

DoE Residential Placements



About Us:

PACCAR Scout Camp Chalfont Heights is a camp site owned and operated by Greater London Middlesex West Scouts. Located to the west of London just outside the M25 it consists of more than 60 acres of field and woodlands. The site has been established for more than 75 years and welcomes thousands of young people every year to experience the activities and open spaces it has to offer. The site is managed and staffed entirely with volunteers (we have more than 100!) most of whom are drawn from the local area and give one weekend a month and a week in the summer, some give much more.

About You:

You must be prepared to work hard and to become a part of a team. We have a large number of local volunteers who run the site at weekends (when we are busiest) but also have a team of International Volunteers mostly from South America and Australia who come to volunteer on their Gap Year. Meals and general "down time" will be amongst these teams of people who, just like you, are all volunteers.

The Opportunity

Paccar Scout Camp offers young people working towards the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award the opportunity to complete the Residential Section at the Camp Site. You will spend a minimum of 4 nights & 5 days assisting in a range of roles. You will not have visited the site before and you will be working with other volunteers you will not previously have met.

Our Visitors

We mostly welcome Scout & Guides to Paccar but other Youth Organisations come too, and in the Summer Term many schools come here for their School Residential Trips. The site is always busy and there is always lots to do.

The Role:

We are looking for volunteers to undertake either a one or two week placement at the camp site during which time you will help with the running of activities and help with general maintenance. This will involve cleaning and tidying, as well as preparing activities and the sites facilities ready for visitors.

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Whats in it for you:

First and foremost we hope you'll get a kick out of seeing the young people that use the site enjoy themselves. Your heart will soar and your smile broaden as the unconfident child conquers their fears and makes it to the top of the climbing wall or the Scout struggling with her bow hits a bullseye on the archery range in your sessions. Volunteering at Paccar is the very essence of the aims of the DoE Award Scheme

What does it cost:

Nothing: In addition you get your accommodation and all meals provided. Our volunteers pay for nothing.

Where will you be staying:

We have clean & modern dormitory style indoor accommodation. All the rooms are fully segregated, Male/Female & Over 18/Under 18. We have strict segregation rules which will be explained to you in detail once your placement is confirmed.

You will be using our crew kitchen and lounge area as recreational space, chances are you will be involved in cooking your own meals. Don't panic if you can't cook, there will be loads of other volunteers there with you.

What should you bring:

All you need to bring is your bedding. It can be sleeping bag or sheet and quilt, whichever you prefer. Wear clothing appropriate to the weather conditions at the time, bear in mind you are coming to an outdoor centre. Wear good solid footwear, trainer / hiking style boots are OK.

What do you need to do:

Complete the Application form and Adult Information Form (even if you will be under 18 when you come). Once we have the forms we will process your application and discuss available dates.

If you will be over 18 you will need to complete the DBS process as you will be working with young children. If you will be under 18 we will need to have Parental Permission forms completed.

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