Scouts
Adult Learning Hampshire

Skills Weekend

Programme & Information

(Saturday & Sunday 28th & 29 March 2026)

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

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

Booking Information

There are three skills with a Part 1 and 2.
(Axe, saw, knife, firelighting, Backwoods and Pioneering).
Part 1 needs to be completed first, as Part 2 is a follow on from the learning in Part 1.
Backwoods Part 3 can only be done if Parts 1 & 2 have been completed.

First Response: both sessions 1 and 2 on Saturday need to be attended to complete First Response certificate.
It also requires some e-learning to be completed; a link will be sent to those booked nearer the time.

Weekend Information

There will be a campfire organised for the Saturday evening (17.30 to 18.30)
You can take part in a great Campfire and learn how to run your own.

(Please indicate if you will be attending the campfire by selecting the option from the dropdown list when booking).

You will need to bring a packed lunch if only doing one day.

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

Teas and coffees available throughout the day.

Indoor accommodation: If you are booking for both days and want overnight accommodation, please select the option from the dropdown list when booking.
Camping: If booking for both days and you want to camp overnight please select the option from the dropdown list when booking. You will need to supply your own tent etc.

Remember you can only apply for one skill from each session.

SATURDAY	Description
Session 1 (09.00 to 10.30)	
1) Axe, saw, knife, fire lighting - Part 1	And introduction to the safe use of cutting tools, maintenance, storage and assessing risk.
2) First Response - Part 1	First Response 10A and 10B course. This course requires the completion of the some E learning which will be sent to you after you register for the session.
3) Knots and using them in your programme	Reef knot, clove hitch, round turn and 2 half hitches, highwayman's hitch, figure eight knot,
Session 2 (10.50 to 12.20)	
1) Axe, saw, knife, fire lighting - Part 2	Teaching the safe use of cutting tools, maintenance, storage and assessing risk - this session will cover Beavers, Cubs, Scout and Explorers using cutting tools and suitable activities for each age range.
2) First Response - Part 2	Continuation of part 1 [cannot be booked separately]
3) Using knots in your programme	Bowline, sheet bend, marlin spike hitch, sheep shank square lashing
Session 3 (13.10 to 14.40)	
1) Backwoods - Part 1	An introduction to the art of cooking in a Backwoods manner, basic tips and techniques for getting your young people cooking basic dishes suitable recipes for all sections.The session will also cover the how to teach the basics to run a safe activity.
2) Woggle making and paracord bracelet	Practical session on tying a Turks Head woggle, Paracord bracelets and other paracord items.
3) Completing the Science badge with your section.	How to run the science badge for your section, practical ideas and tips.
Session 4 (15.00 to 16.30)	
1) Backwoods - Part 2	Continuation of Part 1, this session will also cover different styles of fire/ cooking.
2) Little Pickles	Tips and tricks for promoting good behaviour in all Sections
3) Cooking with your section	More things to cook with your section,
Session 5 (17.00 start)	
1) Backwoods cooking - Part 3	Cooking your dinner Backwoods style, really! You will use your learned backwoods skills to produce your own dinner.

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SUNDAY	Description
Session 1 (09.00 to 10.20)	
1) Pioneering - Part 1	An introduction to basic pioneering skills, the materials used, simple ideas for construction. This session will focus on the basic knots and lashings and will give you hints and tips to teach your sections.
2) Using maps and compasses basic	Basic Map and Compass skills for beginners or younger sections.
3) Young Leaders	All you need to know about the Young Leader scheme and how to enable them and you to get the best experience.
Session 2 (10.50 to 12.20)	
1) Pioneering - Part 2	Putting this morning skills to the test - its project time, can you build a swing boat?
2) Trails and wide games	How to run wide games and set outdoor tracking tralls with your section, a practical guide.
3) Inclusion Plus	Inclusion Plus is designed to give you more understanding and practical Ideas to support young people and adult volunteers with additional needs in your section/team.
Session 3 (13.10 to 14.40)	
1) Maps and Compasses advanced	Advanced Map and Compass navigation practical session. For leaders wishing to improve their skills of older sections.
2) Using OSM	All you need to know about using OSM, including answering any specific queries you have.
3) Adventurous activities	Update on the Adventurous Activities permit scheme and how to provide safe activities to all sections.
Session 4 (15.00 to 16.30)	
1) Choosing and maintaining camping equipment	Yours questions on camping kit answered and some practical tips for camp kit maintenance.
2) Menu planning and food safety	An introduction to food safety, its importance and how is fits into your camp menu planning.
3) 5 minute programme ideas with little equipment	Ever been stuck with 5 or 10 minutes to fill on an evening when an activity finished early? This session gives you some ideas.