



Girlguiding

Bedfordshire

100

girls in the lead



Safari 100

Sunday 11th July 2010 at Woburn Safari Park

We are planning this to be a day to remember for all members of Girlguiding Bedfordshire. We have been liaising with Woburn to make some special arrangement including the BBQ lunch and a reserved area where we can put our marquees and hold a special celebration at the end of the day.

We have received a few questions/queries regarding the day so we have put together this information to answer the questions/queries that have been raised.

Cost

The basic costs for entrance and lunch have been set by Woburn. The only costs added by County are the cost of coaches, a special souvenir badge, and a small amount for entertainment - Gaz and Babs are returning by popular demand from the girls.

Payment

All payments by cheque **no cash** please. If any Unit receives cash then please send a Unit cheque to replace the cash. **Do not send cash by post.**

Option 1 Individual cheques can be made payable to the Unit and then a Unit cheque can be sent payable to Bedfordshire Guide Association and sent to Betsy Marley.

Option 2 All individual cheques can be made payable to Bedfordshire Guide Association and sent to Betsy Marley.

Refunds

As with any external event money cannot be refunded but can be transferred to another girl who joins the Unit.

As for the Launch Party, payment will be made to the Unit the member is attending at the time of payment if the member then moves section she will go with the new Unit.

Vouchers

No days out, promotional or discount vouchers can be used as payment or part payment for this trip as we have already been given a discounted price.

A long day

We know it will be a long day but it was felt it was necessary to optimise the length of time we spend at the park for the amount we are being charged.

It should be a parental decision if the girls are too young or the day is too long for them to cope.

Open to the public

The park will be open to the public. We do not have sufficient members in County to enable us to take over the park.

Activities

Leaders will be asked to organise their group and prioritise activities so that they get to do their favourite activities. Although there is no guarantee that they will be able to do all the activities Woburn will be providing extra staffing levels, shows and activities as they would do on a very high peak day. (i.e. Bank Holiday levels)

Domestic arrangements

As for the Launch Party all Divisions will have a marquee and wrist bands. (Division colours will remain the same)

Girls may bring a packed tea and leaders may wish to bring extra drinks etc. This can be left in the Division marquee in cool bags, obviously the marquee can be utilised if it is wet and some of the attractions are indoors.

Deadline

As Girlguiding Bedfordshire is working in conjunction with Woburn Safari Park we are governed by certain criteria and a tight deadline. County has already paid a large deposit to the Safari Park with a further payment due early in the New Year. We also need to have some idea of numbers as soon as possible to enable Woburn to plan staffing levels and activities for the day.

Ratios

As for the Launch Party it will be up to the Divisions to make sure the adult child ratios are correct. This worked well at the Launch Party with parents and friends of guiding joining us to ensure we had lots of help. It also allowed for girls to attend even if the Leaders were unable to join us. Parents of our younger members are very welcome to accompany their daughters and join in our celebration.

Other low cost Unit/District/Division trips to Woburn

These trips will have been on special days arranged by Woburn and or subsidised by Units/Districts/Divisions.

Some suggestions that may help you:

- Option 1* We know that some Units/Districts/Divisions have been fund raising for the Centenary Year. You could request that some of this money is used for this event.
- Option 2* You could decide that your Unit/District/Division does some fund raising or you could request that the event is subsidised.
- Option 3* You can apply to County for a grant if you are aware that anyone of your member's families is suffering financial hardship at this time. A grant application form can be obtained from the web site at www.bedsguiding.org.uk or from the County Commissioner Debbie Docherty.

Once we have an idea of numbers we can start on the detailed planning of the day and information will be sent out accordingly.

Betsy Marley

Bedfordshire Centenary Champion