



## COUNTY PATROL CAMPING WEEKEND

6th – 8th October 2023

### Event Information

Oxfordshire's County Patrol Camping Weekend is a fun weekend camp where your Troop leaders will not camp with you, but there will be plenty of adults around to make sure you are OK. You will also get to try out a wide range of activities and the chance to meet other Scouts from all over Oxfordshire. This year we are all in the same boat having not had the past few years to practice and learn new skills, so lots of help will be on hand for the whole event.

You will camp as a Patrol. If not every member of your normal Troop Patrol can come, then you can make up a Patrol from your Troop, but you should try to make sure it is as near as possible to a normal Troop Patrol, i.e. 4 to 7 Scouts, including one PL (Patrol Leader), one APL (Assistant Patrol Leader) and a range of ages. This year we are asking each troop to send an adult (leader or parent) to help with running activities over the weekend.

The camp is at Horley Scout Campsite, Wroxton Road, Horley, Banbury OX15 6AU from Friday 6th October to Sunday 8th October 2023. It costs £45 per Scout, but ALL of your activities are included. The only additional costs are for you to buy your own food and arrange your own transport.

All cooking will be on altar fires, so you will need to know how to use matches and light a fire lighter at the least. On Saturday we will be running a Patrol County Cooking Competition over three meals for that day. Each patrol will need to prepare a menu, which they will cook and eat as a whole Patrol over an altar fire and based on the theme of TASK MASTER. All three meals on Saturday for the Cooking Competition must be hot food! Each patrol should prepare an extra plate of food that will be judged by Zone Staff. The winning Patrol from each Zone will go onto a 'Ready Steady Cook' type final in the big marquee in front of the rest of the CPCW Crowd. Points will be awarded for the quality of the food with bonus points for creativity in meeting the theme!

Friday evening, make sure you have eaten before you arrive, but there will be a BBQ and Disco once you have registered and set up your tents on your allocated Zone and have met with your Zone Staff.

You will need to arrange to be dropped off at Horley Scout Campsite with your kit and camping equipment between 6:00pm and 8:00pm on the Friday evening. Please arrive as a team together and **keep the number of vehicles to a minimum**, based on the camp theme of Sustainability! PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU KNOW YOUR PATROL NAME AND SCOUT GROUP NAME!

There is NO TUCK SHOP this year.

The closing ceremony and presentations will be between 2:00pm and 3:00pm on the Sunday afternoon. Please encourage your parents/carers and Scout Leaders to join us for the presentations.

If you have any questions, send an email to [adminpcw@oxonscouting.org.uk](mailto:adminpcw@oxonscouting.org.uk). Keep up-to-date through the website and DOWNLOAD section, or on Facebook: CPCW Oxfordshire. You will be given emergency contact details before the event.