

Stick Man Day

Learning Outdoors at Beaumanor Hall:
Whatever the Weather!!
Suitable for 3-5 year olds,
for up to 60 children per day.

Meet & Greet

The instructor for the day will meet your group at the coach parking bay and escort you directly to your base room.

Introduction

The day will begin with an introduction which will promote a sense of adventure and set the scene for the rest of the day. Practitioners will need to have sorted the children into four groups prior to arrival, as there are four stations that they will visit during the day.

Group Leaders Walk-around

While the children are having their introduction, the instructor will take any additional adults on a tour around the grounds to familiarise them with the site and activity stations if required.

Activities

Generally the time constraints allow for 2 of the activities to be completed before lunch in rotation followed by the remaining two after lunch, but the exact structure is very much dependent on group size and timings.

Activity 1: The Journey Stick

Area of Learning:

Communication and Language

The Activity:

Choose a strong stick and attach a piece of string to one end.

Whilst walking in the woods the children pick up interesting natural items for an adult to attach to the stick, so creating a "Journey Stick".

Look for signs of wildlife whilst identifying 6 tree faces.

End the walk by gathering all the children to talk about everything they've seen and collected on their Journey.

Activity 2: Obstacle Course

Area of Learning:

Physical Development, Communication and Language

The Activity:

Adults and children choose a stick from the pile to represent their Stick Man. Using the stick to balance a quoit, adults lead a 'follow the leader' type trail in and out of the trees, over and under obstacles along the way. Children then complete the same activity in pairs, taking turns to be leader and alternating challenges like walking backward, finding different routes etc.

Activity 3:

Stick Man Family Tree

Area of Learning: Physical Development, Personal, Social and Emotional Development, Expressive Arts and Design

The Activity:

Children work in small groups, selecting from a variety of resources to build, decorate and role-play with the Stick Man Family tree. Identify natural resources, shapes and textures to decorate the area.

Activity 4:

The Stick Man's Adventure

Area of Learning: Physical Development, Expressive Art & Design

The Activity:

Sand Pit

Children use sticks in the sand pit area to build a den for Stick Man or draw Stick Man images.

The Stick Man Bow

Children put together a stick and string bow kit and launch Stick Man, one at a time, seeing who can send him the furthest.

Important points to consider before you visit:

- **A preliminary visit for you to familiarise yourself with the activities and environment is a pre-requisite of booking.**
- Please organise your children into groups before you arrive. There are four stations, so children need to be in four groups of no more than 15 children in each group.
- There will need to be at least two adults per group – one of whom will be a qualified practitioner. The usual ratio of adults to children applies, but you may choose to increase this for the visit. An Outdoor Learning Co-ordinator will oversee all groups as they move around the activities.
- Each station will take approximately half an hour and appropriate equipment will be provided. Please ensure that it is left in good order and in the appropriate place for the next group.
- Try to bring a camera to record activities the children take part in and creations they make. This will be very valuable for extending and consolidating children's learning when you are back in your setting.
- Parents should be advised to send children in suitable clothing and appropriate footwear, as all activities are based outside all year round. Waterproof jackets and/or sunhats will be required. wellington boots can be worn or brought in a bag.

- A packed lunch plus a separate mid-morning snack will be required. School milk can be brought if appropriate. Extra drinks will be needed in hot weather.
- We will be using the story of “The Stick Man” by Julia Donaldson. It would be useful if you could read this to your children prior to the visit.

To arrange your preliminary visit, please ring the Bookings Officer on 01509 890119.

Preliminary visits are usually arranged for 4.15pm on specified dates at Beaumanor Hall. At least one leader must attend the preliminary visit. They will then be required to cascade the information to the other leaders on their return to school.

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More information

For more information or to book a visit please call **01509 890119** or email beaumanor.hall@leics.gov.uk

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