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Hall Camp Owners – Summer Camps

What we are looking for:

A Village Hall for 2 to 4 weeks in the summer with an adjacent field for camping.

Folk Camps has excellent relationships with all Hall owners where we camp, and we would work closely with you to ensure we respect your needs.

Camp Dates

Normally our main summer hall camp consists of two-four consecutive week-long camps in late July / August.

During the period of the camp, we need exclusive use of the hall. We will also need the hall, although not exclusively, 2/3 days before the camp begins to carry out the set up. This is supervised by our Equipment Manager.

We will arrange with the suppliers of gas cylinders, skip and hired toilets (where required) to collect these as soon as possible after the camp ends. We will leave the hall in a clean, tidy and decent condition and the camping field in good order and litter-free.

The Hall

The hall is the focus of our camp. We cook and eat communally. We use the hall for three meals each day – a simple breakfast, a cold lunch and a cooked dinner. The hall is also used for workshops and the evening entertainment. As a general rule, all the musical instruments on camp are acoustic, not amplified. We do use a PA system within the hall, normally with 3 microphones (one for the caller and two for the band). We do not make excessive noise. We often extend an invitation to local residents to join us for the dance on Wednesday evenings.

Furniture and Equipment

Wherever possible we use the hall's furniture. If necessary, we hire in additional tables and chairs. We may use the hall cooker, but we also bring our large cooking ranges which run on LPG (Propane). This may be sited in the kitchen or, if too large, will be housed in a separate tented annexe. We have our own cooking pots and utensils, and campers bring their own crockery and cutlery, so we do not use any of the hall's kitchen equipment/crockery. We bring an additional freezer and fridges, if necessary. We supply all toilet requirements such as toilet paper, soap, towels, disinfectant, lavatory brushes, etc. In short, we are extremely resourceful and self-sufficient.



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Our team.

There are no paid workers, but each weekly camp has six 'members of volunteer staff', experienced Folk Campers themselves, who ensure that the camp runs smoothly and is successful.

The Leader is the organiser and facilitator who oversees all the entertainment and the workshops. Their function is to make sure that the camp runs harmoniously and that everybody has an enjoyable, stimulating and enriching creative and social experience.

The Musician runs the daily band workshop, leads the band for evening dancing and ensures that all workshops are provided with the musicians they need.

The Caterer orders the food, supervises the daily cooks' team and has overall responsibility for the communal catering including food hygiene.

The Wardens are responsible for the logistics in camp. They assign duties to campers, buy non-food supplies, look after the Hall and small marquee (if required), the toilets and the shower tents. They are responsible for overseeing the camp's health and safety. This is a matter we take very seriously, and our Health and Safety policy is subject to frequent and regular review.

Fuel

We will use and pay for electricity from the hall at cost. We use propane gas cylinders (various sizes) for our own cookers and fridges and for heating shower water, if necessary.

Water and Lavatories

We tap into the hall's cold-water supply for campers' personal washing-up and clothes washing and, if the hall has no showers, for our shower tent. We can usually take the supply from a tap but if, with permission, we need to carry out a simple plumbing exercise to access a supply, we will reinstate afterwards. Using poly-piping, we distribute water to 3 or 4 standpipe taps. If necessary, we enhance the hall's toilet provision by hiring in six to eight Event "Tardis" lavatories.

Recycling and Waste

Food waste, glass and bottles, aluminium and tin cans, newspapers, cardboard boxes. Other kitchen and campers' waste is put into sealed bin bags and deposited in a closed skip which is replaced as required. We hire a lavatory trailer with ladies, gents and disabled facilities. The waste goes into tanks that are emptied regularly. Sometimes, for the 'grey' (hand-washing) water from the lavatories, we dig a soakaway pit (3m x 2m x 2m deep). For kitchen water waste (mainly dish- and vegetable-washing water) we have another soakaway pit (2m x 2m x 2m). We carry out the digging and back-filling of these pits during the camp setup/strike periods. We therefore need to be made aware of any underground service runs: gas, electricity, water etc.



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Camping Arrangements

The field will be used for camping and again we ask for exclusive use. Campers will bring tents, campervans and caravans. Most campers arrive by vehicle and normally park their car next to their tent, but we can use a field edge parking arrangement where required, particularly during very wet periods.

The Campers

Most campers will be in family groups. All ages from babes-in-arms to senior citizens will normally be present. Every camper will be pre-booked and we never accept bookings on site. The number of campers on each week is capped at 125. Everyone, teenagers included, has a duty: cooking, toilet-cleaning, marquee-cleaning, table-scrubbing, litter, recycling, etc.

Planning

There will be no planning issues for the landowner. Folk Camps Society is what is known as an “exempted organisation”. This means that we have been recognised by DEFRA as a fit and responsible organisation and awarded an “exemption certificate”. Our events are thereby exempted from any requirement to apply for planning consent under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960. Furthermore, our camping exemption certificate under the Public Health Act 1936, allows us to mix tents and caravans. We hold equivalent Welsh and Scottish certificates.

Insurance

We hold all necessary insurances and are happy to provide copies. References We can supply references from landowners whose land we have used previously. Website Our website is at <http://www.folkcamps.co.uk/>