## **South East Counties Junior Bridge Camp 2021 Information Sheet**

The 2021 Junior Bridge Camp will be held on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at the same venue as 2019's successful event, <u>Bowles Rocks Activity Centre.</u> The programme will be the usual mixture of training, competition and fun, with the aim to play lots of bridge hands, though we may have to change the format and accommodation depending on the social distancing and sanitation rules in place at the time. As last time juniors will also have the chance to try one of Bowles' outdoor activities, all included in the price.

We welcome all standards of bridge players, and especially beginners and those a bit rusty because of the lockdowns. Parents and grandparents are, as always, welcome to accompany younger juniors and play bridge themselves.

**Date -** Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> (registration 10.00, start 10.30) & Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2021 (end 16.30).

Place - Bowles Centre, Sandhill Lane, Eridge Green, Tunbridge Wells TN3 9LW.

**Transport** – nearest stations are Eridge (5 minutes) or Tunbridge Wells (10 mins). We will meet selected trains by pre-arrangement.

**Cost -** training, food, accommodation and one activity included for juniors at a price of £75 (residential) or £40 (non-residential). For accompanying adults, everything except the activity at a price of £90 (residential) or £40 (non-residential). If there are spare spaces adults may be able to join some of the activities but this is not guaranteed.

**Registration -** available on the Sussex CBA website <a href="here">here</a> - look for Junior Bridge Camp 2021 on the menu on the left-hand side. Juniors, don't forget to put down your chosen activity! The final date for accepting registrations will be 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021 for catering reasons.

**Age range -** 8-21 years old for Juniors.

**Teaching** – mini-bridge and bridge using EBED Junior Awards Scheme. Beginners and those a bit 'rusty' because of the lockdown are particularly welcome. If there are sufficient 13-21 year olds who wish to learn bridge in a weekend, we will run an accelerated course for them.

**Competitions** – two levels, one specifically for novices over fewer boards and one for the more confident at standard club speed. And, of course, speedball for the keen on Saturday evening. Trophies for all competitions and cash prizes for the Sunday afternoon Priday Cup.

**Accommodation** – Bowles Centre in 2 and 3 bed en-suite rooms for adults and younger children, small dormitories with DBS cleared adult supervision for unaccompanied children. We may need to alter the arrangements depending on the distancing and sanitation rules in place when the event is held.

Food – lunch and dinner on the Saturday, breakfast and lunch on the Sunday, all home-cooked.

**Activities** – juniors will be able to choose one these activities under the supervision of Bowles Rocks staff for the Saturday afternoon sports break. Please see <a href="here">here</a> for details. Places on each activity are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Please state your first and second preferences in the comments box on the registration form.

Rock climbing (A) - on real rocks! Pool kayak (B) - in the swimming pool with a splash round afterwards. Archery and bushcraft (C) - how to shoot straight and survive in the open. Dry skiing (D) - on one of Bowles Rocks' two dry ski slopes.

**Directions -** From Tunbridge Wells - proceed along the A26 in the direction of Uckfield. Bowles Rocks is signposted on the left hand side about 3 miles after leaving Tunbridge Wells and about 0.5 mile beyond the sign to Eridge Station on the right hand side. The centre is about 0.5 miles along this lane on the right hand side. Please enter and park in the car park on the right.

- <u>From Uckfield</u> - proceed along the A22 and then A26 in the direction of Tunbridge Wells. Carry on through Crowborough and past a BP garage and the Boar's Head pub on the right hand side. Bowles Rocks is signposted on the right hand side about 1 mile further during the course of a long stretch of 3 lane downhill carriageway. If you reach the sign to Eridge Station, you have gone too far and need to turn round. Continue as above.

## **Draft Programme (subject to confirmation)**

## Saturday 23rd October 2021

	Start	Finish
Registration	10.00	10.30
1st training session (break in middle)	10.30	12.30
Lunch & check-in to rooms	12.30	13.30
Sports break	13.30	16.30
2 <sup>nd</sup> training session	16.45	18.15
Supper	18.15	18.45
Saturday Pairs	18.45	21.30
Saturday Novice Pairs*	18.45	20.45
Speedball	21.45	23.00

<sup>\*</sup>This will be held over fewer boards, and adults will be available to step in if children need or wish to go to bed earlier than the finish time.

## Sunday 24th October 2021

	Start	Finish
Breakfast	08.30	09.15
Check-out of rooms	09.15	
3rd training session (break in middle)	09.30	12.15
Lunch	12.15	12.45
Priday Cup	13.00	15.45
Sunday Novice Pairs*	13.00	15.45
Prize giving finale	16.00	16.30

<sup>\*</sup>This will be held over fewer boards and adults will be available to step in if children become tired half way through.

If you are attending as an adult and able to help at the event, please let William Bourne know at <a href="mailto:reg@sccba.co.uk">reg@sccba.co.uk</a> or on 07876 350650.

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