



CAMP MOHAWK

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Camp Mohawk is a multi-functional day centre for children and young people (aged 0-19) with special needs. Set in beautiful countryside just outside Wargrave, the centre provides a range of activities, facilities and natural space that are especially suited to the requirements of families with children who have a variety of special needs.

Accessible throughout the year, Camp Mohawk offers support, advice and a means for member families to socialise, play, and learn in a secure, caring and non-judgemental environment.

Membership for families with children with special needs

Camp Mohawk operates a membership scheme. Individual families and support groups with a wide range of special needs use our facilities and we have many members who are families with children on the autistic spectrum. Our members mostly live locally in Berkshire or a neighbouring county.

The centre is keen to work in partnership with local residents and is increasing the number of open days where our facilities are open to members of the general public. Camp Mohawk is also opening its gates to local primary schools in the area so that children of all abilities can discover the magic of its woodland environment and take advantage of our facilities.

If you would like to become members, please contact Luke, Kate, Matt or Julie at Camp Mohawk (see details on front page).



The friendly management and support staff at Camp Mohawk.

Facilities and Activities

Camp Mohawk has both indoor and outdoor facilities and operates different activity streams throughout the year, depending upon the season and weather. We have a heated outdoor swimming pool, sensory garden and an extensive woodland area for play. Indoor facilities include a large 'soft play' room and ball-pit, sensory rooms for children (and parents!), an art space, computer games and catering facilities.



Kate, one of our summer-time helpers, working on the 'glow in the dark' under-water mural in our new Dark Sensory Room.

The summer holiday is our busiest time, when we are open to families and support groups for all ages and needs throughout the school break. Our swimming pool and 4 acres of woodland are especially popular at this time.

In term time, Camp Mohawk's facilities can be booked by schools and support groups. We also provide a wide range of other activities, including a term time youth group, a games club and structured activity workshops.

During half terms and other school holidays the camp runs "Outward Bound" courses for teenagers with High Functioning Autism and Asperger's Syndrome, including activities such as archery, bush craft and team games. We also liaise with external support groups and offer 'Activity Days' or 'Fun Days' tailored to their requirements.

Supporting Camp Mohawk - how can I help?

These are exciting times for Camp Mohawk: Most locals will recall that Camp Mohawk historically operated as a woodland campsite for an East London scouting group. We now have a very different purpose, focused on special needs in the local community and in the near future we plan to become fully independent from our historical London ties.

Make a donation: Camp Mohawk is a charity funded by donations from trusts, companies, individuals and grant making organisations. We also receive a small amount of funding from local authorities in recognition of the service we provide to the local community. Funding remains our biggest challenge and we are only able to maintain our level of service through the ongoing generosity of local people and the extraordinary level of commitment shown by our staff and volunteers.

Volunteer: Camp Mohawk regularly runs volunteer days where individuals work on-site to help maintain and improve our facilities. We are currently looking for individuals to provide practical help with general site maintenance and gardening, so if you are interested please do give us a call. You will enjoy being a part of our team, and be made most welcome.

We are able to work closely with companies seeking to run 'Corporate Social Responsibility' focused team working days.

Become a Friend of Camp Mohawk: Camp Mohawk has a steering committee run by local residents which promotes Camp Mohawk. They put on special fundraising events and run a support group called *Friends of Camp Mohawk*. If you would like to join this enthusiastic local team, please call Keith Douglas on 0791 343 9636, e-mail: Keith.289@live.co.uk

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