



Camp 100 International Info Pack - English

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1 | Key Information

Camp 100 is taking place from 27 July to 06 August 2025, with the option to stay for the first 3 nights, the last 7 nights or the full 10 nights.

Camp 100 is will celebrate 100 years of Woodcraft Folk and get everyone excited for the next 100 years.

Everyone is welcome - we are working on making Camp 100 as inclusive and accessible as possible.

The central camp booking fee includes: site, food, water, gas, and fun. Groups may need to consider additional costs for travel and equipment.

All aspects of the camp are making efforts to decarbonise - from food and site services, to programme and more.

Camp in a Village with friends from your group, members of Woodcraft Folk and delegates from like-minded international groups.

Programme will alternate days between Village & Central Days, with many different types of activity on offer.

Building on all the successes and lessons learnt from Common Ground, our most recent international camp held in 2022.

Welcoming all volunteers to make Camp 100 the best that it can be.

2 | What...?

2.1 What is Camp 100?

In 2025, Woodcraft Folk is turning 100! This is important because it means Woodcraft Folk have been delivering cooperative activities around education for social change and spanning the world with friendship for a whole century, which is definitely something to celebrate. Camp 100 is part of Woodcraft Folk's birthday celebrations, taking place in the centenary year, and gives us the opportunity to celebrate with our international friends.

At Camp 100, we will look forward to the next 100 years of youth empowerment through Woodcraft Folk and IFM-SEI activities and the impact we can all have on the wider world. This will include thinking about how the world might change over the next 100 years and how we can play our part in making the world a better place for everyone.

Camp 100 will be an international camp. This means we will invite young people and their leaders from all Woodcraft Folk districts across the UK as well as like-minded organisations across the world to camp together, living cooperatively, taking part in workshops, making friends, and having lots of fun!

2.2 What will I be doing at Camp 100?

There will be lots to do at Camp 100! Into arts and crafts, science, or film? We'll have centres for those. Want to learn some new bushcraft skills? We've got you covered. Fancy singing songs around the campfire? Plenty of opportunities for that.

It'd take up too much room to list everything we've got planned for Camp 100, but check out the website using this link camp100.org.uk/programme or follow us on social media to hear more about our exciting plans.

2.3 What will it be like at camp?

You will camp in a village of around 100 people, which is made up of a few Woodcraft Folk districts (depending on their size) and usually at least one international group as well. Your village will belong to a town, a collection of about 5 villages. Members of a village will share a marquee where everyone eats together and a kitchen tent for all the cooking. You will do the cooking, washing up, and everything needed to keep the village running in groups made up of people of all ages from all the groups in the village. These mixed groups are called clans, and are a great way to get to know a range of people in your village.

Every night there will be Camp news (made during the day by young people on camp), which you will be invited to watch with your town. Every other day, the activities will happen in the village. On days when there is a central programme, many people will leave the village to go to workshops,

visit cafes, or watch acts on the main stage in the evening. There will be lots of opportunities to get to know other cultures, both of those in your village/town on village days, and of people all over camp in activities and performances in the central area on central days.

As touched on above, there will be two ‘types’ of day on camp - village days and central days. Days at camp will alternate between village days and central days.

On central days, the programme will take place in the central area. This will include activities run by centres like the trade union centre, arts and crafts tent, and bushcraft. It will also include activities at the main stage such as live music, storytelling, and even a 100th birthday party for Woodcraft. Programme on these days will continue into the evening.

On village days, all programme will take place within the villages/towns you’re camping with, which might involve games, craft activities, and much more. There will be an organised wide game run for each town on a village day. There will also be one library per town! Each library will have a friendly neighbourhood librarian to help coordinate and communicate the programme across the town.

Libraries will also offer a space to come relax and will have sports equipment, books, and art supplies available to use. Librarians will be able to support districts and international delegations who wish to plan evening programme for village days, such as a cultural evenings, ‘pub’ quizzes or Merry Moots.

2.4 What will Camp 100 cost?

The camp fee includes food, all the activities on site and the central infrastructure. Travel to camp is not included but a shuttle bus from a nearby station on the first and last days will be, and we can support you to organise your travel.

The cost of the camp depends on how many nights you choose to stay for. Below you can see the camp fee for people coming from different parts of the world, for different periods of camp.

Regions	Countries	Full camp (27th July - 6th August) price	7 days (30th July - 6th August) price	3 days (27th - 30th July) price
Western and Northern Europe, North America	Austria, Belgium, Catalonia, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Italy, Norway, Switzerland, UK, Canada	£265	£210	£120
Eastern Europe and some Middle East	Armenia, Belarus, Czech Republic, Georgia, Hungary, Lithuania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Turkey, Israel	£190	£150	£85
Africa, Asia, Latin America and some Middle East	Cameroon, Egypt, Ghana, Malawi, Mali, Senegal, Western Sahara, Zimbabwe, Bhutan, India, Indonesia, Nepal, Bolivia, Chile, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Palestine	£130	£100	£55

Table 2.1: Cost of Camp

2.5 What financial support is there for international groups?

We have a small pot of money which we call the 'solidarity fund' - this money will be used to support international groups from outside of Europe to attend Camp 100. We will also aim to pair all international groups with a Woodcraft group who can offer support with fundraising and/or support with visas, travel etc to help international groups prepare for camp.

Additionally, as you can see above, the camp fee is lower for those coming further/from parts of the world with fewer resources to reflect the extra expense it will take for certain groups to attend camp. If your group cannot attend Camp 100 without financial support please get in touch to info@camp100.org.uk as soon as possible so that we can work out if/how we can support you.

2.6 What will I eat on camp?

Three meals a day are included in the camp fee and they will be cooked by all the campers, in small teams called clans on a rota basis. This is a part of the whole experience, that everyone is a volunteer and a participant.

The menu has been designed to offer everyone a filling, warm meal including young children, and campers with a range of dietary needs and preferences, including those with vegan, vegetarian, halal, gluten-free and dairy-free diets. All special diets will be catered for and your group will be offered support to ensure everyone has an enjoyable food experience. If you have allergies or a restricted diet beyond the diets listed above, get in touch with the special diets team by emailing food@camp100.org.uk and they will help plan how we will cater to this on site, which if necessary may involve some or all meals being entirely different for you. KPs (the catering lead in your village) will be supported to prepare these.

There will be two cafes at Camp 100 - cafes will have tasty snacks and drinks for sale to compliment the delicious food that will be served in villages as well as providing cool spaces to be with friends and meet new people. Why not take on a role helping to run one of these lovely cafes?

Decarbonisation

Camp 100 is trying to minimise carbon emissions associated with the food we will be eating. Everyone can help reduce the impact of the camp, for example by reducing food waste. You may end up eating much less meat and more beans and pulses than you would do at home. Camp 100 is a great opportunity to explore sustainable diets.

2.7 What can our group do to help make Camp 100 a success?

The camp is mostly run by volunteers, with everyone dedicating lots of time and energy to make the camp as fun as possible. But even with a huge volunteer team, every person attending the camp is necessary to make it work! From a clan working together to cook breakfast, to a team running a centre or a group of people putting up a tent - all of these things are only possible when everyone cooperates and does it together. For the duration of the camp, we get to live in a society run on cooperative rather than competitive principles. Start thinking about who in your group could take on a role within your village or might be interested in supporting an aspect of the wider camp.

3 | Who...?

3.1 Who will be coming to Camp 100 and will I make new friends?

Many people of all ages, and from groups around the UK and the world, will be coming to Camp 100.

We're almost certain you'll make new friends! Every Woodcraft camp is a great opportunity to spend time and have fun with people around your age. There'll be lots of activities within villages to get to know the people you're camping and eating with.

There'll also be plenty of activities for the whole camp where you might make friends with people in different towns. Maybe you'll leave Camp 100 having made new friends who live near you, or maybe in a different part of the world!

Camping and living together is a great way to give a friendship time to develop and these camps are the starting points for many friendships that last a lifetime.

3.2 Who will we camp with?

Once registered, Woodcraft Folk will pair you with a group from the UK, based on existing links where this has been requested. Groups coming from outside of Europe must register by 1st December so we can plan funding and support you with visas where necessary. European groups need to register by 18th May, but we recommend everyone does so as soon as possible to enable us to plan and support you. If you don't know each other already, we will introduce you to your partner group so you can get in touch to make friends, sort penpals, plan together etc.

3.3 Who should we bring and how many adults does my group need?

When planning your group size and village arrangements, ensure you have enough adults to make the camp experience safer and more manageable.

The required ratios between adult volunteers and children are as follows:

Woodchips (age 0-5) - 1:3

Elfins (age 6-9) - 1:5

Pioneers (age 10-12) - 1:8

Venturers (age 13-15) - 1:10

All groups, even small ones, should have at least two leaders in case one needs to leave the site in an emergency.

Think about the needs of your group and the nature of the camp - avoid burnout or relying on a limited number of people - the more the merrier!

All adults 18+ coming to the camp from Woodcraft Folk will have undergone screening and vetting checks to ensure the safety of everyone on site.

International visitors aged 18+ will need to complete (either in advance of the event or on arrival) a Safeguarding Declaration, indicating compliance with policies and procedures to protect young people and confirming they do not have criminal convictions barring them from working with vulnerable groups. Additionally, IFM-SEI partner organisations must confirm the suitability of their volunteers/adult members attending the event. Invited guests (e.g. workshop leaders from partner organisations) will be asked to complete a similar declaration and will have a named supervisor while at camp.

Each village must have a named Village Safeguarding Lead who will act as a point of contact for any safeguarding concerns, issues, or queries from adults or young people in the village. They will work with the Village Coordinator and other volunteers to ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and young people, and will be responsible for reporting or escalating any issues to the Safeguarding Team as required.

3.4 Who needs a visa to come to Camp 100?

EU, EEA and Swiss citizens: These citizens can make short trips to the UK without a visitor visa but you must have a valid passport, not just a national ID card. More information [here](#). Please alert the Camp 100 team if you have someone in your group who will be travelling with a non-EU passport or a refugee travel document by 20 March 2025 so we can assist with the visa guidance and application process.

People with passports from most countries outside of the EU will need visas to come to camp, but there are some exceptions. <https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa> - please check here if you need a visa to enter the UK. We will release more guidance on visa applications in early 2025, once we have confirmed who we can fund to attend. The first step will be to ensure everyone in your group has a passport, as this will be needed for the visa application.

We recommend that everyone gets travel insurance for Camp 100. People from outside of the UK cannot access healthcare for free in England and it may be very expensive should someone in your group get sick or injured on camp.

3.5 Who can I contact for reassurance or support?

Our staff team are happy to be contacted to answer questions and give general support. Contact them via info@camp100.org.uk

We have a dedicated Accessibility Team, and they are looking at feedback from previous camps and working with other teams to embed accessibility in all areas of the camp. We are reviewing feedback from the accessibility caucus at Common Ground and from the Venturer Camp evaluation.

The Accessibility Team has links to all the different central teams to ensure that accessibility is threaded through the camp and not developed in a vacuum. Areas of camp will carry out accessibility risk assessments to make sure they are aware of risks of exclusion and take action to mitigate them. We hope the raised profile of accessibility in the planning of the camp will

encourage more people to share their needs so we can make sure they are catered for and able to attend. This includes all areas of accessibility, be it mobility, mental health, neurodivergence, sensory issues, medical needs or learning difficulties.

The Accessibility Team also wants to work closely with individual campers to ensure their needs are met as best as possible. Please get in touch with them at accessibility@camp100.org.uk to discuss any issues, concerns or queries.

If you would like to discuss any concerns about languages or cultural barriers, please get in touch with info@camp100.org.uk.

3.6 Who can get involved with organising the camp?

Being a volunteer on camp means taking on a role to help make the camp happen. This could involve something as small or as big as you want, be purely on-camp, such as stewarding or helping to clean the toilets, or something that also involves planning beforehand, such as running a centre or cafe. It could be with one of the central teams, or taking on a role within your village. The camp relies completely on volunteers, and every volunteer helps ensure the camp is lots of fun for everyone.

One of our focuses for Camp 100 is ensuring everyone, including all of our group leaders (many of whom are volunteers), have an amazing time at camp. We have a specific team dedicated to volunteer well-being, ensuring that everyone has support to do their role as well as time away from their role to experience the rest of the camp fully.

One of the ways we are ensuring everyone has time off is by recruiting for 'reserve teams' for many roles, such as KPs (the catering leads in villages), which will comprise people who are very experienced and can take over for a period of time. We are also encouraging all volunteer teams to have rotas designed to give everyone lots of free time - which is why we need all the volunteers we can get!

If you want to help make Camp 100 the best that it can be, follow this link camp100.org.uk/get-involved and find out about all our volunteer roles that need filling. Want to help mostly before camp or on-site? A role with more talking or less? A physically active role or one where you are primarily sitting down? We can help you find the perfect role for you.

Volunteer roles for internationals

Role that we are currently keen to recruit that would suit internationals are [Steward](#), [Centre Co-ordinator](#), [Volunteer support hub](#), [Camp photographer](#). Follow the links to find out more about these role.

For other roles check the website, which will be updated as new roles are advertised.

4 | Where...?

4.1 Where is Camp 100 happening?

Camp 100 will be held at Kelmarsh Hall and Gardens, NN6 9LY. This is the same site as Common Ground, our international camp in 2022, and it is in the middle of England.

The site address is “Kelmarsh Hall and Gardens” but our event site is on the adjacent fields, not on the glamorous, traditional Hall grounds. Kelmarsh is in a pretty part of rural Northamptonshire. It is a largely flat site, with lots of space to enjoy, including woodland and hiking paths. You can expect to spend most of your time on site at this large camp.

There is very little else within walking distance. We won't be very close to any town centre or shops for example. But this is your chance to see a different side of the UK: some authentic countryside that tourists may never visit.

We are bringing all infrastructure to Kelmarsh, so that we can be comfortable and yet feel we are connecting with the great outdoors. Tents will be on grass and there are roads with a hard gravel surface.

Wifi

We are hoping to have some wifi access on site. Our aim is that the wifi will be prioritised to be used by international groups as to avoid anyone having to pay high data prices to use their phone to check flight times, travel arrangements and for young people to contact back home when they need to. We do not expect to have sufficient wifi for remote working, streaming videos and zoom calls but will do our best to have basic access for those who need it the most. Please ensure to check mobile phone contracts before travelling as roaming charges can be high - make sure to turn off roaming if you don't want to pay fees!



Figure 4.1: Map showing location of Kelmarsh Hall in relation to Birmingham

4.2 Where are the nearest train stations and airports?

Market Harborough is the nearest train station; it's a 13-minute drive or 30-minute bus journey (including 20 minutes walking) from the site. Kettering is almost as close, a 15-minute drive away, but it takes much longer to get to the site on public transport from there.

We will confirm nearer the time which station we will run shuttle buses from on arrivals and departures day.

For those coming by coach or train via London, Market Harborough and Kettering train stations (we will be running shuttle buses from/to one of these on the first/last day of camp) are only an hour away on the train from London St Pancras station.

For those coming by plane, East Midlands and Birmingham airports are closest driving, if you are being picked up by a partner group or booking a mini bus. However if you're travelling to site by public transport, it is easiest to get to Kettering or Market Harborough train stations from Luton Airport, and it is also fairly easy to get to these from other London airports such as Stansted and Heathrow as well as East Midlands and Birmingham. We ask anyone waiting on confirmation of funding/visa application results to not book flights until these are sorted.

Car parking is available on site. More information on international travel is available at this link camp100.org.uk/travel.

Decarbonisation

One of the major greenhouse gas emissions associated with Camp 100 will be from the use of energy for travel. One way to reduce this would be for attendees to travel collectively in the lowest-carbon form of transport. As a district, discuss your travel options early.

5 | How...?

5.1 How will the site layout look?

The layout will be broadly similar to Common Ground, our international camp in 2022, some towns will be larger to accommodate more space for activities and a more defined pathway through villages. The changes will mostly be small logistical things, such as toilet blocks, showers, and fridges might be in different places.

When deciding on the final site layout, we will balance the various needs of attendees, minimising distances people need to walk where possible, while giving everyone enough space.

We will consider where it is best for specific districts to camp with regard to specific accessibility needs (for example, power for medical devices, distance to the central area, distance to accessible toilets and showers, etc.).

5.2 How will toilets and showers be?

Toilets will be compost long drops; they are more pleasant to use and have a larger capacity with lower mechanical complication, so there should be fewer issues with them than there were with the toilets at Common Ground.

Showers will be the same kind as at Common Ground, standard multi-shower blocks, but we will distribute them more evenly across site and they should all be working well from the beginning of camp due to changes to the power supply.

Both toilets and showers will have accessible units distributed across the site as required.

5.3 How can I move around the site?

The standard way will be walking, with improvements to make it more accessible for those who struggle with uneven surfaces. Vehicle usage will be restricted as much as possible, so only used where there is a specific need.

We are considering a number of ways to make sure people can get easily around the site, including the layout of the site, shaded seating for rest between different areas, and trackway to make the ground more level in certain areas. The Accessibility and Production Teams are working closely together to ensure as many of the spaces as possible are accessible to a variety of different needs.

5.4 How will we overcome language barriers at camp?

We are translating all key documents (including this info pack!) into French and Spanish as well as English in the hope to reach as many people as possible. We aim to do the same where needed in all our webinars ahead of camp.

On camp, we will have translators available during programme for young people who need this to access sessions. We will also aim to have as many sessions as possible that rely more on play, images and other methods for communication beyond language for those who struggle with English, especially when it comes to sessions for our youngest members.

Do you speak English and at least one other language that people in our IFM community speak? Let us know if you'd be available to help with translation/interpretation, ahead of and/or on camp.

5.5 How can our group start now to prepare for Camp 100?

You could prepare your group for camp by running activities from the activity pack and the 100 100s to engage young people and leaders. Focus on building excitement and knowledge within your community about the camp experience.

Older young people may need support to explore roles or projects at camp that could be of interest to them. Encourage them to review role descriptions and facilitate connections with relevant individuals or teams.

Reach out to any groups you've enjoyed camping with before, especially if they're UK-based, to ask if they are going and want to camp together. Then you can support each other and start making plans and connections between the young people. Or if you don't have an existing connection with a UK group get in touch and we can try to partner you up with one.

Identify group challenges and devise strategies to overcome them. Address issues like recruiting more volunteers and supporting those who may struggle with camp costs. If you're able to have a local weekend camp some time in the spring this can be useful for preparing, especially if you are a group who has rarely/never camped before.

Follow us on Camp 100 socials for the latest news and tag us in any of your own posts about preparing to come. Check the Camp 100 website events calendar as there will be plenty of webinars coming up where you can find out more and ask for support. Use group meetings to discuss and develop a comprehensive plan. Remember that you can seek assistance from the Camp 100 team as needed.

We would like to welcome our international friends to our upcoming online Q&A sessions to find out more from the Camp 100 organising team about plans so far, programme, the booking process, plans for camp, travel, visas and volunteer roles still to be filled. Whether this is your first international camp or your 40th we would love to have you come along to find out more about our plans for Camp 100 in the UK next summer!

The last 30 minutes of these session will focus on visa applications, timelines and international solidarity financial support for camp.

Date and time	Link
2pm on 2nd October 2024	https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85909729727
6:30pm on 7th October 2024	https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81259071761

Table 5.1: upcoming Q&A sessions

Other webinars, on different topics, will be held regularly over the next year and advertised via our social media channels.

6 | Booking

6.1 How to book

We will be using the Woodcraft Folk online camp booking system. You can access the system and guidance documents here - [How to Book for Camp 100](#).

6.2 Deadlines

We ask all groups from outside of Europe to apply to book by December 1st. This does not guarantee your places or commit you to spending money on coming, as we will have to see where we can allocate funds and what the outcomes of visa applications are. But this way we can support visa applications etc. and matching with UK groups.

European groups have until 18th May to book, but we recommend you apply ASAP so we can plan together and support you to come.

Visa deadline

The earliest you can apply is 3 months before camp (27th April or thereabouts, should check if this means exactly 90 days or what), but we know what the application involves so you can get everything together before then and submit on that day. We will give a hard deadline of maybe a week for submitting the application for those relying on funding from us, as last time lots of people submitted late and as a consequence heard back very late or not at all which made flights very expensive where visas were approved.

This table summarises all the key dates to help you with your planning:

Action	Who	Date / deadline
Bookings open	Everyone	1st July 2024
Apply to book	Organisations outside Europe	1st December 2024
Really helpful booking deadline (if we get 1000 bookings by this date then the whole camp will be rewarded)	everyone	10th January 2025
Visa applications (support from Woodcraft Folk where needed)	Those who need a visa	April/May 2025
Matching groups	Those without pre-existing relationships with Woodcraft Folk groups	November/March 2025
Booking closes	Everyone	18th May 2025

Table 6.1: Key deadlines

6.3 Why should you come to Camp 100?

We asked different teams to say why groups should book. Here is what they said.

To celebrate the celebrations for Woodcraft Folk's 100th birthday!

To meet new people, have lots of fun and learn new skills.

To create (at least) 100 new happy memories that will last a lifetime!

So you can come to a camp with a huge range of exciting programme.

Thanks for reading and we look forward to seeing you at Camp 100!

Any further questions can be sent to info@camp100.org.uk

Camp 100, a project by Woodcraft Folk will bring together members of all ages from across the UK to camp together and live by the Woodcraft Folk values for a week in the summer of 2025. The camp celebrates Woodcraft Folk's 100th birthday and will celebrate it's past century while looking forward to the next 100 years.

Find Camp 100 on the internet

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