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Dear Parent/Carer,

Proposed Residential Visit to Robinwood Outdoor Centre, Alston **Mon 28th – Wed 30th January 2019**

It is with great pleasure that we can write to say that the Year 4 residential visit to Robinwood will take place in January 2019.

A little bit of information about the visit...

The children leave school on a Monday morning, spend three days taking part in outdoor education activity sessions (usually canoeing, climbing and archery, two nights sleeping at the Alston Centre before returning to school happy but thoroughly tired out on Wednesday afternoon! The centre is a beautiful Georgian manor house located in the stunning countryside north of Carlisle and is owned and managed by Robinwood Outdoors who have been providing outdoor experiences for many years. The learning is fun, exciting and at times challenging but always with safety as the first priority. If you decide that you would quite like your child to take part in the visit there will be an information evening in school where we can provide more information about Robinwood Outdoors, the activities, the food etc. However, for further information in the meantime we can direct you towards the Robinwood Outdoors website with exciting virtual tours of the house and to other parents with other children who have been in the past.

Information meetings for parents/carers

We are putting on 2 informal meetings to give you more information about Robinwood, these will be at 4.00pm and again at 6.00pm on Wednesday 18th April. There will be a short DVD and some photos from this year's recent visit. We can answer any questions you may have at these meetings.

How much will it cost?

The full and final cost is £135. This includes the accommodation, activities, food, transport and insurance. A payment scheme will be set up at the information evening to enable families to spread the cost out through the year. The final balance will be due at the beginning of December.

Sounds great so what do I do now?

If you are interested in this visit and would like your child to take part all you need to do is complete the attached slip and return it to Mrs Longcake, Year 4 (not the office please!) **before Friday 4th May**, together with a cheque for £10.00 (payable to Ghyllside School). This is a deposit to secure a place on the visit.

We are aware that this is a long time off and you already have trips scheduled in year 3 but Robinwood is a very popular centre and we need to book our numbers far in advance.



We also ask you to consider your children's independence skills e.g. getting dressed, making beds, packing suitcases etc. The children only have a very short amount of time (5 minutes!) to get changed and ready for the activities after instruction from the outdoor educational leaders. They must be capable of doing this quickly!

On Tuesday 8th May, we will look at the numbers and allocate places on the basis described above and inform the children of the allocation. So, that's about it for now. Although if you have any questions, please pop in and ask after school time. Finally, we would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your continued support in providing our children with valuable and exciting learning experiences at Ghyllside.

Many thanks,

Mrs Lindsey Longcake

Mr Huw Davies

Mrs Lisa Andrews

Mrs Pam Scarbro

Mrs Lindsey Gillett

Robinwood Residential 28th – 30th January 2019

I would like my child _____

in _____ class to participate in the Robinwood Residential.

I enclose cash/cheque (£10.00) deposit to secure a place.

_____ signature of parent/carer.

