



Girlguiding

Warwickshire



Arden 2010

1st – 7th August 2010
'Field of Dreams'

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Dear friends

Happy New Year! At last it is 2010 and we have begun the big countdown to our camp. We are still open for international registrations, but hurry because we would like all bookings and payments by March. Please complete and return a booking form and you will be sent further details, including how to pay. It is very important that we have all your details soon if you need to apply for visas so that we can issue our official invitation and letter in support of your visa applications.

We can now tell you that we are expecting groups and representatives from Australia, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Ghana, India, Italy, Japan, Malta, Mexico, New Zealand, Nigeria, Russia, South Africa and USA. Our Warwickshire Guides are getting very excited about meeting you all.

When we have received all your payments and can confirm our numbers we shall begin teaming up our Guides with their international visitors. Then we can put you in touch with your English hosts so that you can begin to get to know each other before camp.

Don't forget to let us know as soon as possible if you need self-catering accommodation nearby either before or after camp so that we can make the necessary arrangements for you and tell you how much it will cost. Camp begins on the morning of 1st August, but we realise it is not always possible to fly in on the opening day, so if you arrive the day before you will still need an overnight stay. It is not possible to arrive at camp any earlier.

Our transport team will meet you at Birmingham and take you to your before camp accommodation and from there to camp on 1st August. At the end of camp we will also take you back to Birmingham airport, train station or to the local place we have arranged for you to stay, and from there back to the airport.

If you need transport to and from London or elsewhere we can recommend a reliable company we have used before and give you the details. It will then be up to you to make your own arrangements direct with them. They will also quote for outings during your extended stay. If you decide to make your own arrangements to get to camp please let us know.

‘The Rhythm of Life’: There will be a small marquee called ‘The Rhythm of Life’. Kate Turner and her team want to focus on the wonderful thing we all have in common – The Guide / Scout Promise and Law. She would love you all to let us know the wording of your own Promise and Law in your own language, and if possible, in English. She is also keen to know how many different religions will be represented at Arden 2010 if you feel you would like to share that with us.

In the last newsletter the coffee shop leader wrote to you to tell you all about it. Mandy would like to add this message:

‘ROSEBUDS’ TEA ROOM GOING GREEN

In an attempt to ‘Go Green’ the Coffee Shop would like to encourage all customers to

BRING YOUR OWN CUPS

There will be a small discount for anyone who brings their own cup/mug.

From the Coffee Shop Team

International Crafts: Some of you have asked for guidance about the age group you are providing a craft for. Vicki has suggested that you bring a craft of your choice and indicate the age range you think it is for. All the crafts will be available at the ‘drop in’ sessions in the International Centre so girls can choose to do the ones they think they can manage. If you know that there is more than one group coming from your country, perhaps you could agree to each bring something for a different age group.

Please let us know if you have any more questions and we’ll try hard to help. You can keep in touch via international@arden.org.uk and regularly check our website www.arden.org.uk for updates. Greetings from us all on the International Visitor team:

Joan V, Cara, Judy, Joan R, Anne, Sue and Katie.

See you in seven months time!