

Annual Gathering 2026 and Annual Conference FAQs



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What is Annual Gathering?

Annual Gathering is the weekend of democratic meetings, training and socialisation that happens every year; it incorporates the Woodcraft Folks Annual conference. It is the highest decision making body of the Woodcraft folk and can set the policy of the Woodcraft Folk, change our Aims and Principles or spear head campaigns.

It's a weekend event usually held some time near the end of June. Over the weekend there are 4 main things that happen:

Conference - where motions are debated, accounts agreed and General Council members elected.

Workshops - peer education projects, fund raising, equal opportunities, games, DFs etc.

Social Events - campfires, games bars, dancing etc, a good opportunity to meet people!

This year it will also incorporate **Venturer Camp Pre-Camp** for any group and district that is planning to come to our triannual camp for 13-15 year olds in the summer. This will be a time to visit the site and prepare the logistics.

When is Annual Gathering?

From Saturday 13th June - Sunday 14th June 2026.

Where will Annual Gathering be held?

This year Annual Gathering will be held at Woodcraft's [Biblins Youth Campsite](#). The address for the venue is The Doward, Whitchurch, Ross-on-Wye, HR9 6DX. A Map and directions to the site can be found [here](#).

Arrivals and Departures

Attendees can arrive and set up on site from 5pm on Friday 12th June. We aim for everyone to be off site on the Sunday 24th June by 2pm

How to get there?

If travelling by train we will arrange a pick up from Newport Station (which is best for trailing from the South and London). We will have a shuttle bus running from the station to the site on Friday evening Saturday morning, and a shuttle service back to the station on Sunday afternoon.

If you are arriving in Hereford (from the North) we might be able to arrange car shares nearer the time.

If driving, parking is available on site, but is separate from the tent pitch areas.

What is the Accommodation?

We ask that the majority of attendees bring their own tents. There are beds available in [The Burrow](#), these will be reserved for those with access needs. There will be spaces in [Camp Koodoo](#) but these must be prearranged as spaces are limited.

Food, Food, Food!

We will be providing dinner on the Friday evening, breakfast lunch and dinner on the Saturday, and breakfast and lunch on the Sunday.

Refreshments will be available throughout the day. We will also have a tuck shop for young people and a bar in the evening for the adults.

People will be asked to support clans to make sure that we all do our bit to feed each other.

What should I bring?

Everyone will need to bring:

- a tent to sleep in
- a sleeping bag
- a sleeping mat
- eating utensils (plate, bowl, cutlery, tea towel)
- Personal belongings
- clothing for both warm and cold weather (camping in June it can be warm in the day time but it is normally still cold at night!)
- sensible footwear for uneven terrain
- a waterproof coat
- a torch
- a water bottle

We may be able to organise a few spares if necessary, so let us know ASAP if you want to come but won't be able to bring all of the above equipment. There will be enough room for everyone to sit on benches, but if you would prefer a chair please bring your own.

How much does it cost?

The cost for the weekend is:-

Early bird	Full fee	
£50	£60	Over 13s
£20	£30	Age 5 - 12
FREE	FREE	Age 4 and under

All bookings before 1st April will be eligible for the £10 early bird discount listed above.

Delegates should be paid for by their Districts or Group. No group, district or DF region should be disenfranchised because of cost. If you are struggling to pay please contact annualgathering26@woodcraft.org.uk

Meals and tea will be provided but an onsite bar and shop will be available for people to buy additional items.

You may attend the Annual Conference (2pm-4pm) as a day visitor at no charge, but you must still book in.

How do I book?

Please book online woodcraft.org.uk/events/ag26 to book in for Annual Gathering and/or Venturer Camp Pre-Camp.

The deadline to book is 30th May 2026 to ensure we have your info in time to plan food and accessibility.

All bookings before 30th March will get a £10 early bird discount for each booking.

How do I get support?

If you would like to discuss access needs at Annual Gathering or you have any questions, concerns or suggestions please get in touch to

annualgathering26@woodcraft.org.uk and the team will be happy to help you and answer any questions.