



BOLTON SOUTH with FARNWORTH
DISTRICT SCOUTS
19th ANNUAL PIKE HIKE WEEKEND 2022

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Dear Scouter/Guider

In April 2019, the 18th Pike View Hike was held with 76 teams taking part in the competition – again a huge number of teams. Unfortunately due to the global pandemic, the 19th annual event had to be postponed.

We are now pleased to announce that our 19th event will be held over the weekend of 26th – 27th March 2022, at Bibby's Farm Scout Campsite & Activity Centre!

Due to the ongoing pandemic and to help support any social distancing or similar restrictions that could be in place during the event, only the Pike View Hike event will be held in 2022. Please note that the event is subject to Scout Association rules governing large events and as such cancellation may happen due to developing COVID situation.

The event is aimed at Scouts Association young person members within the ages of 10 to 14½ years with a typical distance of up to 20km. The event consists of teams of 4 competitors, with a defined age range per event, and a combined maximum total age per team.

Please circulate this information within your respective Scout/Guide communities.

MAJOR CHANGES TO ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2022

Please note that the following major changes have been made to the 2022 event due to the continuing global pandemic:

- **Only the Pike View Hike (10-14½ years) event is being held**
- **Entry is limited to a maximum of 30 teams; allocated on a first come, first served basis**
 - **Initially there may some restrictions (maximum of 2) on the number of teams that can be entered by any one group; this may be relaxed after bookings have been opened for a suitable period**
- The Pip Hartley Memorial Trophy (ages 8-10 years) event is not being held
- The Bibby's Farm Yomp (14-17 years) event is not being held
- **Payments for team entries must be made at the time of booking via payment card or PayPal. No cheque or BACS payments can be accepted. A PayPal account is not required.**
- **Teams are not required to camp on the Friday night before the event**
- **The team entry fee only covers Saturday night camp fees at the event**
- **The safety briefing for team and adult leaders is likely to be held virtually or distributed electronically**
- **To support on-site social distancing and in consideration of other possible COVID restrictions:**
 - **The traditional Saturday night refreshments and meal for checkpoint staff and helpers, etc. will not take place**
 - **Usual 'indoor' areas for route plotting and kit check inspection are under review - we are hoping to maximise as much outdoor (under canvass) space as possible**

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If you haven't joined in on an event before, here's a brief description:

Full details of the age restrictions for the Pike View Hike (10-14½ years) event, can be found in the 2022 event rules.

At various checkpoints en-route, the team will be asked to perform a range of challenges, in addition to completing the "ongoing incident" which begins as soon as they depart on their hike.

Staffing of the checkpoints, control teams, etc. is thanks to the goodwill of our volunteers; if any team has adults/leaders free on the day who are willing to help or a spare minibus, then please get in touch with the event organisers.

Below are what Leaders need to do to enter the event:

1) Review the Rules and this Invite Letter

2) Enter your Teams

Entries are available now up to the closing date of 11th March 2022 (subject to availability); the closing date for entries will be strictly adhered to. All bookings are handled electronically via our website. Payment must be made during the booking process.

The entry fee for the 2022 event is £66 per team. Payment covers the site camping fees for Saturday night only. If you wish to camp on Friday evening then please arrange this separately with Bibby's Farm Scout Campsite & Activity Centre, thanks.

3) Receive Confirmation of Entry

Confirmation of entry is sent when payment clears. For card payment this is instant.

4) Organise your Team and Train your Team Members (refer to age restrictions above)

See Top Tips on our [website](#).

5) Submit Team and Competitor details online

When payment is cleared, we will provide you with access to our website which will allow you to submit the details of your teams. All competitor details must be entered by the 11th March 2022.

The aim of these events is to allow as many young people as possible to compete. If you are unable to make up a full team or have any "spare" prospective competitors, then please enter your details at the "Swop Shop" on our website. This will be open from early January 2022.

6) Prepare for your Camp

"Pike View Hike" teams must camp on Saturday evening. For 2022, there is no requirement for teams to camp on Friday evening as in previous years; this change is to help minimise social interaction during the pandemic. At their own discretion, teams may separately arrange to camp on Friday evening with Bibby's Farm Scout Campsite & Activity Centre.

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PRE-EVENT START**7) Saturday Start Times**

Teams will be advised of their time to arrive on site in the weeks prior to the event; this will be either by email or post.

8) Competitor Safety Briefing; team leader from each team

As you know, we take safety very seriously, and we hope that these briefings will enhance your understanding of the safety precautions in place. For 2022, the briefing will not take place in person due to the pandemic. Instead the briefing will be held prior to the event and is likely to be held virtually or distributed electronically. Further details on the format of the briefing will be communicated nearer to the event start.

9) Adult Leaders Safety Briefing

Similar to the above, this is likely to be held virtually or distributed electronically. Further details on the format of the briefing will be communicated nearer to the event start.

EVENT DAY MINUS 1 -- FRIDAY

For 2022, there is no requirement for teams to camp on Friday evening. Teams may optionally arrange to camp on Friday evening with Bibby's Farm Scout Campsite & Activity Centre.

If arriving on Friday night:

10) Book in on Arrival

a. With Bibby's Farm Staff; who will allocate your campsite

b. *Friday optional* - With Event Organisers; who will check competitor details

Please let us know if you attend to arrive on Friday evening. Details of Saturday opening times for the Event Check In Desk will be communicated nearer to the event start; however we may be able to check you in on Friday if you advise in advance, please. At check in, you will need to bring along a copy of your signed Team Sheet form. Please also confirm the numbers camping on Saturday night.

If the Check In Desk is not available on Friday evening then please report to the Check In Desk on Saturday morning prior to starting the event.

At check in, each Team will be given an Emergency Envelope that provides details of who to contact in an emergency during the event. This must be obtained from the Event Check In Desk prior to attending your first event activity (either Route Plotting or Kit Check Inspection).

11) Setup Camp on allocated site

Please let us know if you wish to camp alongside other groups that have entered the event; we will do our best to accommodate.

12) Lights Out -- MIDNIGHT

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EVENT DAY -- SATURDAY

For arrival on Saturday:

- **Teams will be advised of their time to arrive on site in the weeks prior to the event; this will be either by email or post**
- **Timings for Event Check In, Route Plotting and Kit Check Inspection are subject to change**
- **The above may be scheduled to start as early as 7 am**
- **Please arrive in time to park and book in upon arrival, prior to going to either Route Plotting or Kit Checking**

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- c. **With Bibby's Farm Staff; who will allocate your campsite**
- d. **With Event Organisers; who will check competitor details**

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14) Kit Check Inspection Opens at:

- a) **07:00 approximately -- Pike View Hike**

Every team has its kit checked over by Bolton Mountain Rescue Team; missing critical items (see rules) will mean that teams will not be allowed to take part.

15) Route Plotting Opens at:

- a) **07:00 approximately -- Pike View Hike**

Teams plot a preset route (unassisted) which is issued in the same format as a Scout Association Route Card. (Fact sheet FS120409).

16) Report to the Start/Finish Desk

The Start/Finish Desk Staff will check that your Emergency Envelope has been signed off before you start the walk.

17) Enjoy the day; GOOD LUCK!**18) Setup Camp on allocated site**

Please let us know if you wish to camp alongside other groups that have entered the event; we will do our best to accommodate. Teams are free to setup their camp as time allows on the day; however please report to the Event Check In Desk, Kit Check Inspection Area and Route Plotting Area at your allocated times. Team points may be deducted for lateness.

19) Lights Out -- MIDNIGHT

PRESENTATION DAY -- SUNDAY

20) Scout Own & Presentation starts at 09:30

21) Event Closes from 11:00

For further details, visit our website at www.pikeviewhike.co.uk, or contact me via email or on the telephone number below.

Yours in Scouting

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