

Presented by Aberdeenshire Council Education, Learning and Leisure and the Aberdeenshire Childcare Partnership

Where is this programme operating?

- Stonehaven (with pick up in Portlethen)
- Westhill (with pick up in Banchory)
- Inverurie (with pick up in Oldmeldrum)
- Peterhead (with pick up in Ellon)
- Fraserburgh (with pick up in Mintlaw).

The Princess Royal Sports Centre in Banff is running a similar programme – please contact them on 01261 818303.

Who is this programme for?

This programme is designed to provide challenging and enjoyable activities for P7 – S4 youngsters of parents who are working over the school holidays. Parents who are not working may also apply for their children. *This programme is not designed as essential childcare and parents must be able to make other arrangements for their children should parts of the programme have to be cancelled at short notice.* Also please note that this is not Registered childcare and as such cannot be included in Tax Credit claims.

What about supervision and safety?

Two leaders will be in charge of each group of around 12 young people. In addition, qualified instructors will lead activities that require instruction. There will always be two adults on each minibus trip.

All the activities will be thoroughly risk assessed and all the necessary precautions will be taken to ensure the safety of participants. Some of the activities do contain an element of risk but this will be carefully managed. A level of personal responsibility will be expected from participants. Some activities (those where instruction is not required) may not involve close supervision of every young person but the Holiday Activities Leader will ensure that a plan is in place for the group to keep in touch and stay safe and will be responsible for dealing with any emergencies.

Any young person failing to meet the standard of behaviour expected, especially if it is compromising the safety or enjoyment of other participants, will be asked to leave the programme. Holiday Activities Leaders will have immediate access to a nominated Council staff back at home base to assist with any matters of concern. We will also need contact details for you.

What if I need to cancel an activity?

We expect demand for places on these activities to be high. If a place has been booked and paid for on an activity then a refund will be given if that place can be refilled. Any refunds can only be given direct into a bank account.

How can I find out more?

Sandra Bisset (Holiday Activities Coordinator) will be pleased to answer your queries.
Contact: holidayprogrammes@aberdeenshire.gov.uk or call 01467 628 283 during office hours.

More Information on Activities

Bus pick up times vary depending on the timings of the activity and the times taken to get to each location. Information on start times will be sent with your confirmation letter. The bus timetable is available on the website.

Transition Extreme www.transition-extreme.com

Spend time at this exciting indoor skatepark and fantastic climbing wall. Bring your own equipment (except bikes) or borrow theirs. Help will be on hand for beginners in the skate park and full climbing instruction will be given. BMX's and inline skates may also be available.

Aberdeen Snowsports www.skiaberdeen.com

Aberdeen Snowsports Centre at Garthdee is an ever-popular favourite. Instructors will be there for you to have a go at skiing, snow boarding and tubing. Dress for the weather and have a great time regardless!

Beach Leisure Centre www.aberdeencity.gov.uk

Spend the morning warming up with some sports games and the afternoon at the Beach Leisure Centre pool which has it's own wave machine. The visit includes unlimited use of the flumes.

Cinema and Bowling www.cineworld.co.uk

A trip to the Cinema to see a film (film to be confirmed on the day and with agreement of the group and leaders). If you are waiting for a film to start - go for a game of bowling!

Marine Rescue Institute ***£25

The Marine Rescue Institute rescues people off the coasts of Britain in an emergency. You will get a tour of the facilities and see what they do, have a short trip on one of the lifeboats, build a raft in 2 teams and race them across Stonehaven harbour under the watchful eye of the experts.

Surfing and Macduff Marine Aquarium ***£25

This is your chance to try your hand at surfing. Instructors from Outfit Moray will take you surfing on the shores of the North Sea. The activity also includes a visit to Macduff Marine Aquarium.

Aberteenshire Activity Day www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk, www.rm-leisure.co.uk

All the activity groups from across the North East come together for a day of activities based in Inverurie. There will be access to the swimming pool to use the aqua run, trips to Inverurie new 10 Pin Bowling Centre. Human Table Football and a Bungee Run provided by R&M Leisure.

Codonas www.codonas.com

A day pass to Codonas amusement park and rides and a round of Pirate Island adventure golf or Congo Indoor adventure golf.

Comics and Cartoons

Take a trip to Dundee to discover comics and cartoons. Visit Sensation Science Centre to see how the Wallace and Gromit animation was made and get the chance to make your own animation. Then travel to the University of Dundee Musuem to see their exhibition of comics.

www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/recreation/holiday

Horse Riding (Hayfield Equestrian Centre or Upper Keithen Riding Centre) *£25**

This day includes a lesson, a trek and experience of working with horses in the stable.

Driving Range and Pitch and Putt www.aberdeencity.gov.uk

Whether you are new to golf or a pro, this is a chance to use the Kings Links Driving Range under the watchful eye of the golf instructors and then practice at Hazelhead Pitch and Putt course.

Scottish Sculpture Workshop www.ssw.org.uk

After running this exciting visit last year we will return to Scottish Sculpture workshop in Lumsden for some more art fun.

Cuttlefish Casting : hollowing out a cuttlefish bone and pour molten metal into your piece.

Sandblasting: Sand blasting to create a piece to take home.

Aliens on the Beach

An exciting new project for summer 09. Rowena Comrie, local artist will be taking you out and about on the beaches of Aberdeenshire to find unusual objects on the beach. You will then create your own life size alien or monster out of materials with this experienced artist.

Bush Craft

Come learn some outdoor survival skills. You will be building and lighting a fire and then cook your own lunch and learning skills to survive living outdoors. Please note that this activity is outdoors, so you will need to dress accordingly.

Bennachie Walk

Think you have what it takes to climb the highest hill in eastern Aberdeenshire? At a height of 528meters you will need lots of determination to get to the top. The activity takes a day and a great activity to do with friends.

Outdoor Centres (Lochter Activity Centre or Deeside Activity Park) *£25**

Lochter Activity Centre: A day of fun includes digger driving, target rifle shooting, archery and segway. www.lochter.co.uk

Deeside Activity Park: archery, target shooting, kart racing and orienteering.

www.deesideactivitypark.com

Balmedie www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Another fun filled day at Balmedie Beach. All the groups will come together from across Aberdeenshire for a Barbeque and Beach party.