

Camping Club Youth  
**Year Book 2014**

It's all  
about  
Youth!



South Yorkshire DA - Gavin Whitaker

*Best years of your life, friends for life...*

*You will never regret joining.*



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# *If you are a new member, welcome to Camping Club Youth!*

This booklet will tell you all you need to know about Camping Club Youth and how to make the most of your membership.

If you are already a member, you will find information about any changes to Regional and Section Youth Leaders, as well as details of Youth events happening this year.

Camping Club Youth membership is completely **free** from the age of 12 until you reach 18. Free membership continues until you're 21 if you pass your National Youth Test by your 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.



# Before you pass the National Youth Test

Details of the National Youth Test can be found on page 6. Before you pass this Test, as a Camping Club Youth member you are entitled to:

## 1 Information

You will receive a copy of this booklet each year to keep you up to date with your Regional and Section Youth Officers, changes to Club Rules and information about Youth rallies and events across the UK and worldwide. Once you start working towards your National Youth Test, your Youth Leader will give you a Training Pack, which will contain a copy of **Fundamentals of Good Camping**, telling you all you need to know about being a great camper and how to pass your Test. The pack also contains the **Map Reading Made Easy Peasy** guide and the **Pocket FAST Guide to First Aid**.

## 2 Attend Youth Activities and Rallies

You will have the chance to enjoy the many Camping Club Youth activities arranged each weekend in the season by Youth Groups and some Special Interest Sections of the Club.

You could also join the Youth parties going to Regional and National Youth Rallies.

To find out where and when these events take place, just look up the Region covering your home address and note the name of your Regional Youth Liaison Officer. Drop them a line – they would like to hear from you and will be pleased to put you in contact with your nearest active Youth group.

## 3 Use Camping and Caravanning Club Sites

Camp alone on Camping and Caravanning Club Sites as long as you are aged 16 or over.

If you are under 16, you can only camp on Club Sites with your Region, District Association or Section while in the charge of a Youth Leader, your parents or guardian, or another adult who has been authorised in writing by your parents or guardian to supervise you.



# The National Youth Test

The National Youth Test is designed to make sure that young people can camp efficiently and safely when alone. There are both practical and oral examinations to make sure that you fulfil the Test requirements.

The Test is based on the information contained in **Fundamentals of Good Camping**, a copy of which will be given to you by your Youth Leader once you start working towards your Test. The age limits for taking this Test are 12 to 17 years inclusive.

## **Preparation**

Before taking the Test, you are required to camp for six nights under the supervision of a Youth Leader. Normally this involves six weekends, during which period the Youth Leader will be there to give you any help you need.

## **Arrival for the Test**

You will be expected to arrive at the site carrying your kit, suitably packed and containing everything you need for your weekend camping. You must be completely self-supporting for the Test weekend. You should be in possession of a current membership card, which must be handed to your Tester on arrival. The Tester will indicate the area where you will pitch for the weekend.

## **The Test**

To pass the Test you must complete the following elements:

**Kit Packing** – give a practical

demonstration of packing the kit and answer questions on the method of packing.

**Stoves and Fires** – candidates will be expected to use their normal stove for cooking during the weekend, but must have knowledge of both liquefied petroleum gas and paraffin pressure stoves.

**Map Reading** – demonstrate an ability to find your way by using a compass and a map, read a map reference correctly and know what information about the terrain may be obtained from the map.

**First Aid** – a small first aid kit should always be carried. While candidates are not expected to have medical training, they should be able to cope with the types of accident most likely to arise while camping.

**The Code for Campers** – candidates should know and work to this Code.

**Rubbish Disposal** – know what to do if there is no disposal point on site.

**Sanitation and Grease Pit** – demonstrate the procedure if facilities are not provided on site.

**Cooking** – candidates will provide the Tester with a menu arranged for the weekend and will keep to this programme. One meal must consist of freshly cooked meat (or vegetarian alternative) and vegetables, and the menu should provide a balanced diet.

**Choice of Pitch** – attention to type of ground, wind direction, etc.

**Erection of Tent** – put up the tent you usually use and know how to pitch other types of lightweight tent.

# When you pass the National Youth Test

You will be given a free Test Pennon and Certificate. Your membership card will be endorsed 'Youth Test Passed', which will mean five extra benefits for you:

## 1 Membership

Remain a CCY member with free membership until you reach the age of 21.

From the age of 21 to 30 you can also enjoy a reduced membership subscription as a Senior Youth member.

## 2 Your Big Sites Book

You can purchase Your Big Sites Book for just £1. This book is the UK's largest directory for campsites, with almost 2800 sites in Britain and Ireland, giving you a huge choice of sites to visit.

## 3 Camping Card International

You can purchase the 'Camper's Passport', which costs £5.50. This will give you proof of identity on campsites and will also give you Third Party liability insurance cover for any accidental damage you may cause at the campsite (visit [www.myccc.co.uk/cci](http://www.myccc.co.uk/cci) for more information).

## 4 International Rallies

Attend the annual International Youth Rally arranged by the Fédération Internationale de Camping et de Caravanning (FICC). This takes place around the world and is a great opportunity to meet Youth members from other countries and explore new places.

## 5 Club Sites

You can camp on any of our Club Sites unsupervised from the age of 14. You can also camp at child rates until your 21st birthday.



# Camping as a Youth Member

When you joined Camping Club Youth you gave a signed undertaking that you agree:

**To be bound by the rules and regulations of The Camping and Caravanning Club, to observe its Code for Campers and to practise the standards of camping as laid down by the Club.**

Listed opposite are some of the rules and regulations that are a general guide to required behaviour when camping with the Youth Section.

These rules don't cover everything; you should read the Code for Campers and Common Sense Rules when staying at a Meet, which are in Your Big Sites Book. If your parents are not members, your Youth Leader will be able to give you a copy to read.

These rules are not there to stop you enjoying yourself, but to make sure that everyone can enjoy their camping experience, as well as ensuring that campers continue to be welcomed in the countryside.



- 1** You must report to your Youth Leader, Camp Steward or the Holiday Site Manager on arrival.
- 2** You should show respect to the land owner's property – trees, fences, farm buildings, equipment and stock.
- 3** It is forbidden to fly kites or model aircraft and to use catapults, air-guns, fire-arms, bows and arrows, etc, on site. Ball games are permitted only with permission of the Camp Steward in an open space well away from the units.
- 4** Noise should be kept to a minimum from radios, television and other sources, e.g. generators, and there should be no noise whatsoever between 11pm and 7am.
- 5** Never leave litter anywhere. If bins are not provided, take your litter home with you. Never leave loose items outside your tent.
- 6** Each pitch should be left clear of rubbish at the end of the Meet. Please check carefully before leaving that no litter has been left behind.
- 7** All vehicles to be restricted to 5 mph on the Meet Field, learner drivers are not allowed. At night, vehicles must be parked at right angles to any slope.
- 8** Open fires are not, in general, allowed - except with the permission of the Camp Steward, in a place agreed with them.



- 9** Trespassing on land or water next to the site is forbidden.
- 10** You cannot camp on any Club Site if you are suffering from an infectious disease.
- 11** With the exception of Youth Members aged 14 – 16 who have passed the National Youth Test, all Youth under the age of 16 can only camp on Club operated sites with your Region, District Association or Section while in the charge of a Youth Leader, your parents or guardian, or a Club member who has been authorised by your parents or guardian to supervise you.
- 12** Youth members cannot camp with their children at Youth Meets or in the Youth Area of other Meets.
- 13** Youth members of the opposite sex, or those openly in a same-sex relationship, cannot share tents.
- 14** Youth members cannot invite non-members to camp at Club Meets.
- 15** The Club recommends that each camping unit should have a First Aid Kit.
- 16** The Club will accept no liability of any sort whatsoever for the person, or property of any person.

# Guidelines for good camping



- ▲ Give due courtesy and the proper fee to the site owner
- ▲ If you open any gates, shut them behind you to prevent animals straying
- ▲ Do not create unnecessary noise which could offend people, or noise late at night
- ▲ Don't do anything to annoy local residents or visitors
- ▲ Enjoy your camping – but remember those camping on the same pitch after you
- ▲ Ask permission before you pitch your tent, light a fire or dig a hole
- ▲ Make proper sanitary arrangements and keep them clean
- ▲ Put all rubbish in the proper places, not in hedges or ditches
- ▲ Improve the site by cleaning it up, don't spoil it by littering
- ▲ The only things you should leave behind are a good impression and your thanks
- ▲ Then you can go on your way with a clear conscience

# Youth Rallies

## **FICC International Youth Rallies**

As a Camping Club Youth member, you have the opportunity to travel abroad and meet Youth members from other countries.

Each year, you have the chance to take part in the FICC International Youth Rally. These events take place all over the world and are intended to help campers aged between 14 and 30 to meet old, and make new, friends.

The event usually involves a mixture of cultural, tourist and sporting activities, as well as discos and a traditional opening ceremony.

This year's rally takes place in Lagoa De Santo Andre, Portugal, between 17th-21st April 2014. It's a great opportunity to visit Portugal to meet and make new friends from around the world. Take part in the sightseeing tour, orienteering races, sports competition and discos. For more information about attending please contact your Regional Youth Liaison Officer.

Please note: you must be at least 14 years of age and have passed your Youth Test to go to FICC International Youth Rallies.

## **Regional Youth Rallies**

As well as meeting people around the UK and the World, your CCY membership will bring with it friends much closer to home. In your area there are other Camping Club Youth members already, who are taking advantage of the many local Meets taking place. So why not join them?

Normally, Youth Leaders will host Youth Meets during the year with training and various activities available. If a Youth Area is available at a Meet, you will be able to set up your tent, away from your parents, in an area dedicated to the Youth Section. In this area, your Youth Leaders will give their time to set in place some activities for you, whilst not being too intrusive.

They will provide training to help you to develop the skills which will help towards taking your National Youth Test which, once passed, allows you to camp unsupervised on Club Sites from the age of 14.

At many of our Youth events, there is the chance to take part in games and sports, making your Region a contender for the Austin Trophy.

For more information, please contact your Regional Youth Liaison Officer or look in the Out & About pages of Camping & Caravanning magazine.

# National Youth Rally



A great annual event is our National Youth Rally. Hosted by a different Region each year, this weekend gives you the chance to meet up with old friends or to test your skills against Youth members from other Regions. There are lots of activities, including a chance to win the coveted **Austin Trophy**.

The Austin Trophy is won through a series of events, some of which are sporting, some of which are just fun related. Competitions include kit packing and primus stove lighting! The Austin Trophy will be awarded to the winning Region at the end of all the games.

This year, the National Youth Rally will be held from 4–6 July, and is being hosted by the Chiltern Region, at Home Farm, Cardington, nr Bedford, MK44 3SN. The theme will be The Wild West, so grab your cowboy boots or moccasins and join us.

Whether you enjoy sports or just want to have some fun meeting new people, this weekend will give you the opportunity to have a great time with new found friends. Everything you need for a great weekend is on-site – just bring your tent and your sense of adventure!

For more information about attending, please contact your Regional Youth Liaison Officer or go to [www.nationalyouthrally.co.uk](http://www.nationalyouthrally.co.uk).

# National Feast of Lanterns (NFOL)

The NFOL is another great opportunity to camp out with friends at a national event. NFOL is the largest annual camping and caravanning rally and is hosted this year by the North Central Region. The theme will be "Annual Events", such as Christmas, the Grand National, Easter, Wimbledon. The choice is yours - so let your imagination run riot!

The Youth area will be the hub for fun, with loads of activities, including a disco. There'll also be additional facilities especially for the use of CCY

members. Keep an eye on [www.nfol.co.uk](http://www.nfol.co.uk) for more details as events and activities will be confirmed nearer the time.

Don't forget all the traditional NFOL events that will also be going on – like the Mardi Gras and "light night" – so visit the website regularly to keep up to date with all the info.

The event takes place at Anglesey Agricultural Showground on 28 August-1 September 2014. To find out more about attending, please speak to your Regional Youth Liaison Officer.



# National Youth Committee

The National Youth Committee looks after all aspects of Camping Club Youth including guidelines and support for your Youth Leaders, the National Youth Test, our National Youth Rally and CCY members' attending at the FICC Youth Rally.



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# Find and Book a Site

## Finding a Site

The easiest way to access all of our Club and Certificated Sites is to visit [www.myccc.co.uk/bookasite](http://www.myccc.co.uk/bookasite).

The website search facility allows you to find sites in the area where you want to camp. You'll find information about certain facilities or even information about local activities such as fishing, golfing and swimming.

If you have passed your Youth Test, you can buy a copy of Your Big Sites Book, a comprehensive guide to not only Club and Certificated Sites, but also to numerous commercial sites across the UK, for £1.00.

## Booking the Site

Once you have chosen the site you would like to stay on, you can book through our Membership Department on **0845 130 7633** or **024 7647 5426** or by calling the site directly.

You will need to have your CCY membership number to hand, together with a credit or debit card for the deposit. If the credit/debit card is not in your name, the cardholder will need to be present to give their card details and authorisation.

You can also download the Club's **SiteSeeker app** for a handy guide to all our sites – available for iPhone and Android phones. To find out more, visit [www.myccc.co.uk/app](http://www.myccc.co.uk/app).



# Youth Regalia



Our exciting range of Youth Regalia includes items such as a water bottle and a torch key ring to help you with your camping, or a phone charm or ripper wallet for your essentials.

To view the full range and buy online, please visit  
[www.membersmarketplace.co.uk](http://www.membersmarketplace.co.uk)

## Club Gift Vouchers

Gift Vouchers are available in denominations of £5 or £10.

## Prices

Water Bottle	£4.00
Phone Charm	£2.00
Torch Key Ring	£3.00
City Bag	£7.00
Glow Stick	£1.00

## Pennons

Club Youth Pennon	£3.25
Club Hanging Pennon	£4.50
Club Flying Pennon	£4.50
Club International Pennon	£4.50

Please note, prices exclude postage and packaging.

**Jessica Flanagan, Leeds DA**

*It is about developing lifelong friendships and together creating lasting memories that will stay with us forever.*

**Chloe Streatfield, Leeds DA**

*Good times with great people*

**Gemma Boyes, North Warwickshire DA**

*CCY is great to make heaps of new friends and without them I don't know what I would do!*



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