

## Yr Hafod

# Explorer Scout Adventure Weekend

### General information

Thank you for booking with Yr Hafod for your Explorer Scout Adventure Weekend in Snowdonia. Yr Hafod is owned by Scouts Cymru and staffed by experienced Scouting volunteers from across the UK. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and wish you a pleasant and safe stay at our centre.

### Outline of the weekend

The centre will be open from 7:00pm on Friday evening for your arrival. If you are going to arrive after 10:00pm, please let us know in advance. Hot drinks and biscuits will be available on arrival and there are several places to eat in nearby Betws-y-Coed and Capel Curig.

Yr Hafod staff will arrive during the evening and you will be introduced. We will use the time on Friday night to discuss with you your objectives for the weekend.

Breakfast, packed lunch and hot dinner will be provided on Saturday. After your day on the hills, we can organise some games in the hostel, organise some outdoor exercises or just leave you to relax in the lounge.

Breakfast and packed lunch will also be provided on the Sunday. We aim to finish at 3:00pm, however, we can adjust the programme to suit your requirements.

### Programme

The programme for this weekend is extremely flexible and you will have a chance to discuss what you would like to achieve during the weekend on the Friday night with Yr Hafod staff. If you have any specific requirements, such as for climbing or an Activity Badge, please let us know as soon as possible prior to the weekend and we will see how we can assist you.

If you're happy to leave it to us to plan your weekend, we will base the weekend around Hillwalking and potentially Scrambling to give your Explorers a taste of the mountains. Please note the weather may restrict us in what activities we can provide and this may change at short notice.

### How to find us

Yr Hafod  
Nant Ffrancon  
Bangor  
LL57 3LZ

Grid reference – SH 644 604 (Maps: OS Explorer OL17, OS Landranger 115 or Harvey/BMC Snowdonia North)

Lat. / Long. – 053°07'23"N,004°01'39"W

The centre has a payphone; the number is 01248 893 110. **Please call if you are running late.**

Please ensure that all vehicles are parked within the car park and that the road is not obstructed at any time.

### Facilities

The centre accommodation consists of 32 bunks in four dorms (1 x 4 beds, 2 x 8 beds and 1 x 12 beds). Other accommodation consists of a dining room, lounge, fully equipped kitchen, drying room and two washroom/shower areas. WiFi is available in the hostel.

We will always insist that separate accommodation is provided for adults and those under the age of 18. The maximum booking we will accept is for 20 people (Explorers and leaders). A group of 20 will have the use of the two eight bedrooms and the four bed room. Smaller groups may be offered different rooms at the time of booking. Please ensure that you can accommodate your group in accordance with The Scouts Association's rules within the rooms you will be using. You must consider this when making your booking as there will be Yr Hafod staff that have to be accommodated over the weekend in addition to your party.

Of the two washroom/shower areas in the hostel one will be designated for use by adults and one for use by those under the age of 18.

### POR

Please remember that your party **must** include a Leader who will remain responsible for the young people throughout the weekend, they will act as Leader In Charge (LIC) for the Explorer Group. In particular, this person must comply with the relevant rules in [POR](#) (Policy, Organisation and Rules) including the Nights Away Permit scheme.

A Hafod Manager will be designated to supervise your weekend who will act as the LIC for Yr Hafod. All Yr Hafod staff are full members of the Scout Association and hold the relevant activity permits for the activities provided. There may also be other members of the Scout Association present over the weekend for training or assessment courses.

Yr Hafod follows the [Scout Association guidance with regards to alcohol](#) during Explorer Scout weekends.

All members of your party must be members of the Scout Association. Please note that Yr Hafod does not provide any additional insurance beyond that of the centrally arranged policy. Non-members of the Scout Association (such as helpers) are not covered by this policy.

For more information with regard to insurance, please call Unity on 0845 0945 703 or visit their website, [www.scoutinsurance.co.uk](http://www.scoutinsurance.co.uk).

### **What to bring**

Your group will need to bring suitable equipment and clothing for a day in the mountains. We would strongly advise that you check what they plan to bring before the weekend and double check that they have packed it before your journey. Your equipment should include;

- Daysack with waterproof liner
- Warm clothes; including non-denim walking trousers and a fleece
- Good walking boots
- Waterproof jacket with hood and waterproof trousers
- Hat and gloves
- Water bottle or hydration system (minimum of 1 litre)
- Torch or head torch
- Whistle
- Personal first aid kit
- Insulated flask (optional)

The bunkrooms are provided with mattresses; however, you will need to bring a sleeping bag, pillow, wash kit and clothes for the evening.

Whilst we have some spare equipment and clothing in our stores, we cannot guarantee this and it is at the sole discretion of Yr Hafod staff if a young person is allowed onto the hills if they do not have the appropriate clothing or equipment.