



Venturer Camp 2026

Code of Conduct

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1. Consent

1.1. In Woodcraft Folk and at Venturer Camp, everyone has the right to feel welcome, feel comfortable and to feel safe.

1.2. Everyone on site is expected to be friendly and to respect each other's boundaries.

1.3. It is necessary to be aware that not everyone has the same boundaries as you, and to be sensitive and respectful to other people.

1.4. Before sharing any intimate acts with another person (for example: hugs; sexual acts; or holding hands), you must have explicit consent.

1.5. Consent means positive affirmation.

1.6. Consent is necessary for each and every act.

1.6.1. "No" means no.

1.6.2. Only "yes" means yes.

1.6.3. The affirmation must be explicit and non-coercive.

1.6.4. "Maybe", "not yet", "I'm not sure" do not count as giving consent.

1.6.5. You must accept "no" either verbally or through body language as an answer without questioning the person's reasons.

1.7. Threatening and/or coaxing people into saying "yes" does not count as getting Consent.

1.8. A person can change their mind and withdraw consent at any time, this must be Respected.

1.9. If someone is intoxicated, they cannot consent.

1.9.1. If you are under the influence of intoxicating substances, you must still get Consent.

1.9.2. You will be held equally responsible for your actions whether you are sober or otherwise.

1.10. Contraceptive products will be available for anyone of any age along with advice around safe sex practices.

1.11. We encourage attendees to look out for each other.

1.11.1. Don't be afraid to check in with someone and clarify if they are alright.

1.11.2. If you are concerned about someone then contact: your group leader; any adult you trust; a steward; village coordinator or member of the coordinating team.

1.12. If you are concerned or upset by someone's behaviour, including breaking consent or disregarding personal boundaries, the Venturer Camp Safeguarding Team will take your concerns seriously and address them promptly.

1.13. Any behaviour that breaks consent will be dealt with according to the Woodcraft Folk Safeguarding Policy, Woodcraft Folk Complaints Policy and Woodcraft Folk Grievances Policy.

2. Respect

2.1. Respect for each other

2.1.1. Woodcraft Folk aims to create a safe and inclusive space for all.

2.1.2. Discrimination of anyone will not be tolerated.

2.1.3. Everyone is to be viewed as equal and differences between us are to be respected.

2.2. Respect other people's privacy & personal property

2.2.1. Do not share photos/ videos of participants without their explicit permission.

2.2.2. We will have camp photographers who will be documenting the camp officially.

2.2.3. If you are unhappy with being photographed, please speak to the on-shift coordinator at the earliest opportunity.

2.2.4. Do not enter other people's personal space (ie their sleeping tent) without their consent.

2.3. Respect the site

2.3.1. Leave the site as you find it, if not in a better condition.

2.3.2. Use the designated red waste and recycling bins for your village's waste

2.3.3. Do not damage the facilities on site, this includes, but is not limited to:

2.3.3.1. permanent buildings

2.3.3.2. temporary structures

2.3.3.3. equipment borrowed from districts

2.3.4. If you notice any broken or damaged equipment report it to your Group leader or site services

2.3.5. Any equipment taken to the site for camp will need to be removed from the site at the end of camp regardless of if it is broken or not.

2.4. Respect for others

2.4.1. Everyone on site should show respect and consideration for other participants, volunteers (including stewards) and Woodcraft Folk staff

2.4.2. Everyone on site should show respect to organised visitors on site

2.4.3. Everyone on site should show respect to members of the public who are using the footpath which crosses through the site. This means do not heckle them, cause distress to them or attempt to block their path.

2.5. Respect for other Village's space

2.5.1. When travelling through the site, do not cross through other village's space. Use the footpath which runs along the length of the site

2.5.2. When entering & exiting villages (either your own or another person's), do so at their "gate" or through a large clearing in tents. Do not force your way through small gaps between tents where guy ropes are positioned.

3. Intoxicating Substances (Drugs & Alcohol)

6.1. Venturer Camp 2023 takes place within the UK under UK law. Anyone on site is expected to comply with UK legislation.

6.2. Safety is the most important thing, look after yourself and each other.

6.2.1. If you are concerned about someone then contact: your group leader; any adult you trust; a steward; village coordinator or member of the coordinating Team.

6.2.2. If anyone is found drunk or intoxicated due to drug or alcohol consumption then the primary concern will be for their health. They should be escorted back to the village and handed over to a leader who should take care of the individual. Where this is not possible, the Head Steward should be informed and they or a MEST-UP representative will provide support until the person is in a fit state to return to their bed or take further medical action as required.

6.3. Intoxication is not an excuse for bad behaviour

6.3.1. Adults should be aware of the fact that they may be sent home from the event if they behave in a drunk and disorderly manner.

6.4. Alcohol can only be consumed by those aged 18 or over.

6.4.1. Under-18s found with alcohol will have it confiscated.

6.4.2. No alcohol is to be consumed in the central area.

6.4.3. Alcohol under 15% ABV may be consumed by adults in villages, if the village decides to permit it.

6.4.4. If adult volunteers choose to consume alcohol, villages must ensure that there are sufficient leaders sober, to respond in an emergency. One of these should ideally be able to drive and have a vehicle on site.

6.4.5. If a person aged 18 or over is found to be supplying under 18s with alcohol, they should be immediately reported to the on shift coordinator.

6.4.6. Alcohol may be consumed, if the village deems appropriate, from the end of the news. However, villages should consider that adults must model a good relationship with alcohol and being at Venturer Camp is not an excuse to drink excessively.

6.5. Smoking and vaping is only allowed in the designated smoking areas.

6.5.1. The ends of used cigarettes should be extinguished then disposed of

properly in the correct bin. This will be made clear in the smoking areas.

6.5.2. E-Cigarettes should be disposed of using the correct bin.

6.5.3. Adults must not supply those aged under 18 with cigarettes or e-cigarettes.

6.6. Substances which are illegal outside of Venturer Camp will remain illegal at Venturer Camp. Psychoactive substances are also not permitted at Venturer Camp.

6.6.1. If anyone is found to be in possession of, using, or supplying illegal or psychoactive substances, this should be escalated to the On-Shift Coordinator and On-Shift Safeguarding Lead.

4. Breaches of these Guidelines

7.1. If you have any problems on camp or feel that any of these guidelines have been breached by participants or volunteers, you should speak to your leader/ village coordinator/ member of the Coordination Team/ a trusted volunteer on site/MEST-UP representative.

7.2. Anyone you speak to should escalate concerns to the Safeguarding & Grievances Panel/ On-Shift Coordinator and on-shift Safeguarding Lead as deemed Appropriate.

7.3. Breaching these guidelines may result in consequences. These may be, but not limited to:

- 7.3.1. Verbal Warning
- 7.3.2. Talking to leaders
- 7.3.3. Talking to parents off-site
- 7.3.4. Removal from the site
- 7.3.5. Contacting the police

7.4. Decisions taken by the on-shift coordinator in conjunction with the Safeguarding & Grievances Panel are final.

7.4.1. Individuals have the right to appeal using the standard Woodcraft Folk procedures, after camp is complete.

7.5. The coordination team will keep a log of every incident referred to them, along with the action taken.