



FRYLANDS WOOD SCOUT OUTDOOR CENTRE

What is Crewing at Frylands Wood?

I'm Nick Wickes and I was the Youth Representative of the Events Committee until I recently turned 18. I have been crewing down at Frylands Wood now for many years and continue to go down and help out now. Part of the reason that I like crewing at Frylands Wood is that all the Centre Team from onsite staff to the committees are really friendly and helpful. When you join Frylands Wood Service Crew you get given a polo shirt with the Frylands logo on which instantly makes you feel part of a much bigger team and part of the campsite.

During my time as a crew member I have helped at many events run by the Events Committee, I've run activity sessions as well for schools and youth groups from helping out on permitted activities as an extra pair of hands to learning and running team building activities. One of the biggest things I enjoy about crewing is the fact that no two days are the same, one day you could be car parking for a busy event or booking such as the cyclocross and the next running one of the many site activities or helping with site work.

Being a member of the service crew has taught me a great deal of skills, including some life skills that I use at home and on my Public Services Course at College. Everyone in the Service crew always supports each other with that they are doing; checking you are okay on a session to bringing you refreshments whilst being stuck on activity to helping pull together as a team when the needs arise.

I've really enjoyed my time so far on the service crew and lots of people kthat it's all work and no play! Well that isn't the case at all. Being part of the service crew, you can expect a big social side as well. You meet loads of interesting people from all walks of life, go out for meals and can have a laugh and a joke with the rest of the team. There are also plenty of opportunities to have fun and be a big kid with the customers too when your running sessions. The more interesting and fun you make the sessions the more your customers get engaged. Friends that you make within the crew at Frylands Wood will be friends that you can count on have a laugh with and rely on. Pulling together means that when you visit Frylands Wood you're going to be an asset to what they are offering.

I'm glad that I am now a member of the crew at Frylands Wood and look forward to being a long serving member of the crew!