

# **Somerset DofE Gold residential – Kilve Residential July 2027**

## **Information and kit list**

### **Family Day Residential**



#### **Introduction**

Thank you for signing up/ enquiring about for our Gold Residential at Kilve Court, Somerset

#### **Kilve Court**

Kilve Court is a beautiful grade 2 listed building in Kilve Somerset, TA5 1EA. We are part of Somerset County Council – Support Services for Education and run residentials for all age groups over the year. Alongside various day events. The residential will be held onsite at Kilve and use the fantastic facilities and location during the week.

#### **Arrival**

Arrival time is 12pm on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2027**. We will provide a packed lunch on arrival and have a series of introduction and getting-to-know-you sessions planned, to ensure that the group gels from day one.

#### **Departure**

Departure time is 3pm on **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2027**,

#### **Cost**

The residential costs **£270** per person

#### **Payment**

Full payment is due at the time of booking to secure a place on the residential. Places are booked and paid for through the SSE Outdoors website [Holiday Camps \(sseoutdoors.co.uk\)](https://www.sseoutdoors.co.uk)

#### **Transport**

Anyone wishing to come by train – we will provide pick up at Bridgwater Station at **11.30am on 28<sup>th</sup> July**. And a return to Bridgwater station for 3.30pm on **1<sup>st</sup> August**

#### **Accommodation**

You will stay indoors in our internal accommodation or cabins, sharing with others on the residential (age and genders will be split for safeguarding). We will have multiple people per room but will still spread out where possible.

Shower and toilets are onsite

There is the opportunity to charge mobile phones and other devices on site – but you'll be too busy to worry about this!

Please bring sleeping bag or duvet, with a single bottom sheet and pillowcase. We will provide a pillow.

## **Food**

We will provide all meals, snacks and drinks through the week. There is a choice every day and you are guaranteed to be well fed. We can cater for all food intolerances – you just need to let us know

## **Footwear**

Kilve Court is fairly flat and level, but it is mainly grass so will be affected by the weather; please think about this when deciding what to bring.

You will be stood up for long periods, will probably walk quite a distance without realising it! Sturdy, comfortable shoes or trainers will therefore be required during the day (walking boots are ideal if you have them).

You will definitely be doing sports / adventurous activities, so casual / sports kit is ideal with trainers

Flip flops/slippers are good for 'down time' and to wear indoors at the centre as outdoor shoes will get muddy!

## **What to consider bringing**

We will be outside most of the day, whatever the weather, so clothing should be lightweight and covering if it's sunny, waterproof if it's wet and warm if it's cold. Keep an eye on the weather forecast!

Kilve Court is a family venue so please don't bring items of clothing that are see-through or have offensive slogans.

Please avoid jeans, especially if wet weather is forecast. Hopefully the sun will be shining but clothes for all eventualities are better – so layers are perfect

You will be working be volunteering in the local area on one day – so please wear clothes that can get dirty etc. As we'd hate you to ruin a decent item of clothing! Hiking boots are ideal footwear for the volunteering activity and trainers around site.

We also have a lake onsite – so could do some water-based activities like paddle boarding – please bring appropriate clothing for this, as you may get wet!!! If you have a wetsuit, feel free to bring it. Also, old shoes that can get wet for use on the lake.

## **Money**

We don't recommend carrying large amounts of cash and as you are going to be well fed onsite- you shouldn't need any additional money. There is no shop nearby!

## **Activities**

You will be involved in volunteering activities and also a number of different adventurous activities from rifles and climbing to archery, Raft Building and abseiling to paddle boarding and kayaking. So, it will be an active and busy week for all involved – including our fantastic SSE Outdoors staff

You will be split into 3 groups of 12 during the day – anyone from the same centre will be split for activities – to ensure fair on all. Hence us only accepting 3 from the same school / college. This is to meet DofE aims and objectives of the section.

## **Supervision**

There will be SSE Outdoors staff onsite to support you 24/7. They are used to working with all age groups of visitors and are guaranteed to ensure that you have fun whilst onsite

## **What you will be doing**

You will be doing fun activities on site through the week – please see the draft plan for an idea as to how the day will look. It is very flexible, and we can amend as per the group's requirement. You will also be supporting the Fun Kilve Family Day on the Saturday - volunteering onsite, to help the 1200 visitors to site have an amazing day with the team

## **Kit list – please bring with you**

### **Utensils**

Re-fillable water bottle

### **Footwear**

Sturdy shoes or trainers

Old pair of trainers / wet shoes to get wet during water-based activities

Flip flops or slippers – for indoor use

Trainers or casual shoes

Walking boots/shoes a must

### **Clothing**

Waterproof coat

Waterproof trousers

Fleece or hoodie (more than one if forecast is cold)

3 or 4 t-shirts/tops

2 or 3 pairs of shorts/leggings/tracksuit bottoms (depending on weather forecast)

Sleepwear

Underwear  
Socks  
Items to wear in the lake for paddle boarding / canoeing etc  
Layers are good and clothes you don't mind getting wet / muddy!  
Swimsuit  
Shoes to get wet on water sport activities

## Other items

Sun Hat  
Toiletries, wipes etc  
Sanitary products  
Towel (microfibre or easy dry preferred) X2 – one for showering and other in case of outdoor water activities!  
Phone charger  
Day bag (small rucksack) for carrying valuable items, extra clothing etc  
Torch  
Suntan lotion  
Wetsuit if you have one and shoes to get wet on Watersports activities  
**Sleeping bag or duvet, with a single bottom sheet and pillowcase**

| Wednesday      |                                                                                                                |
|----------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| AM             | DofE team / SSE Outdoors on site setting up                                                                    |
| 12 pm          | Participants arrive – sandwiches on arrival                                                                    |
| 1.30 to 2.30pm | Initial briefing re H&S/ C19 / and room allocation.                                                            |
| 2.30 to 3pm    | Week plan outline. Activity Discussion                                                                         |
| 3.00 to 5.00   | Group Activity – Team Building, getting to know one another                                                    |
| Evening        | Free time, food<br>Organised activity – Orienteering                                                           |
| Thursday       |                                                                                                                |
| 8.30 am        | Breakfast                                                                                                      |
| 9.30 – 13.00   | Activities - Climbing Wall & Abseiling<br>You will be shown what to cover for Family Day on this activity also |
| 13.00 – 14.00  | Lunch                                                                                                          |
| 14.00 – 17.00  | Activities – Paddle Boarding                                                                                   |

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|                 | You will be shown what to cover for Family Day on this activity also                                                       |
| Evening         | Food and free time<br>Organised activity – Rifles                                                                          |
| <b>Friday</b>   |                                                                                                                            |
| 8.30am          | Breakfast                                                                                                                  |
| 9.30 – 13.00    | Activities – abseiling<br>You will be shown what to cover for Family Day on this activity also                             |
|                 | Lunch                                                                                                                      |
| 14.00 – 17.00   | Family Day Prep – helping the team to set up signs, gazebos etc                                                            |
| Evening         | Food and free time<br>Organised activity – Archery<br>You will be shown what to cover for Family Day on this activity also |
| <b>Saturday</b> |                                                                                                                            |
| 8.30am          | Breakfast                                                                                                                  |
| 9.30 – 13.00    | Family Day Support                                                                                                         |
| 13.00 – 14.00   | Lunch – packed lunch                                                                                                       |
| 14.00 – 17.00   | Family Day Support                                                                                                         |
| Evening         | Food and free time<br>Campfire at ODC Firepit –celebration of the family day success                                       |
| <b>Sunday</b>   |                                                                                                                            |
| 8.30am          | Breakfast                                                                                                                  |
| 9.00 – 10.00    | Clear Bedrooms                                                                                                             |
| 10 – 13.00      | Adventurous Activities – choice of group                                                                                   |
| 13.00 – 14.00   | Lunch                                                                                                                      |
| 14:00- 15:00    | Group get together – week de brief, feedback forms                                                                         |
| 15:00           | Leave / Pick up by parent, carer, guardian, taxi                                                                           |

## Volunteering

You will be supporting the Kilve Family Day on this residential. So through the week, you will be shown what you will be helping with – from harnesses, to helmets, litter picking to car parking. This is our biggest day onsite, and your support will be key to help things go smoothly. You will have downtime too to see all that the Family Day has to offer. There will be a clear rota for the day, so you know your area of responsibility in small groups of 4 people.

Activities such as Archery, Raft Building, High Ropes, Climbing, Abseiling, Paddle boarding, Rifles will be offered to the group, please take a look at the SSE website for more information about what is on offer at Kilve. <http://www.sseoutdoors.co.uk/our-centres/kilve-court/>

Evenings – group activities – like campfire, night walk, maze, orienteering

A Fun and active week for all involved – instructors and Young People alike. Open to ideas and very flexible to accommodate requests, there is a lot to offer onsite, and we will do our best to accommodate all activities and requests whilst working with the group through the week.

