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Dear Participant,

We are pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for this year's Chariot Race, which will take place on the 4th - 6th October 2019. Please find enclosed an application form and an overview of the rules.

This year marks the 42nd year of the event. The team entry fees will remain at £15.00 per team and usual camps fees of £3.50 per camper per night will apply. As usual, competitor's badges will be supplied for all teams taking part and commemorative badges can be purchased from the Providore. Prices to be confirmed.

The race this year will follow the same format as the last few years. This takes the form of two races being held, one for scouts/guides and one for explorers/rangers. Entrants are not allowed to participate for more than one section.

We have had a few enquiries regarding Network/Leaders Section groups joining the event. If you have a Network group that would like to take part, please let us know by return email. If enough groups are interested then we will create an additional race for this section.

To enter the Scout/Guide race, the participants must be aged between 10 and 14 ½ on the 5th of October 2018. To enter the Explorer/Ranger race, the participants must be aged between 14 and 18 ½ on the 4th of October 2019.

Closing date for applications will be **Friday 20th September 2019**, or on the receipt of the first 80 applications, whichever is the sooner. Please ensure to return your applications promptly to secure a place. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Please return the enclosed application form together with £15.00 entrance fee per team (non returnable) and **either** your email address **or** a large stamped addressed envelope for receipt and welcome pack. We can now take BACS payments for entry fees, details are in the entry form below.

Note that this event is for Scouts, Explorers, Guides, Rangers and potentially Network and Senior Section (dependent upon numbers) only. Other sections of the group are not permitted to take part but are welcome to attend the event as day visitors, to cheer on and support their friends.

You may be aware that we now have a new online booking system. However this does not have the ability to co-ordinate the Chariot Race bookings. We please ask that you continue to complete the attached booking form and return via email or post, as in previous years. We cannot guarantee that any bookings for the Chariot Race attempted on our online booking system will be captured.

If you have any queries or require further information then where possible please contact us using the email address above. Should you need to speak to us directly then please contact Martyn on 07742367610.

Yours in Scouting,

Chariot Race Team
Bispham Hall Scout Estate

IF THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE OF LEADERSHIP IN THE GROUP PLEASE REDIRECT THIS TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT OR SEND BACK THE INTENDED RECIPIENTS DETAILS TO CHARIOTRACE@BISPHAMHALL.ORG.UK

The Competition Rules

The race will take the form of a timed trial with teams starting at set intervals. Working together, each team has to navigate the Chariot Race course as fast as they can whilst having to overcome several obstacle sections. Teams can gain up to 10 penalty points on each section. Penalty points are converted to time penalties which are added to a team's race time.

Chariot:

- A chariot is a two wheeled, free standing vehicle capable of carrying a passenger (jockey) over a rough, cross country course approximately 1,000 yards in length.
- A chariot must be built from scratch by the group. Donor parts from bicycles etc. are allowed to be used but the structure of the chariot must be built. I.e. no shopping trolleys or sack trucks!
- Each team entering must have their **OWN** chariot not shared with another team.

Please when you build your chariot, do so with safety in mind (no protruding/sharp edges etc). The judges may prohibit the racing of a chariot if it is deemed unsafe.

Team:

- Each team can consist of a **maximum** of 7 people (1 Jockey and 6 runners)
- One of the team members must be the passenger (jockey) and remain in the chariot, unless told otherwise, while the rest of the team pull, carry or run alongside the chariot.
- The races are for **Scout and Guide Section** and **Explorer and Rangers Section** only and they must all complete the course with their chariot.
- No team member should be above the age of 14 ½ years on the day of the race for Scouts/Guides, and no team member should be above the age of 18 ½ years on the day of the race for Explorer/Ranger.
- Each team member must camp the whole weekend. Anyone that does not camp for the whole weekend may not take part in the race (unless agreed prior to the event with justifiable reason).

It is recommended that jockeys should wear protective clothing in the form of skateboard gear, for their own protection. A safety helmet **MUST** be worn by the jockey at **ALL** times.

Penalties and disqualifications:

- The teams **will** be handicapped according to their cumulative age.
- Teams can gain up to 10 penalty points on each course obstacle. Penalty points are converted to time penalties which are added to a team's race time.
- All** obstacles must be **ATTEMPTED**. Any team not attempting an obstacle may be disqualified.

The winners will be the team who complete the course in the fastest time taking into account handicaps and any penalty points gained.

Trophies will be awarded to: - Race winner (for each race)
2nd Place (for each race)
3rd Place (for each race)
Chariot of Chariots
Fastest Time of the Weekend

Additional regional and special award trophies are also presented.

Chariot of Chariots: The winner in this category will be the most original and novel in design, yet still a capable chariot.

IT MUST COMPLETE THE COURSE

This year's event will take place over the weekend of Friday 4th to Sunday 6th of October 2019. The venue will be **Bispham Hall Scout Estate, Crank Rd, Billinge, Wigan, WN5 7DT.**