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Agenda

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Why is a residential so important?

- Builds lasting relationships (between children and with teachers) which foster a sense of pride and belonging
- Boosts self-confidence and creativity which supports academic learning
- Creates resilience – the capability to deal with set-backs, “bounce-back ability” and adapt to new challenges, “bounce-beyond ability”
- Health-giving benefits, physical fitness and psychological wellbeing
- Allows cross-curricular opportunities – builds bridges between real life experiences in the outdoors to learning subjects in the classroom
- Challenges are matched to abilities which create a real sense of personal accomplishment
- Experience greenspaces and nature, appreciation and care for the environment



Why Lower Grange Farm?



- **Charitable ethos** — **Run by Kent Scouts**, a registered charity with over 100 years of heritage, meaning all income supports youth development rather than profit.
- **Values-driven learning** — *Enjoyment, being positive, reflecting, self-awareness, feeling proud* — these are the principles that shape every activity and interaction.
- **Expert outdoor educators** — Delivered by **Scout-trained instructors** who specialise in informal outdoor learning and personal growth.
- **Affordable excellence** — Because it's charity-run, **families benefit from lower costs** without compromising safety, quality, or experience.
- **Local and trusted** — **Based in Maidstone** and used by schools across Kent, offering convenience, reassurance, and proven success.



Inclusion

Lower Grange Farm is determined to make adventure for all. We have many additional resources, training in inclusion and experience in working with a full range of young people with additional needs. We are happy to discuss individual needs where needed with the group lead, parents or both.

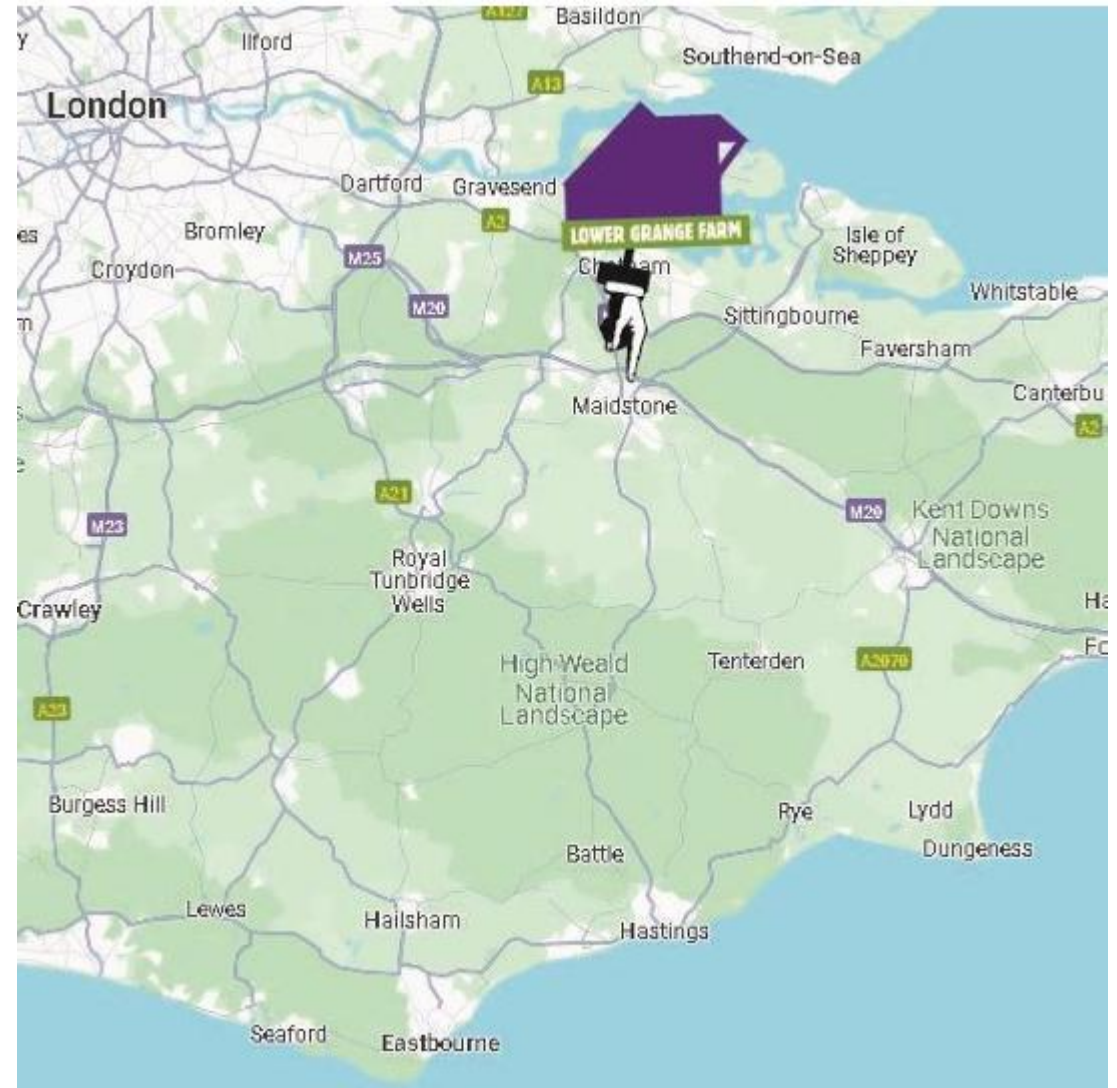
[Welcome to Lower Grange Farm](#)
[Grange Lane, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 3DB](#)



Where is Lower Grange Farm?



- **Easy access** — **Situated in Maidstone**, just off the M20, making travel simple and efficient for our school group.
- **Charity-run centre** — **Owned and operated by Kent County Scout Council** (Charity No. 303471) with a dedicated team of staff and volunteers.
- **Expansive grounds** — **Over 30 acres** of safe, open land — once a working farm, now transformed into a vibrant adventure centre.
- **Community-built** — **Developed by volunteers over 15 years**, reflecting Kent's strong community spirit and commitment to youth development.
- **Proven popularity** — Welcomes more than **8,000 young people each year** from across Kent and beyond — a trusted, well-used site.





ACTIVITIES

ADVENTURE HIKE
ARCHERY
BIG TEAM GAMES
BODY ZORBS
BUSH CRAFT
CAMP-FIRE
CAVEBUS
CINEMA
CIRCUS SKILLS
CLIMBING
DISC GOLF
FENCING
FOOTBALL GOLF

GEOCACHING
GO KARTS
HUMAN TABLE FOOTBALL
LASER CLAY SHOOTING
MOP FOOTBALL
MOUNTAIN BIKING
NERF WARS
NIGHTLINE SENSORY
CHALLENGE
SUNSET WALK
ORIENTEERING
PADDLE SPORT

PEDAL KARTS
PIONEERING CHALLENGES
POND DIPPING
QUAD BIKES
RAFT BUILDING
RIFLE SHOOTING
ROPE MAKING
SOFT PLAY FUN BUS
TEAM-BUILDING GAMES
TOMAHAWK THROWING
VR EXPERIENCE
WATER ROCKETS





Activities

- **Adventure and challenge** — Climbing, abseiling, zip-wire, and crate-stacking help children build confidence and teamwork.
- **Outdoor exploration** — Bushcraft, shelter-building, and campfire cooking develop resilience and problem-solving skills.
- **Water-based fun** — Kayaking and raft-building encourage collaboration and perseverance.
- **Target sports** — Archery and axe-throwing (supervised by qualified instructors) promote focus and self-control.
- **Team and trust** — Low-ropes, problem-solving games, and night challenges strengthen communication and leadership.
- **Environmental awareness** — Nature walks and conservation tasks connect children with the outdoors and sustainability.







Meet the Team

Our team of staff and volunteers are dedicated to safety, inclusion and getting everyone involved. We are fun facilitators.

Each group has a staff member as a lead who will get to know everyone and address their needs onsite. We like to say our USP is our team. Delivering personality, friendly faces and fun at a time when our visitors are experiencing so many new things.

- Nationally qualified instructors
- All instructors hold first aid training
- Trained in inclusion with tools for adapting activities
- 100+ years of scouting knowledge to draw from



Timetable



Example Residential Schedule

DAY 1

13:00 - 14:00 **Arrival & Lunch**
14:00 - 15:30 **Rifle Shooting**
15:30 - 17:00 **Cavebus**
17:00 - 18:30 **Dinner**
18:30 - 20:00 **Wide Games**
21:00 **Bedtime**

DAY 3

07:30 - 09:00 **Breakfast**
09:15 - 10:15 **Nerf Wars**
10:15 - 11:15 **Bushcraft**
11:30 - 12:00 **Lunch**
12:00 **Depart**

DAY 2

07:30 - 09:00 **Breakfast**
09:15 - 10:45 **Disc Golf**
10:45 - 12:15 **Fencing**
12:30 - 13:30 **Lunch**
13:45 - 15:15 **Pedal Karts**
15:15 - 16:45 **Climbing**
17:00 - 18:30 **Dinner**
18:30 - 20:00 **Campfire**
21:00 **Bedtime**

This programme is based on a two-night residential package. Your child's activities will differ from this example. The residential lead organiser will have chosen the activities for the group.



Accommodation



TENTED VILLAGE

Glamping experience in our bell tent villages. Our campers have lots of fun sleeping in a tent with their friends.

- The Bell tents can sleep **up to 6 children**.
- Each have **camp beds**.
- **Bedding** - duvet/ sleeping bag and pillows *to be provided by parents*.



Food Glorious Food



Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

BREAKFAST

Cereals, Toast, Porridge and Brioche Rolls.

The residential lead organiser chooses the meal for the group from the options here. All dietary requirements are catered to with meals that match with everyone else's i.e. gluten free pizza on pizza night or plant-based chicken alternative on roast chicken night. Our catering team are friendly and understanding of individual needs. They have backup meals available to make sure everyone has a full stomach.

LUNCH

- o Sandwiches served with crisps, cake and fruit
- o Jacket Potatoes with choice of filling served with salad
- o Pasty with potato wedges served with peas and sweetcorn.
- o Fish fingers, chips and peas

DINNER

- o Roast chicken served with potatoes & vegetables
- o Turkey or chicken pasta bake served with garlic bread
- o Sausage and mash served with vegetables
- o Pizza and chips served with baked beans





Allergies and Dietary Requirements

Our catering team are dedicated to ensuring everyone is fed well. They have alternatives to every meal that are a close match to everyone else i.e. gluten and dairy free pizza on pizza night.

- *Alternative meals are named for the individual rather than the requirement*
 - *All meat is halal*
 - *Spare meals just in case*
 - *Friendly and understanding catering team*
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Travel Arrangements



- Parents to drop off and collect their children from Lower Grange Farm, Grange Lane, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 3DB
- **Arrival time at Lower Grange Farm on Monday 14th June 2027 – TBC (potentially from 8.30am)**
 - *Children are not required to come to school beforehand.*
- Members of staff will be at the main reception to meet families.
- **Children to be collected from Lower Grange Farm at 12pm on Wednesday 16th June 2027.**



Staffing & Communication



- Which adults are going?
 - **TBC**
- Mr Lang will have the school mobile phone on him at all times:
 - **Mr Lang** will use the phone to contact parents, if necessary.
 - Parents should only call the number **in the event of an emergency.**
- **Facebook posts** will be updated throughout the stay.



Approximate Costings



- **£230 (TBC)**
 - X2 nights (Monday & Tuesday night and Wednesday morning)
 - Early bird activities on Monday (Climbing and Circus Skills)
 - Accommodation (Bell tent and camp bed)
 - Food
 - Lunch and dinner on Monday
 - Breakfast, lunch & dinner on Tuesday
 - Breakfast and lunch on Wednesday
 - Trained instructors

- **Payment Plan**

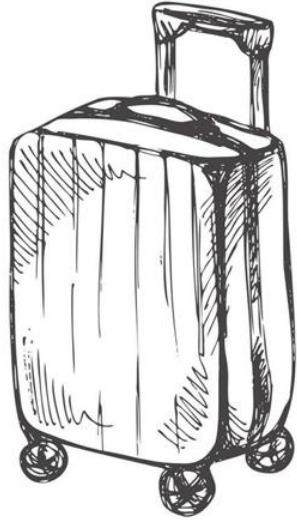
- **£40 deposit – due by 1/7/26**
- **£40 – due by 1/8/26**
- **£40 – due by 1/9/26**
- **£40 – due by 1/10/26**
- **£35 – due by 1/11/26**
- **£35 – due by 1/12/26**

Total = £230



- You can **pay in full or incrementally**, as long as the payments are made by each date.
- **All payments are non-refundable.**
- The first payment **will secure your child's place on the trip.**
- After this date, children wishing to attend will need to be agreed to ensure that sufficient places are available.
- All payments are payable via the **Arbor parent app.**

What to Pack?



Kit List

GENERAL

- o Water bottle
- o Torch
- o Medication
- o Sleeping bag, pillow and nightwear
- o Towel and toiletries
- o Plastic bag for dirty or wet clothes
- o Hat and winter gloves (winter)
- o Sun cream and cap (summer)
- o Hair brush and ties
- o Pocket Money
- o Trousers
- o Shorts (summer)
- o T-shirts
- o Underwear
- o Sweatshirts/hoodies/fleeces
- o Closed toe sturdy footwear e.g. trainers or walking boots
- o Waterproof jacket and trousers

ACTIVITY SPECIFICS

- o **Fencing** – Long sleeves and trousers.
- o **Cavebus** - Long sleeves and trousers.
- o **Adventure Hikes** – sturdy footwear, backpack, water bottle, spare socks.
- o **Water Activities** - old clothes (laid according to weather), closed toe footwear, towel





Behaviour Expectations

Pupil Code of Conduct for Residential Trip to Lower Grange Farm Monday 14th June to Wednesday 16th June 2026

1. Consideration, courtesy and respect should be shown at all times to staff (St Katherine's Staff and Lower Grange Farm) as well as other pupils (from St Katherine's and other schools present on the site).
2. Children should ensure that when walking around the centre:
 - They either are accompanied by an adult or have asked the permission of a teacher/adult from St Katherine's to go with a group of children (no less than three children at a time).
 - They do not go off on their own (at any time).
3. Children should behave responsibly within their rooms and keep them tidy for the safety and consideration of others.
4. If children require the assistance of adults during the evening/night, they should go directly to their designated adult's room. Adult rooms will be identified on arrival.

5. Children should not go into other rooms or allow other individuals into their own. Only members of St Katherine's staff (and cleaners during the day) will be permitted access into children's room.

If somebody knocks onto a room, the children should always ask who is there and wait for a reply from a teacher/adult from St Katherine's before opening their door.

In the event that the above Code of Conduct is not followed and group leaders have concerns about the safety or behaviour of children, this may result in a child being removed from an activity for a period of time or parents being contacted.





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Questions?



● Please use this platform throughout the presentation to ask any generic questions about the residential trip.

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Can they cater for a fussy eater?

Can you go for 4 nights 🌈