 24th – 28th September 2011.

It is well known that residential courses organised by schools are becoming increasingly invaluable as part of the National Curriculum. The Government has stated the beneficial effects on a child's progress that such courses provide. They offer new and exciting challenges and by living with their peers and working together in a team environment, help develop independence, confidence and an ability to recognise strengths and weaknesses in a constructive way. The value of giving children the opportunity to try out new activities cannot be underestimated.

At Croft Farm fully trained and qualified instructors, with the support of school staff, provide instruction in a full programme of activities in a safe, controlled and secure environment.

The total cost of the visit is £235 and includes: Full board accommodation, transport from the school to the centre and return, all instruction and activities, equipment & safety equipment, evening activities programme, achievement certificates and comprehensive insurance.

We will be holding a Parents' Meeting to discuss the visit on Monday 21st November in Miss Mills' room. This will give you the opportunity to find out more details and to have any queries answered. I do hope that you and your children will be able to attend.

To apply for a place for your child, please complete the consent form below, and return to me with a cheque for £25 payable to Devon County Council being the initial deposit, which must be by December 5th in order to secure the booking.

For further information about the trip, the activities, the centre etc. please check the website:- www.jca-adventure.co.uk/ and you will be able to see for yourself how worthwhile and enjoyable these visits are!

Yours sincerely,

N.Harris

Please detach and return this portion to Mr Harris by December 5th, with the initial deposit of £25.

I give my consent for my child _____, to take part in the visit to the Croft Farm Centre at Tewkesbury from 24th -28th September 2011.

I confirm that I will pay the total cost of £235 for the residential activity visit and enclose a £25 deposit. I understand that the deposit is not returnable once my child's place has been confirmed.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

