



JP Bond Camping & Cooking Competition

1st - 3rd July 2016 - Hopehill Camp Site



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR 2016.

After exhaustive consultation, in depth research and analysis a unanimous decision has been made regarding the theme for this years J.P. Bond Camping and Cooking Competition.

As you are all no doubt aware this year we celebrate the 90th birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second (*God Bless Her!*)

She has guided this nation through some turbulent times, the austerity of the black and white post war years, the "You've never had it so good" times of the 1960's when "Technicolour" finally arrived to brighten up all our lives, the decade that was bereft of good taste, that'll be the 1970's then! The boom and bust - "Loadsamoney" - years of the 1980's & 1990's and onward into the economic turbulence of the 21st century.

Not only has she steadfastly lead her people - that's us - through the last seven decades, but she has been the unifying head of the British Commonwealth (The Commonwealth of Nations) For those of you that are at the more mature end of Scouting, this is what we used to call the British Empire, we are no longer allowed to call it the British Empire.

Not only that, but she is also the longest regning British Monarch ever! (*God Bless Her!*)

So this is what we'll do:

Teams can decide to be any country of the Commonwealth that they would like to be. Try to be imaginative and not choose the easy ones such as: England, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, India, Sheppey. That would be just too easy and there are only so many BBQ Beach Parties with ice cold "Tinnies of Amber Nectar" or veggie curries my digestive system can cope with in a single weekend. So no throwing extra shrimps on the barbie' Kylie!

A suggestion was made last year that there should be a random selection of who judges which team for the meals. It was thought ot be a fairer and more impartial the judging process. So that is what we shall do.

Upto 25 bonus points (5 points for each of the below) will be awarded for including any or all of the following:

- A flag of the country you are representing on the spar of your Union flag flagpole.
- At least one traditional cooked dish from *your chosen country* must be incorporated into a judged meal.
- At least one member of the team to dress in the National dress of your chosen country during a judged meal.
- The national anthem of your chosen country sung as an interlude during the Saturday evening meal. If you have decided to be England/Scotland/Wales/Ulster then you will be expected to sing both verses from memory.

- Answer correctly 5 questions about your chosen country at one of the official inspections.

As mentioned in the last Bulletin there will be an additional award this year. This is an award, awarded by me, for the most entertaining team. I shall leave you to decide how entertaining you feel you may need to be. This could be one of the following:

- How entertaining any bribing of the judges may be. Cakes always work.
- How entertaining you are when 70 Beavers land on Saturday afternoon.
- The meal time entertainment, unrehearsed is always best.
- If it is raining all weekend how you act in the face of adversity whilst the leaders sit under cover offering such encouragements as: I wouldn't do it like that/That wood is wet/why don't you put your wet gear on?/You can't bring a trolley in here! Etc etc.
- Whistling a happy scouting tune when struggling with a very reluctant fire.

REMEMBER: Serious moment now, this is a fantastic opportunity to show just how good you are at camping, cooking and camp crafts. If you are not sure come and have a go. You have nothing to loose and you will gain a great deal of valuable knowledge.

Finally: I need to know by June 1st which country your team(s) will be representing.