

We sent out our invitations 4 weeks before the event (copy below) – we could have done it sooner but that would have been before Christmas which meant it might have got lost!

We had a list of all the 9 year old Brownies in the Division and the invitations were sent directly to them. Of the 80 invited, 60 replied of which 8 were unable to attend. On the day 4 didn't turn up. We copied in the Brownie leaders and asked them to chase those who were slow at replying. Once the girl accepted the invitation we sent out the consent form which in general was returned in good time to draw up the emergency contact list.

Our plan for Transition Day

9.30 Guide leaders and Guide 'patrol leaders' arrived and set up – not a huge amount to do

10.00 Brownies arrived, signed in, and mingled with the others.

10.15 After a safety briefing the girls got into 5 patrols, choose a patrol name, and made patrol badges

10.30 1st activity – UMAs – Hello my fabulous friend, Help, Save your tail – we chose these as they were game based and good at breaking the ice.

11.15 drink and biscuit – provided by us.

11.30 2nd activity – bedding rolls and square lashing. 2 patrols started on the bedding rolls while the other 3 patrols did some square lashing and then we swapped over. It was explained that these were camp based activities – the girls thoroughly enjoyed square lashing. The patrol leaders helped their patrols with adult help where necessary.

12.15 lunch – brought by girls

12.45 3rd activity – they made a campfire on a biscuit with sweets etc and cooked smores on gas stoves outside. Again, we split the Brownies into 2 and 3 patrols for ease. We had time to sing a couple of campfire songs which were new to the girls.

1.45 We got into a horeshoe, had a chat about the day, hand out transition leaflet and info about units and closed by singing taps.

2.00 Brownies went home.

2.15 Leaders tidied a up and left by 2.15.

We hand picked our Guide patrol leaders to make sure we had capable, sensible ones!

Apart from one Brownie Leader who attended as part of her LQ we only had Guide leaders as we wanted the Brownies to have a Guide experience.

After the event we let the Brownie leaders know who had attended and asked them to follow the day up by finding out which Guide unit waiting list they want to be added to,

We asked the Guide leaders to let us know when they receive the girls on their waiting list and in January 2021 we will see who has joined Guides.

Every girl who attended was enthused and keen to move onto Guides so hopefully we will have a good take up.

We will repeat the event in 2021 on the same lines as it worked so well.



Guides



Dear Brownie,

We know that you have had a great time being a Brownie and soon you will be old enough to move to Guides.

We want to show you how fantastic Guides is too, so we are having a Transition Day event for all 9 year old Brownies in the Division. You will have a go at some of the fun Guide activities and meet some girls who are already Guides.

The Transition Day is on Saturday 8th February from 10am to 2pm at Fareham United Reformed Church, Osborn Road South, Fareham, PO16 7DG. There is a car park so you can be safely dropped off and collected. There is no charge for the day just bring a packed lunch and a drink.

Please contact Liz and let her know that you can attend by 1st February please, she will need to know your name, unit and email address so consent forms can be sent to you. elizdunning@ntlworld.com or 07879 685556

Can't wait to see you on the day!

From the Leaders at :

1st Catisfield, 11th Catisfield, 1st/3rd Fareham,

2nd Portchester, 5th Portchester, 6th Portchester Guides