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Welcome to our summer program. Money is tighter this year, as a result we haven't put anything on the newsletter that needs a coach, they are just too expensive. However as always we have tried to do something for everybody and there is plenty of choice. Summer is the time of year when we get the most cancellations and families who change their plans. That's fine, but please remember to let us know with a much notice as possible. Claire will have reserve lists for all activities. All activities will have food and there will always be a veggie option. Menus are in the newsletter next to the activity. It is useful if you tell us when food isn't needed. Bookings day is **gam on Wednesday 25th June**. It's likely there won't be anything left after this date so please send your bookings in on time.

Can I ask a favour of you all, we are trying to raise the profile of the charity on social media. Mostly this is about local fundraising, but we do also have availability for those children who can work in a group. Could you all follow, share etc it would be really appreciated. Instagram is [lup.wolves](#), X is @lupwolves and Facebook is Let us Play. Kim x



The Parents Group wont meet during the summer break. It will be back in September.



When you send us your bookings please could you add your opinion to the following in the email:

Do you still want a paper copy of the newsletter ?

Over the past year we have realised that second class post has become very unreliable. Families tell us that It can take as long as 10 days for post to be received. Stamps cost .85p so over a year we probably spend well over £1000 on postage alone. We have had families who have missed the bookings deadline because they didn't receive the newsletter. The past 2 newsletters have been emailed as well as posted and that does seem to have solved that problem.

We have always understood that most of the children don't see or read emails, so we have always liked to idea of posting out the paper copy of the newsletter. We like the idea that's it's a touchable reminder and can easily be refered to. It is however hard for us to understand if you actually want it? The system wont easily adapt to sending it by post to some, and not others but we could look at ways that might be possible going forward. Ideally we would prefer to do one or the other.

Don't forget to let us know.





We have been asked to help locally in raising awareness of the Family Hubs in the City. Most families seem to be aware that they exist, but not what services they offer. Every Hub is slightly different, but they can signpost to another Hub if the service isn't offered at your local one. The city has 8 Hubs Eastfield, Rocket Pool, Graiseley, Bingley, Whitmore Reans, Dove which is Ryefield, Low Hill and The Children's Village in Wednesfield.

Services are too many to list, but the key ones are:

Midwives & Health Visitors

Infant Feeding and breast-feeding support

Mental health services

Stay & Play sessions

Parenting support programs

Housing support

Benefits & Welfare clinics and advice

Employment Training

SEND support

Out of school activities

You can register births

Adult Education

Coffee Mornings

Child Development Clinics

Room Hire

There is some limited information online and an APP is currently being developed. Family Hubbs are funded by Central Government.

Tuesday 22nd July

Wild Zoo

**Half Penny Green
Bobbington**

9:45 – 2:30

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5 – 19 Years

Please drop them off on the car park at the vineyard. I am sorry we can't provide transport.

For those who prefer to hang around there is a restaurant and shop onsite.

Session involves animal handling.

Lunch is a sandwich drink and crisps

Wednesday 23rd July

Summers Here

**LUP Building
7 Shaw Park Business Village
Shaw Road
Wolverhampton
10am – 2:00pm**



5 – 19 years

A session designed for our younger members, newly diagnosed and those who like a quieter session. Sessions includes a professional puppet show and BBQ lunch Bouncy castle and outdoor games



Thursday 24th July

The Garden Party & BBQ

**LUP Building
7 Shaw Park
10am – 12:30
Or
12:30 – 3:00**

5 – 19 years

Please note the times, different to normal.

Garden games, bouncy castle and BBQ lunch



Friday 25th July

**Jammie Biscuits, Bingo, and
the 100 Ball Quiz**

**LUP Building
7 Shaw Park Business Village
WV10 9LE
2 sessions
9:30 – 12:30
Or
1:30 – 4:30**

5 – 19 years

Cooking activity
Please be clear which session you require.



Lunch is Fish Fingers or Chicken strips with accompaniments

Monday 28th July

**Day out Birmingham
Visit to the Police Museum**

**With hot toasties & Drink for
lunch at a local cafe**

**9:30 at Wolverhampton train
station, travel via tram
Arrival back home is 2:40pm**

8 – 19 years

It's your chance to be on the wrong side of the law. This is a Victorian building used as a local Lock-up. You get to dress up, play with exhibits, private tour.

Does involve walking and being on your feet.



Tuesday 29th July

Lighthouses and Beach Craft

**LUP Building
7 Shaw Park Business Village
WV10 9LE
2 sessions
9:30 – 12:30
Or
1:30 – 4:30**

5 – 19 years

A craft session with 4 activities to complete.

Please be clear which session you require



Lunch is Spaghetti Bolognese
Garlic bread or veggie pasta
with cheese

Wednesday 30th July

Sports Hall Session

**WV Active Aldersley,
Aldersley Road
10am – 2:00pm
Halls C & D at the top of the
corridor**

Please bring a drinks bottle

5 – 19 years

Multi sports
Includes cycling

Active session please wear
appropriate clothes

Lunch is a sandwich buffet
served at 12:00 noon



Thursday 31st July

The Farm on Wheels

LUP Building
7 Shaw Park Business Village
WV10 9LE
2 sessions
9:30 – 12:30
Or
1:30 – 4:30

5 – 19 years

Animal handling and Education
Please be clear which session
you require.



Farm On Wheels

Roast Chicken dinner with
accompaniments



Thursday 31st July

Mary Poppins
Birmingham Hippodrome
11:45 – 6:40pm

McDonalds meal on way
home.

12 – 19 years

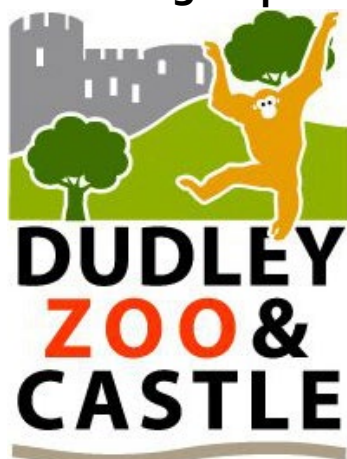
Meeting by the tram stop
Wolverhampton Station. 11:45 Return
expected to be 6:40pm Some
accompanied tickets available for carers



Monday 4th August

Dudley Zoo

10am – 3:00pm



5 – 19 years

Please meet us at the top of the
car park by the bench at 10am.

We are sorry we can't offer
transport.

Hot lunch supplied please pre
book Claire will be in touch with
menu choices.

Does involve lots of walking

Tuesday 5th August

Large Screen Gaming

LUP BUILDING

2 sessions

9:30 – 12:30

Or

1:30 – 4:30

8 – 19 years
We have done this session many times before.

Hot Lunch supplied and is Sausage and Mash with Veg with onion gravy



Wednesday 6th August

Play at Bantock Park

1:00pm – 4:00pm

Meet us in the car park

Food is Afternoon tea

5 – 19 years
Team games, tour of the house, Play on the park, optional golf



Thursday 7th August

Bowling & Bella

Meeting at 10:45
Bentley Bridge Retail Park



5 – 19 years

Collect from Bella at 1:30
No need to pre order



Monday 11th August

**Laches Wood
Outdoor Activity Day**

9:50 – 2:30

**Please meet us at:
Laches Wood Outdoor
Education Centre
Laches Lane, Slade Heath,
Wolverhampton
WV10 7PA**



8 – 19 years

3 groups with children and young people are assigned to an appropriate group for their ability. Please feel free to speak to Claire about the program for the day if you are worried about the difficulty level of the activities.

Lunch is provided by the centre and is a simple sandwich.

Change of clothes appropriate

DRINKS BOTTLES PLEASE

Tuesday 12th August

**Chocolate Truffel
making**

**LUP Building
7 Shaw Park Business Village
WV10 9LE
2 sessions
9:30 – 12:30
Or
1:00 – 4:00**

5 – 19 years

2 sessions please be clear which one you want.

Please note the start time of the afternoon session.

**HOT LUNCH
BBQ with sides**



Wednesday 13th August

Outdoors at WV Active

Aldersley
Aldersley Road,
Wolverhampton WV6 9NW

Meet us on the track at 10am
Finish is 2:00pm

DRINKS BOTTLES PLEASE

5 – 19 years
Lunch is a picnic

Bikes on the track
Sports, play etc.
It maybe possible to bring your
own bike, speak to Claire



Thursday 14th August

Working with Wood

LUP Building
7 Shaw Park Business Village
WV10 9LE

2 sessions
9:30 – 12:30
Or
1:30 – 4:30

12 – 19 years
Making a small lockable Box
and a vehicle on wheels using
Craft wood.

One for the older age group as it
does have some difficulty

Lunch is breaded chicken fillets
on fresh bread with
accompaniments



Monday 18th August

Sealife Centre

Birmingham
Meeting at W-ton train
station at
9:50 travelling via tram
Return 3:10pm



5 – 19 years

This session does involve some walking

Lunch is at an Italian restaurant and choices will need to be pre booked.



Tuesday 19th August

A Day at Wildside Activity Centre

Hordern Road
Drop off at 10am
Collection at 2:30

Drinks Bottles please



5 – 19 years

Does include canoeing
Outdoor activities & Fire
Lighting



Lunch is sandwiches & Crisps

Wednesday 20th August

Lollypop Stick Crafts

**LUP Building
7 Shaw Park Business Village**

WV10 9LE

2 sessions

9:30 – 12:30

Or

1:30 – 4:30



5 – 19 years

4 crafts to explore and enjoy

HOT LUNCH

Roast beef with trimmings



Thursday 21st August

Challenge Day

**LUP Building
7 Shaw Park Business Village**

WV10 9LE

2 sessions

9:30 – 12:30

Or

1:30 – 4:30



5 – 19 years

**AM has priority places for
Staffordshire children**

**A series of challenges to complete
in teams**

HOT LUNCH

**Jacket Potatos
Assorted fillings**

Tuesday 26th August

Baggeridge Country Park

Gospel End, Dudley, DY3 4HB

10am – 2:30pm

**Meet us at the Lydiate Room
Signposted off the upper car
park**



5 – 19 years

Places for Staffordshire Children

A series of outdoor activities
including a treasure hunt
Involves lots of walking
Ice creams

Lunch is Picnic
Will take place whatever the
weather

DRINKS BOTTLES NEEDED

Wednesday 27th August

ART ATTACK

**LUP Building
7 Shaw Park Business Village**

WV10 9LE

2 sessions

9:30 – 12:30

Or

1:30 – 4:30

5 – 19 years

An arty session
4 art activities to try

LUNCH is
Chicken wraps



Thursday 28th August

Savory Muffins

LUP Building
7 Shaw Park Business Village

WV10 9LE

2 sessions

9:30 – 12:30

Or

1:30 – 4:30

5 – 19 years

A cookery activity with some small group games



Friday 29th August

Cinema & Bella

Meeting at cinema
10:am

Collect from Bella 2:00pm
Times are subject to change.

5 – 19 years

Times on this activity may change,
please be flexible.

This far in front we have no real
idea about film times or what will
be showing.
So cinema first collecting from
Bella



Bella Italia
Pizza ♥ Pasta ♥ Grill

There are some Staffordshire sessions this summer.

Whole family activities are: Hoo Zoo gift vouchers

And family tickets to Wild Zoo on 22nd July.



Sessions where you leave the children in our care or send them with a carer are Sports Hall Games on 30th July. The Aldersley Track day on 13th August, Games & Challenges on 21st August, and Baggeridge on 26th August.

As ever we would really prefer it if you booked directly with Staffordshire Connects. We believe that they have listened to the feedback about waiting times for the phone service and are going to move to a online system. At time of going to print we are not sure if this will be live for the summer. Claire can add you to the lists for sessions but only 10 days after they have gone live. This means many sessions will already be full. To ensure you get a place please book direct.

Please support us by providing drinks bottles on the sessions where it is indicated. These will be able to be refilled if needed.



The Weather



These sessions will take place in all but the most severe weather. This applies to heat as well as rain. Please apply sunscreen if appropriate. Should the need to cancel any session become necessary then you will be informed. However our intention is to run the activities in all but the most severe weather.



We have been asked to share some information with you. The Barrie Wells Trust have an initiative called Box4Kids where they ask sporting and entertainment venues to donate boxes and seats to a wide assortment of events. The criteria is serious illness, life limiting condition and physical disability so any of the three qualifies. They seem quite flexible. Nominations are via their website barriewellstrust.org

