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Junior / Primary Schools



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We have now been established for 2 years running a variety of different family and group activities based around the River Mersey at Heaton Mersey, Stockport. In March 2011 we gained our Adventure Activity License and we are now starting to engage with young people from a variety of backgrounds from small Special Needs provision to large group activity days. We can work with small focus groups or larger groups of up to 30 at a time on the water.

The vision when setting up the company was the concept of a JOURNEY and this still remains the key aim, whether a half day, whole day or a mini expedition over a series of days, we can alternatively provide sessions based on one location such as the Rugby Club where we are based or certain other local venues.

We are very flexible in what we can provide; all leaders are firstly fully qualified to lead the sessions but secondly are all used to working with young people from a diverse set of backgrounds, coming from a background themselves of teaching / residential work and outdoor education provision.

In conjunction with Burnage Rugby Club we can make use of their outstanding facilities to have a mixture of land based and water based activities.

Prices (valid Sept. 2011 - Aug 2012)

½ day session £8 per student based on a class of 30

1 day session £14 per student based on a class of 30

2 day mid-week overnight trips from £50 per student including all food and camping in a small private location in rural Cheshire (based on a class of 30)

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The Journey

We will have 6 children + 1 adult in each raft and then paddle on down the River Mersey..... using rafted canoes we provide a stable boat so that there is no risk of capsizing thus allowing us to offer trips well into the Autumn term and from early spring and on into the summer.....with our pack lunches carefully stowed away we will be out for the whole day on our way to complete a journey of between 5 and 9 miles from Burnage Rugby Club in Heaton Mersey down to Chorlton or Sale (other starting and finishing points can be arranged).

Locations

We are based at Burnage Rugby Club in Heaton Mersey, Stockport and can run fixed sessions there. We will also run trips from there down the River Mersey, we can also run fixed sessions at Northenden / Chorlton (by Jackson's Boat Pub) and in Sale by Trafford Metrovik Rugby Club. The Bridgewater Canal next year will also be possible for fixed sessions and journeys.

What else can you do?

IT IS PLANNED NEXT YEAR WE WILL BE ABLE TO OFFER.....

- ✚ STAFF PADDLE....either for a social or even as part of a training day / staff meeting
- ✚ REWARDS....one school is bringing a small group of children from Y1 – Y6 as part of their reward scheme in school
- ✚ AFTER SCHOOL SESSIONS.....set up some after school sessions either for a block of weeks or as a one off.
- ✚ CURRICULUM AREAS....with experience in the Primary curriculum we will be able to provide across many areas.... from the obvious river study and studying the natural habitat to maybe a creative art/literacy day. We could even create a Viking Long Ship and launch a raiding party down the river.
- ✚ FOREST SCHOOL – we are working closely with colleagues from the Forest School initiative and can spend the day with them foraging through the local woods adjacent to the river.
- ✚ MULTI ACTIVITY DAYSin the spring by introducing archery and mountain bikes and making use of local fixed orienteering courses.....all at affordable prices in the local South Manchester area.....
- ✚ SPONSORED EVENT.....if up for a challenge the pupils could undertake the 9 miles from Heaton Mersey to Sale....maybe for school funds or even to part fund the trip (all we encourage is for is 10% of fund raising to be split between RNLI/Wateraid)
- ✚ OLYMPICSOh yes....and then there is the Olympics.....and canoeing is an Olympic Sport!!