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VCC120 SUMMER CAMP 2021 – APPLICATION

Introduction

1. As part of our VCC120 celebrations, Summer Camp 2021 will take place for all VCC units from Friday 30 July to Monday 9 August 2021 at Holcombe Training Centre, Hawkshaw, Bury, Lancashire. All cadets (including recruits) in the VCC are eligible to attend, subject to there being space, a review of their disciplinary record over the past year and their joining fee and membership fees being fully paid up to and including July 2021 (excepting where these have been waived during COVID lockdowns). Early application to attend and deposit payment is recommended.

2. The VCC reserves the right to refuse permission to any cadet to attend Summer Camp. Currently, due to COVID restrictions numbers are restricted (numbers are currently capped at 65. However, we expect capacity to increase as COVID restrictions lift. A waiting list will be in place for applications beyond the initial capacity and numbers will be increased accordingly. Applications will be noted in order of date received so in the unlikely event that we are not able to take all cadets to Camp those who applied last will be asked to drop out.

Cost

3. The cost for Summer Camp 2021 will be heavily subsidised by HQVCC this year because of COVID. The cost is £35 per cadet; this includes all food, transport, fuel, equipment, accommodation and activities. Please remember that VCC adult volunteer staff provide their time to arrange and attend camp completely free of charge, using up work holiday allowance to attend Camp. We feel the cost of Summer Camp is a justified way of rewarding cadets for their ongoing commitment during such testing times.

4. Payment can be made in two parts and may start now, a deposit of £10 and a final payment of £25. Full payment must be received into respective units by **Friday 9 July 2021**. Cadets will not be allowed to attend if any fees remain due before Summer Camp; outstanding payments already made will only be refunded in accordance with para 8.

5. Cadets are also allowed to bring £20 pocket money; this must also be paid to unit Administration Offices by **Friday 16 July 2021**.

Application and Deposit

6. If you would like your child/children to attend Summer Camp please complete the attached application form and the online consent form, and return them both to your unit's Administration Office as soon as possible but no later than **Friday 18 Jun 2021**, together with a cheque or cash for £10 per cadet as a non-refundable deposit. BACS payments may be made to individual units and must include Cadets name and "Summer Camp 2021" in the comments box. This allows us to gauge attendance and book facilities and activities accordingly. Early application is advised and would be appreciated.

7. Applications are on a 'first come, first served' basis in accordance with para 2 herein.
8. If a cadet cancels their application to attend (having paid their deposit or all of their camp fees), or fails to turn up at the start of Summer Camp, refunds (except the deposit) will be only be given where payment for booked facilities and activities can be recovered by the VCC.

General Information

9. Cadets may attend part of Summer Camp although travel arrangements, if not using the main party transport, will be the responsibility of parents/carers. The full fee applies to part-attendees.
10. A full written instruction complete with travel, activity and equipment information will be issued to those attending in early July 2021. Please note that we may require parents/carers to complete additional consent forms for external activities, failure to return meaning your child will be unable to participate in those activities.
11. A Facebook page will be set up on completion of our 'Camp Recce'. This will provide up to date information before and during the camp. The go live date will be published on all SM sites; parents/carers and staff are asked to search for "VCC120 Summer Camp" to apply to join. Parent/carer briefings will also be held virtually in early July 2021, details of which will be promulgated in due course. Attendance at the briefings is strongly recommended.
12. If your child would like to attend VCC120 Summer Camp but has reservations about being away from home or participating in the planned activities please do get in contact for a confidential discussion. Our staff are experienced in such matters and can often allay such fears. Cadets who have attended previous Summer Camps can often be the source of useful advice too. The VCC will carry out best endeavours to provide a COVID safe environment in line with extant HM Government guidelines. The VCC reserves the right to alter or cancel Summer Camp 2021 if the COVID situation changes and will endeavour to refund all payments already made in this instance.
13. In the meantime, questions can be sent via hq@volunteercadetcorps.org or to your child's unit's Administration Office (please title your email "VCC120 Summer Camp").

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1. Summer Camp 2021 Application Form

VCC120 SUMMER CAMP 2021 APPLICATION FORM

Please return this form to your child/children's unit Administration Office (not HQVCC) **as soon as possible** but no later than **Friday 18 June 2021**.

Form No: (office use only)

I would like to reserve a place for my child/children to attend VCC120 Summer Camp 2021:

Cadet Name: Cadet No: Unit:

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Cheque/Cash/BACs Amount: £..... Cheque No:

Parent Signature: Date:

A deposit of **£10** is required for each cadet; payments are in accordance with para 6. Cheques are to be made payable to your child's unit (bank details are available from respective units Admin Officers)

The balance of camp fees may be paid in instalments, although are non-refundable should your child leave the VCC prior to attending camp or decide not to attend. Payments can be made by cheque or BACS transfer. Please pay the balance no later than **Friday 9 Jul 2021**.

If you have not applied for your child to attend camp by the date specified above, they will not be able to attend.

Please ensure we have up-to-date medical and dietary information. We will ask for a parental consent form to be completed nearer the date of Camp.