



Skills Weekend Programme

(Saturday & Sunday 4th & 5th October 2025)

Each day will run from 09:00 to 16:30.

Venue: Ferny Crofts Scout Activity Centre, Beaulieu Road, Brockenhurst, Hampshire. SO42 7YQ

You can only apply for one skill from each session.

There are 3 skills on the Saturday with a Part 1 & Part 2 (Axe, saw, knife, fire lighting, Backwoods & Pioneering). Part 1 needs to be completed first as Part 2 is a follow on from the learning in Part 1.

First Aid: both sessions 3 and 4 on Sunday need to be attended to complete First Response certificate. The session requires the e-learning to be completed; a link will be sent to those booked nearer the time (via Bookwhen).

Saturday

Session 1 (09.00 to 10.30)

- Axe, saw, knife, fire lighting part 1
- Knots
- Making the most of your Young Leaders

Session 2 (10.50 to 12.20)

- Axe, saw, knife, fire lighting part 2 (follow-on from Part 1)
- Using knots in your programme
- Little Pickles - strategies for dealing with challenging behavior.

Session 3 (13.10 to 14. 40)

- Backwoods part 1
- Pioneering part 1
- ~~Science for all - ideas to use science in your programme and the young people gain the badge~~ (cancelled)

Session 4 (15.00 to 16.30)

- Backwoods part 2 (follow-on from Part 1)
- Pioneering part 2 (follow-on from Part 1)
- Using OSM

Sunday

Session 1 (09.00 to 10.30)

- Using maps and compasses younger sections (Sq & B & C)
- Hammocks using and making (Scouts and Explorers)
- Using cooking in your programme

Session 2 (10.50 to 12.20)

- Little Pickles - strategies for dealing with challenging behaviour
- Choosing and maintaining camp equipment - tents, stoves and much more
- Wide games for all Sections

Session 3 (13.10 to 14. 40)

- Maps and Compasses (Scouts and Explorers)
- First Response (Sessions 3 & 4 need to be attended plus e-learning, to complete First Response certificate)
- Menu planning and food safety

Session 4 (15.00 to 16.30)

- Planning and running hikes and expeditions (Scouts & Explorers)
- First Response (Sessions 3 & 4 need to be attended plus e-learning, to complete First Response certificate)
- Adventurous activities. Rules, permits and how to be safe Scouts and Explorers

Information

Teas and coffees available throughout the day.

You will need to bring your own packed lunch.

If you are booking for both days and want overnight accommodation, please select the option from the dropdown list when booking.

If staying overnight you will need to bring your own packed lunch on the Saturday but Evening meal on Saturday, Sunday breakfast and lunch available.

There will be a campfire organised for the Saturday evening.