



**AN EDUCATIONAL ADVENTURE TO REMEMBER...**

# An Introduction to Kingswood

We are raising the bar to provide the very best outdoor learning experiences.

## WE ARE EXPERIENCED

Founded over 30 years ago!

## WE ARE SPECIALISTS

We now welcome over 165,000 young people from more 3,500 schools each year.

## WE ARE SAFE

Founding members of the British Activity Providers Association (BAPA) and have all the expected accreditations.



# The benefits of outdoor learning

LEARNING

AWAY

“ Learning Away has shown that a residential learning experience provides opportunities, benefits and impacts that cannot be achieved in any other educational context or setting. ”

– Learning Away Final Evaluation Report, York Consulting 2015



In long-term follow-up surveys, **79%** of KS2 pupils said, because of the trip, they knew their teachers better.



**78%** of staff involved felt that Learning Away had a 'significant' or 'transformative' impact on their understanding of their students' strengths and limitations.



In long-term follow-up surveys, **71%** of KS2 pupils said that because of the residential, they get on better with the other pupils in the class.

# PEAK VENTURE: CENTRE FACTS

Huddersfield Road, Penistone, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, S36 7GF

NEW  
FOR 2017!

Adventure  
Lodges



**Location:** Set in 9 acres of parkland, the centre was historically named as 'Scout Dike' after the rural reservoir opposite the centre.

**Outdoor highlights:** Exhilarating adventure park with apparatus including a zipwire, 3G swing and leap of faith, plus specially designed bushcraft sessions and nature walks.

**Indoor highlights:** Flexible indoor space for all weather activities including fencing and indoor initiatives.

**TOTAL BEDS: 333**



200 in standard rooms  
(sleeping 4–12 in each room)

Eco Pods  
(sleeping 8 each with group  
leader pods sleeping up to 3  
(en-suite))

# Sleeping

## We offer a home away from home

You'll find welcoming rooms in our comfortable dormitory style accommodation. You will sleep in a choice of standard accommodation, Adventure Lodges, all of which have bathroom facilities and a daily housekeeping check. All of our accommodation is secure and comfortable and all bedding is provided. Pupils sleep in gender separated areas, with separate showers and toilet facilities, and teacher rooms are located close by to allow for plenty of supervision.



Children will complete a slip to identify three friends with whom they would like to share accommodation.

We will endeavour to ensure that all children are able to be placed within their friendship groups - with a minimum of one of their requested friends.

# Meal times

## SAMPLE MENU

### BREAKFAST

Pork sausage, vegetarian sausage,  
baked beans, scrambled eggs and  
fresh tomatoes  
Toast with jams and marmalade  
Selection of cereals  
Natural yoghurt and fruit  
compote  
Seasonal fruit segments

### LUNCH

Homemade vegetable soup  
with croutons  
Cheese and tomato or  
pepperoni pizza  
Sweetcorn and seasoned  
potato wedges  
Salad bar  
Apples, pears and oranges

### DINNER

Lasagne and vegetable lasagne  
Roast chicken breast  
marinated in Cajun spices  
New potatoes and peas  
Garlic bread slices  
Salad bar  
Chocolate brownie

**SALAD BAR (AVAILABLE AT LUNCH AND DINNER)**

Children are provided with three meals a day including different options for breakfast and tea (served in the canteen), and lunch is depending on the activity but does include options of a hot meal if activities are close enough to the canteen. Children will need a packed lunch for arrival day. Further details will be provided closer to the time of the visit.

The centre have always been very good at catering for 'fussy eaters' in the past.

Children do not need to bring ANY food INCLUDING SWEETS



# What activities will we be doing?



# Adventure Choice

*The original Kingswood experience*

## Adventure Choice sample programme

|           |           | Session 1 | Session 2     | Session 3        | Session 4      | Session 5             | Session 6 | Session 7    | Session 8 | Evening             |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|---------------------|
| Monday    | Arrive    |           |               |                  |                | Site tour and dorming | Caving    | Laser zone   | Dinner    | Scrapheap challenge |
| Tuesday   | Breakfast | 3G swing  | Leap of faith | Lunch            | Team tech      | Problem solving       | Archery   | Low ropes    | Dinner    | Night walk          |
| Wednesday | Breakfast | Abselling | Zipwire       | Lunch            | Jacob's ladder | Construct             | Nightline | Bouldering   | Dinner    | Beach games         |
| Thursday  | Breakfast | Bushcraft |               | Lunch            | Aeroball       | Raft building         |           | Balance beam | Dinner    | Mini Olympics       |
| Friday    | Breakfast | Fencing   | Orienteering  | Lunch and depart |                |                       |           |              |           |                     |

**Sample Timetable** of activities and events - The specific activities will be confirmed closer to the time of the visit.

We encourage all children to have a go and push themselves to experience new adventures, however no one is ever forced to take part in anything that they feel uncomfortable with.

# Safety and wellbeing

**We know how daunting it can be letting your child go on a residential visit, so we do everything we can to make it a safe and enjoyable experience for all.**

Our policies and procedures are designed to make sure we adhere to the highest safety standards at all times:

- Continual safety and first aid training for all staff
- Regular checks on equipment before and after every activity session
- Qualified First-Aider on centre 24/7
- All staff are fully DBS checked.

We create a warm, supportive environment for students so they quickly feel at home. All our activities are progressive, allowing students to join in at whatever level they're comfortable with.

We have found the best way to help children cope with being away from home is to keep them busy, having fun from dawn 'til dusk.

**Castle Academy also staff remain with the children at all times**

Kingswood cannot guarantee 100% safety for personal items brought onto centre and they will not be covered by insurance. It is therefore advisable to leave valuables – cameras, mobiles, iPods, MP3 players, computer games, jewellery - at home. A clearly named disposable camera is acceptable.



# What will my child need?

- ▶ Suitable waterproof clothing - especially a jacket
- ▶ Strong, comfortable outdoor trainers for outdoor activities
- ▶ Change of trainers/shoes for indoor use
- ▶ Trousers (jogging bottoms/leggings - not denim)
- ▶ T-shirts and jumpers (long sleeves are needed for some activities)
- ▶ Nightwear
- ▶ Water bottle
- ▶ Toiletries - **no aerosols**
- ▶ Towel

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We will hold an information session  
closer to the residential visit date.

However, if you have any questions at all,  
please do email them in and we will get  
back to you as soon as possible.