

La Fontaine Community Camping Weekend – Advice..

For anyone getting organised, and who hasn't camped before, here is a list of items we feel make for a comfortable camping experience..

- Tent, sleep bedding
- Chair (very useful for the evening)/picnic rug
- Warm clothes for the evening, breathable layers are best
- A waterproof mac (hopefully not needed)
- waterproof shoes or a change of shoes
- Plate/bowl/cup/utensils
- Frying pan or saucepan if you intend to cook on the communal fires.
- Charcoal if you want to bbq (wood is free)
- Washing up liquid, bowl or tub, washing sponge
- Towel for a shower
- A spare bucket (kids weeing in the night!)
- Torch/es
- Insect repellent
- Earplugs? (the birds wake up early!)
- Plenty of food, snacks, drinks
- Water bottles! (to refill from the stand-pipes)
- Suncream and a hat (if it's a scorcher)
- If you want to keep your phone charged, bring a power-bar or solar charger. There won't be spare power points, not for all of us certainly.
- More marshmallows...

Top tip: If you are bringing food in a cool bag or box, perhaps freeze breakfast items, pre-cooked meals, along with bottles of water or juice, to serve as extra ice packs and keep everything fresh. Fresh milk never lasts longer than a day from experience, long-life is useful. Keep butter in a clip container, to stop it melting over everything (very frustrating).

Please don't bring wine glasses, or other glass drinking vessels, but bottles of wine are fine!

What is available for all:

- Basic First aid kit
- Hand soap
- Milk (for tea/coffee, and priority for the kids cereals etc)
- Tea/coffee/hot chocolate
- Marshmallows for the children
- Cleaning products for the shared facilities, for use by all (we have to leave the site and facilities clean and tidy when we leave)