

27th June 2016

Dear Year 5 Children and Parents,

Introducing... the experience of a lifetime!



Experience living like American Indians with Thames Young Mariners at their residential activity centre, based on the banks of the River Thames at Teddington!

Sleep in a teepee under the stars after sitting around the campfire after a good meal and looking forward to the next day's exciting events.

You will have the chance to learn skills like archery, raft building, orienteering, rock-climbing, abseiling and woodland skills. As the site is based around a 10 acre lake, water based activities are abundant and include canoeing, kayaking, sailing and bell-boating. If you need a modern twist there is also mountain biking. All activities are delivered by qualified and experienced outdoor education workers.

Parents, this might seem like a wild adventure but rest assured this is a Surrey Council approved educational resort. Meals are catered (although the children cook one of their meals themselves as an activity), there are modern toilet and shower facilities, and the site is self-contained and secure, designed for school visits with staff on duty day and night. The school has its own teepee village (one of just two on site), set apart from other schools and close to modern buildings with all the facilities to meet our needs.



This trip gives children the opportunity to learn new skills and have fun with your friends: to grow in independence and confidence and to learn to get on with others. The activities are specifically designed to give everyone maximum participation and enable you to improve, whatever your level of ability!

There will be an information session on Tuesday 12th July at 6:00pm to provide you with further details, as we need an indication of numbers as early as possible. The holiday will be for four nights, from Monday 22nd May - Friday 26th May 2017.

We will arrange transport to and from school by minibus (depending on numbers, we may be asking for additional volunteer drivers nearer to the time as the resort is only 40 minutes away). The cost of the holiday will depend on how many children are able to attend. More children brings the cost down, but it will probably cost approximately £320.00 - hopefully less. This can be paid in monthly instalments, a payment plan will be

sent out once costs have been confirmed. Should we not get enough participants, the trip will not be able to go ahead and deposits will be refunded. Please note that unless the trip is cancelled, deposits can not be refunded and payments may not be refunded, if cancellation is close to date of trip.

Having used this centre for the last two years, we know it is an amazing experience which helps the children grow in independence as well as develop many other skills. We were so impressed by the facilities and care provided by Thames Young Mariners, and hope as many children as possible will be able to join this experience. If your child has specific needs such as physical needs or dietary requirements, we will be happy to discuss how these can be accommodated.

This trip is for **Year 6 (next year) only**. Do not miss out on this fantastic adventure... complete the slip and return it to the office with an initial deposit of £20.00 by Friday 15th July and get ready for the fun to begin!

Thames Young Mariners Year 6 Residential - 22nd - 26th May 2017

Name _____ Class _____

I would like to register my child for a place on the Thames Young Mariners Residential Visit. I enclose a £20.00 deposit which I understand is non-refundable (unless the trip is cancelled).

I agree to pay the remaining balance either in total or by monthly instalments, from September.

Signed _____ Date _____