

Argyll and Sutherland  
Highlanders Bn ACF Annual  
Camp  
2023



Info Pack

## 1. LOCATION

Annual Camp 2023 will be at Chickerell Army Camp which is located near Weymouth. This is approximately a 13 hr coach journey from our Headquarters. We will be spending the full 2 weeks here as a whole Battalion for the first time in 4 years.

## 2. WHAT ARE WE DOING?

### **Nothe Fort**

Nothe Fort will be a fantastic day out for our cadets. Set on the beautiful coastline cadets will learn all about the important role this fort played in history.

### **Tank Museum**

We have our very own Royal Tank Regiment giving us a tour of the Tank Museum at Bovington. All cadets will get the opportunity to visit and see tanks from across the years and even watch some in action.

### **Adventure Training**

Being so close to the south coast it would be rude not to take the cadets out on the water for a day of Adventure training where they will hone their teamwork skills, have fun and get VERY WET! Please ensure any children in your care attending camp are in date for their swim test.

### **Cadet Syllabus**

As always we will be maximising syllabus progress whilst at camp. STEM, Field craft, Shooting, CIS, First aid and many more interesting subjects will keep everyone challenged.

## 1. MONEY MATTERS

Payment for the cost of camp must be paid no later than the 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023 into the below account. The total is £80 per child. There is no sibling discount. A £40 deposit (per child) must be paid by the 28<sup>th</sup> February to secure your place.

Sort Code: 83-18-05

Acc Num: 00103880

Acc Name: A&SH /ACF Commandant

Reference: Cadet's Name e.g. SMITH A CAMP

Please complete the following form, click the link or scan the QR code to open the form. Please note this must be completed for each child attending to secure their place.



Cadets will require some pocket money at camp. The amount will depend on their age and their appetite for sweets. Advice can be obtained from the Detachment Commander.

The battalion operates a CAMP BANK and all cadets must use it for safe keeping of their spending money. Withdrawals can be made on a daily basis.

If additional money is sent to cadets at camp, it should be paid into the Comdts account with your child's name as the reference. E.g. SMITH A BANK (see bank details above).

## 2. **WHAT TO TAKE**

A checklist of what a cadet needs to take to camp is attached as Annex A.

## 3. **TRAVEL TO CAMP**

Travel to camp by the main party is by coach, leaving the detachment location on the evening of Fri 7 Jul 23. The Detachment Commander will notify the time of departure.

Travel to camp is in casual civilian clothes. Cadets will be back at detachment locations on Fri 21 Jul 23 between 8pm and 10pm. Further details will be published in due course

## 6.. **INSURANCE**

Neither the Ministry of Defence nor the Army Cadet Force is responsible for items of personal clothing or possessions (this includes mobile phones, iPads etc) of cadets while they are at camp. It is advised that cadets do not bring expensive items to camp.

Parents are **STRONGLY ADVISED** to take out an ALL RISKS insurance policy to cover the personal possessions of cadets while they are at camp and when travelling to and from camp. Some household policies may already provide such cover.

## 7. **MAKING CONTACT**

If you require to make contact with your son/daughter/ward at camp please be aware that for most of the day cadets are out of camp. They may be on ranges, the training area or on a visit outside of camp. Please be aware that if they are in camp, they are not always instantly available.

## 8. **NON URGENT MATTERS**

The best arrangement is to phone the Duty Officer or Duty 2IC and ask for a message to be passed on to the cadet. This will be done as soon as possible (normally meal times). In the message ask the cadet to phone home at a suitable time. Payphones are provided for this purpose, if the cadet has no money, alternative arrangements can be made. The other possibility is to agree to phone the cadet at a pre-arranged time, when they can be available at the office or have their mobile phone switched on to take the call.

## 9. **URGENT MATTERS**

If a cadet needs to be contacted urgently, please phone the CEO who will make arrangements to contact the cadet as soon as possible.

CEO Maj A McGonigle 07789374102

## 10. **MOBILE PHONES**

The Battalion has a policy that forbids the use of mobile phones by CFAV's and cadets during training. If you intend to contact a cadet by mobile phone, ensure that you do it during a time when its use is permitted (between 6pm and 10pm is best). Likewise, if you wish your son/daughter/ward to contact you by phone, make sure that you do not arrange it for a time that is during the training period.

## 11. **CADET BEHAVIOUR/SICKNESS**

On the rare occasion where a cadet suffers from homesickness, is unwell or a cadet's behaviour is so bad that they will have to be returned home or is required to go home, the Parent/Guardian/Ward will be contacted in the first instance. It is imperative that we have the contact details.

If a cadet is to be sent home for any reason parents/guardians will be required to collect their son/daughter/ward.

If your child cannot attend camp for the full duration or during camp wishes to come home early it will be the parent/guardian's responsibility to make the necessary arrangements to collect their child from Chickerell Camp. It's hoped that you understand it would simply be unrealistic for us to release 2 Adults to escort your child home without diluting our responsibilities to the cadets as a whole.

In case of an emergency your son/daughter/ward must have a prior arranged point of contact.

## 13. **OTHER REASONS FOR LEAVING CAMP**

If you wish your son or daughter to go home for reasons other than illness or injury, then you will be responsible for making any arrangements necessary.

14. **IF YOU ARE CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR SON/DAUGHTER/WARD**

Most cadets attend and enjoy camp without any difficulties, however, it does sometimes happen that a cadet, at camp for the first time, suffers from homesickness or in some other way is unhappy.

If you have any concerns, please phone the Battalion on the number listed below:

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15. **ACCOMMODATION**

Parents should be aware that due to accommodation layout of some military camps their child may be required to sleep in the same room as older cadets up to the age of 18 years, but under no circumstances will genders be mixed.

We look forward to seeing you at camp!

## AC 2023 CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT LIST

Serial	Uniform	Packed Y/N
1.	Head dress with cap badge	
2.	Trousers combat MTP x 2	
3.	Shirt combat MTP x 2	
4.	Fleece cold weather x 1	
5.	Smock MTP x 1	
6.	Green belt x 1	
7.	Stable belt x 1 (if available)	
8.	T-Shirts green or black	
9.	Soft hat, MTP bush/peaked/woollen <sup>i</sup>	
10.	Boots x 1 pair	
11.	Spare bootlaces	
12.	Socks x as many as possible	
13.	Twisters	
14.	Tactical Waist Pack (if issued)	
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	<b>Washing</b>	
1.	Soap	
2.	Shower gel	
3.	Toothpaste and toothbrush	
4.	Shaving kit (if required)	
5.	Towels x 2	
6.	Face cloth	
7.	Deodorant	
8.	Foot powder	
9.	Nail brush	
10.	Personal medication (if applicable)	
11.	Gender appropriate toiletries	
12.	Washing bag to keep all of the above in	
13.		
	<b>Cleaning</b>	
1.	Boot polish	
2.	Boot brush	
3.	Boot cloth	
4.	Container to hold all of the above in	
5.		
	<b>Sports</b>	
1.	Training shoes	
2.	Shorts	
3.	Swimming kit	
4.	Track suit	
5.	Sports tops	
6.		
	<b>Civilian Clothing/Items</b>	
1.	Suitcase/Holdall	
2.	Underwear (several sets)	
3.	Socks (enough to last 2 weeks)	
4.	Casual clothing (to wear in evenings and day trips)	
5.	Shoes/trainers	
6.	Shirts/T-shirts	
7.	Trousers/jeans	
8.	Jumper/Sweater/Sweat Shirt	
9.	Waterproof/Showerproof jacket	
10.	Pyjamas/Night wear	
11.	Bathroom/Shower footwear flip flops	
12.	Warm jacket	

	<b>Other Items</b>	
	Torch	
	Notebook, pencils, pens	
	Padlock and keys x 2	
	Knife fork spoon (KFS) & mug	
	Coat hangers	
	Washing powder	
	Small personal medical kit	
	Phone charger	
	Small amount of money for snacks etc.	
	Spare laces	

Cadets are to travel in civilian clothes. Parents are reminded that cadets are travelling by coach and luggage space is limited.

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