



From Head of Geography: Amy Donnelly

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Dear Parent,

### **Provisional Middle School Geography Trip Summer 2021**

The Geography Department is putting together provisional plans for a Summer 2021 Middle School Geography Trip. The trip will be based in a UK location which is to be confirmed, and will run for 6 days. It will be a combination of survival, bush craft and geographical understanding as well as a focus on environmental conservation and preservation of land. The trip will take the form of a mission and is run by a team of professionals in the UK. The details can be found below:

#### ***Trip Details:***

***Mission Objectives:*** Rebuild advanced basecamp. Establish renewable energy sources. Locate food & equipment drops on land and water. Wildlife survey work & conservation activities. Environment clean up. Camera trapping. Regular radio reports to Bioasis Mission Control required. Plan for post-mission return and guerrilla rewilding activities.

***Transport:*** Walking, canoe/SUP (and bus to the main location)

***Skills & Learning Outcomes:*** Renewable energy circuits, Leave No Trace philosophy, navigation, canoe/SUP skills & safety, camera trapping, foraging, search and rescue, food hygiene & preparation, camp craft, team work, problem solving, conservation & rewilding.

***Mission start point:*** Confidential. Mainline railway station is 8km walk from outer perimeter of The Bioasis. RV and Ex-Fil points disclosed once team confirmed and trust established.

The trip will be run through an external company who are professionals in travel and safety and therefore, they will perform enhanced risk assessments and will only allow the trip to go ahead if it is Covid safe. At this stage, the approximate cost of the trip is between £750 and £800 (although that is an approximation). The trip will run from either Sunday 15 August or Sunday 22 August for 6 days.

At this stage we are looking for expressions of interest. If your son would be interested in going on this trip, please email [amy.donnelly@abingdon.org.uk](mailto:amy.donnelly@abingdon.org.uk) or complete the expression of interest form here: <https://forms.gle/AJcZmTCYKi8zdF7x7>

Thank you and best wishes

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