

Scouting Ireland Family Camping Initiative FAQ's

1. Who can avail of the opportunity?

Scouting Ireland adult scouters and their immediate household family. The lead person must be a registered adult member of Scouting Ireland. This initiative is designed to create the opportunity for their family to camp at our unique centres. Rovers can attend as part of a family group where one of their parents is the primary Adult Scouter contact for the booking. Where a Rover Scouter is a parent, they can be the primary Adult Scouter contact for their immediate family (wife/husband/partner and their children).

2. Is the cost of €10 per person correct?

The cost at the National Scout Centres is €10 per person per night (Adults and Children). The camping rate for regular scout group sanctioned, section camping activities remains unchanged. Any network/regional camp sites included on the family camping initiative will determine locally what they will charge.

3. Will Scout groups be able to camp during the family camping initiative 20th July to 31st August 2020?

The National centres will be available for regular scout group bookings from 20th July. It is the responsibility of the local group to ensure they have followed the advice provided by Scouting Ireland in relation to returning to scouting and undertaking overnight activities

4. Will there be further details available prior to my arrival on site?

Each centre including the regional centres will be required to issue a booking information pack to outline the procedures that will be in place at the centre and the opportunities available at each location will be included.

5. Will the National Scouts Centres and the regional campsites be Covid-19 compliant and safe?

Yes there are strict protocols in place following government guidelines to ensure all members and their families are safe. Information regarding this will be provide in the booking pack.

6. Has insurance and safeguarding been considered?

The Scouting Ireland family camping initiative carefully considered the following

- Ensuring adherence to the Government Roadmap
- Examining our Insurance cover
- Completing a safeguarding assessment
- Reviewing general operational matters at the centres
- Covid19 restrictions

All relevant departments and relevant staff have been consulted and this has informed the decision to implement the initiative at the National Scout Centres and to also support some of regional centres to implement the initiative. Each family will receive a bespoke booking pack with all the necessary advice and guidance relevant to the site and local area.

All bookings for the Family Camping initiative are headed up by a fully trained and vetted Scouter, with the presence of their wife/husband/partner adult, who is camping with their children is in a designated area of the centres. Each Scouter is bringing their experience and training with them in the supervision of their own family. They receive clear instructions relating to the rules of the campsite they are using with their family and the access controls in place to ensure the camping trip does not pose a safeguarding risk to their children, or the youth members of scout groups who may also be using the site. All scout groups camping at the National Centres are lead by fully trained and vetted Scouters will also be appropriately supervised and cared for by appropriately vetted and trained adult scouters.