



HESWALL DISABLED CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY FUND

Children's Guide

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1. Mission Statement

Heswall Disabled Children's Holiday Fund aims to provide a completely free weeklong summer camp each August for up to 30 boys who have diagnosed illnesses.

The charity also provides financial assistance to the families of ill children and other groups for whom our camp is not suitable.

To fulfil our mission we need to raise over £30,000 each year, for which we rely upon the generosity of donations from industry, charitable organisations and individuals.



2. Value drivers of our Camp



With the Boys help we aim to:

- ✓ Have a week of great fun and do things as normally as possible.
- ✓ Help the boys to begin to be independent of parents / guardians.
- ✓ Improve their communication skills and build a network of friends.

For Parents, Guardians & Carers' we aim to:

- ✓ Give them a week's respite from 24/7 care.





With Camp Helpers we aim to:

- ✓ Make sure that the boys have as much fun as possible.
- ✓ Improve communication skills with the disabled community.
- ✓ Understand and champion disability rights and build a network of friends and supporters.
- ✓ Help raise awareness of the charity and raise capital to continue our mission.
- ✓ Assist Barnstondale Centre to improve their facilities for disabled people.
- ✓ Help to educate a wider audience of the needs and challenges of the disabled.



3. The accommodation and number of places



Each dormitory sleeps 5 or 6 children. 2 of our helpers; at least one of which will have no less than 5 years' experience; are assigned to become familiar with each child in each dorm. More helpers will work with each dorm depending on what help is required.

All the dormitories have en-suite bathroom, comprising of a shower, toilet and washbasin.

About 30 boys will be on camp.

4. What will happen during the week

On your first day, you will arrive in the main car park and be shown to the camp check in. Here you will book in with the camp leader and pass on any medicines you have to the medical leader. One of the helpers will then take you to your dormitory where you will choose a bed and settle in. At this point anyone who came with you will be able to go home and you can then start to meet other children on camp.

During the afternoon and evening you will have chances to make friends with other children and get to know the helpers. There will also be a planned event like a balloon race to help you get going on your holiday.





Dinner will be served in the canteen. The helpers will show you where that is. We aim to have lights out for about 9pm as the days can be tiring and you need all the rest you can get!!!

We have a planned number of events during the week, some out of camp and some in camp. There will also be opportunities to kick back and have some rest. When we are out of camp, you will travel by a specially adapted coach designed with your illnesses in mind. Some of the things we have done in the past are:

Swimming at Guinea Gap Baths
Blue Planet Aquarium
Chester Zoo
RAF Cosford
Gulliver's World
Southport
Museum of Science and Industry, Manchester



Whilst on camp, we arrange our own activities or invite specially trained people to camp to help us out. Some of these are:

Falconry
Climbing
Theatre group
Art Attack
Sports
In Camp Cinema
Chemistry Lessons
Rocket Races
Egg Drops
Crafts



There will also be time to chill out and read books or write in diaries.

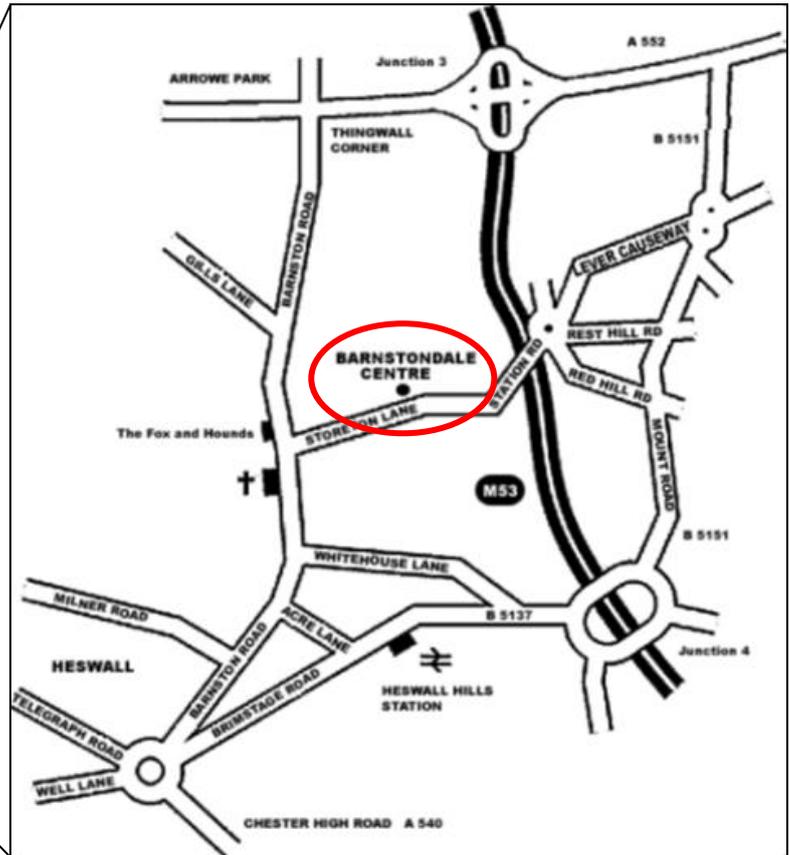




5. The address and telephone number of the camp and how to get there.

Barnstondale Centre
Storeton Lane
Barnston
Wirral
CH61 1BX

0151 648 1412



6. Manager and Helpers

Leader: Mr Andrew Powell
Deputy Leaders: Mr Steve Collins and Miss Stephanie Griffin
Registered Provider: Mr Andrew Powell
Registered Manager: Mr Vincent Keating
Child Protection Officer: Mr Toby Maddocks
Camp Entertainment: Mrs Sue Bough

7. How to complain

We hope you don't need to complain but if you do please speak to any of the helpers or the people listed above. If you need to speak to someone else then you can contact Ofsted who are responsible for ensuring that your rights are heard.

Office of the Children's Rights Director
Ofsted
Aviation House
125 Kingsway





London
WC2B 6SE

0800 528 0731

Additionally, complaints may be made directly to Ofsted, North, 3rd Floor, Royal Exchange Building, St Ann's Square, Manchester, M2 7LA. Tel: 08456 404040

8. Your rights and responsibilities.

You have the right to:

- ✓ . . be well
- ✓ . . be loved and valued
- ✓ . . be helped to learn and to be educated
- ✓ . . be listened to
- ✓ . . have positive relationships
- ✓ . . develop self-confidence and dignity
- ✓ . . shelter and nourishment
- ✓ . . play
- ✓ . . be safe
- ✓ . . equal opportunities
- ✓ . . develop responsibility
- ✓ . . information and consultation.

You have the responsibility to:

- ✓ . . not hurt or harm other people
- ✓ . . not put other people in danger
- ✓ . . treat other people with respect and not to abuse them
- ✓ . . not to take or damage other people's property
- ✓ . . respect other people's privacy.





We believe:

- ✓ . . . we do not tolerate bullying of any kind.

9. Young people's behaviour

When you are at the Boy's Camp, if your behaviour becomes threatening or physically violent towards yourself or others, the staff where they feel it is correct, will make you or others safe by restraining you. We will do this in a safe, dignified and respectful way only as a last resort. This is not done as a punishment but as a means of ensuring that everybody is safe. We aim to avoid injury, but it is possible that bruising or scratching may occur accidentally and this is a regrettable but infrequent occurrence, while attempting to keep young people safe. We may also use 'sanctions' if we think you need some help to control your behaviour. These sanctions may mean things like you having to spend some time away from the group to calm down or not going on a planned outing. We will only do this if we think it is needed to help you to control your behaviour and we will give you the opportunity to alter that behaviour so the sanction can be lifted. All restraints and sanctions are recorded in your file and you are given the chance to discuss them with a member of staff.

