

CottFathers & Kids Lane Poole Reserve CampOut 2018

**Friday 9th, Saturday 10th, and Sunday 11th November
At Baden Powell, Lane Poole Reserve, Dwellingup**

The CottFathers & Kids CampOut is a fun event for Cottesloe Primary School students and their dads (or grandfathers, father-figures or mums if dads are unable to make it) to camp out and enjoy the bush and water activities. Dads and their children will enjoy precious time together and have the opportunity to participate in a ropes course and bushwalking, cook a meal, spend time with other dads and friends and sleep out in a bush setting. You are welcome to participate in organised canoeing activities, or do your own thing.

Last year, **50 families** participated in the Campout!

This year we are at a different campsite to previous years, its near the park entrance. See link <https://parks.dpaw.wa.gov.au/site/baden-powell-campground> for exact location and directions. We have been allocated sites 14-42 as per email from Head Ranger. Also we have two camp kitchens at our disposal. Remember to pay park entry per person and per vehicle.

(Hi Justin

Just a follow up on your camp 9th - 11th November at Baden Powell. Sites 14-42 have been allocated to your group. As you have the entire 2nd loop, sites 26 to 42 with 2 camp kitchens, there will be no issue with keeping any camper trailers or caravans in sites allocated only to these. You will also have exclusive use of both kitchens. The first loop has some bookings, sites 1-13 as your group numbers would not require all sites. Fees will be charged the same as Nanga Mill , \$8 per adult, \$3 per child, per night. Park entry fees will be \$13 per vehicle for the duration of your stay. Fees can be paid at the entry station in the envelopes supplied and placed in the honour box(cash only), or on Saturday with rangers or entry staff. Please inform your group if envelopes are used to retain the receipt slip as proof of payment. Please ensure all fires are confined to rings provided and supply your own wood.

Hope to see you soon

Regards

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NOTE 1: This event is a gathering of children who attend Cottesloe Primary School and their parents. It is not a Cottesloe Primary School or Cottesloe Primary School P&C function.

NOTE 2: By registering to attend, you a) agree to take responsibility for the safety, wellbeing and behaviour of your children and any others that may be in your care on that weekend, and b) indemnify the volunteer organisers without limitation, to loss due to injury, sickness or death or loss, destruction or damage to property.

Guidelines and Information and a **Registration Form** for the CampOut are on the following pages.

Guidelines & Information

LOCATION

The CampOut will take place at Baden Powell Campsite, Lane Poole Reserve, Dwellingup, approximately 1 ½ - 2 hrs drive south of Perth. Lane Poole Reserve is managed by the Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPaW). See the DPaW "Lane Poole Reserve Guide" for details <https://parks.dpaw.wa.gov.au/site/baden-powell-campground>

EQUIPMENT / FOOD / WATER

BYO all camping equipment, food and water. **There is no drinking water or electricity at the site.**

TENTS / CAMPER TRAILERS

COST

Registration: (non-refundable)	For spit roast on Saturday night https://portal.trybooking.com/au/event/439500
Camping fee:	This is additional to the Registration Fee and is Charged by Dept. Parks & Wildlife and is payable with cash only at the Lane Poole Reserve entry station or to the Rangers who visit all campsites daily: \$8/night/adult, \$3/night/child under 13, plus one off admission charge per car of \$13 Please note this is a discount to the usual fee for this campsite so if you are charged more you might have to point out it's a group booking.

COOKING

Two camp kitchens are available at Baden Powell for our use. Fire pits fitted with BBQ plates are available at the campsite, but you must bring your own wood. Wood is available for sale at both the petrol station and camping store in Dwellingup, but it is illegal to collect firewood within Lane Poole Reserve. The Department of Parks and Wildlife at Dwellingup ((08) 9538 1078) can apply total fire bans at any time if hot or windy weather is forecast, so consider bringing a gas stove as back up.

TOILETS & WASHING FACILITIES

Long-drop, waterless toilets are provided. There are no lights in the toilets so bring a torch and some spare toilet paper in case it is in short supply. There are no showers or washing facilities.

ELECTRICITY

There is no electricity and while generators are allowed between 8am and 9pm, they are discouraged.

TORCHES

You will need a torch or two to cook at night and to help with locating the toilet and your tent after dark.

MOBILE PHONES & GPS

There is no mobile phone coverage in the National Park, so if your GPS relies on mobile coverage, it will not work. Be sure to bring the map referred to above to locate the site.

NOISE

Some CottFathers will be caring for kindy and pre-school children and there will be other campers using the site so you are asked to ensure that your children are quiet and settled by 9.00pm. For those dads that stay up to socialise, be aware that voices carry a long way in the bush. Please be respectful of our children and other campers, mind your language and keep the noise to a minimum.

SUPERVISION & SAFETY

Your children are your responsibility. Parents are expected to know where their children are and what they are doing at all times. We will be in a forest setting with a stream and river nearby, so please brief your kids on the dangers of wandering off and what to do if they get separated. Please also instruct them on fire safety. Nobody wants their child injured by another waving a burning stick. If you observe a situation or behaviour that is dangerous, whether it involves your kids or somebody else's, please take steps to address it. Anyone participating in canoeing or bushwalking activities does so at their own risk.

ALCOHOL

Those who bring alcohol are requested to enjoy it responsibly.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

The campout will proceed unless the weather forecast suggests there is a risk to safety. If the weather presents a safety risk, the campout will be cancelled and an email will be sent to all who have registered. Please monitor your emails in the lead up to the Campout.

Ropes Course:

A rope course for adults and children is organized at the nearby Adventure Trees Climbing course: <https://treesadventure.com.au/park/lane-pool-park/> planned to take place between 9 and 11 on Sunday. Bookings have now closed for the ropes course but you may be able to book directly with Trees adventures.

Snakes are a hazard at this time of the year so please ensure your children have footwear.

Getting to Lane Poole Reserve & Nanga Mill Campsite

The most direct route to Dwellingup is via the Forest Highway. Exit the Forest Highway at Pinjarra Rd and head east to Pinjarra. When you arrive in Pinjarra, turn left at the T junction onto South West Hwy and head north for a few hundred meters, then turn right into the Pinjarra-Williams Rd and proceed east to Dwellingup (approx. 25kms).

To get to Lane Poole Reserve using this route, drive into Dwellingup on the Pinjarra – Williams Rd, then proceed straight ahead (east) through town on this same road until you exit town. Soon after you exit the town on your right is Nanga Rd. (Lane Pool Reserve is well signposted.) Follow Nanga Rd until you descend into the valley and see the river in front of you. The entry station to Lane Poole Reserve is on your left, just before the bridge over the river. The Baden Powell Campsite is near the entry station, ie it is not near the previous camp site.

Unless you know the area well, we strongly recommended you arrive before the sun sets so you can find the Baden Powell campsite and identify the CottFathers group.

A more scenic but longer route to Dwellingup is down the Sth West Hwy through Serpentine then cut off into the scarp at North Dandalup on Del Park Rd. Take care because it is twisty in places. If you take this road, you come into Dwellingup from the north. Proceed into town past the pub on your left until you come to the stop sign which is the Pinjarra – Williams Rd. Turn left and follow the road east out of town until you exit town, then use instructions above.