

Brackenhurst Environmental Education Centre

Evacuees KS2

<p>Learning Objectives Most pupils should learn:</p>	<p>Some pupils will also have the opportunity to:</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Why children were evacuated ○ How our locality was affected by a the Second World War ○ To role play as an Evacuee ○ To understand billeting ○ The need for gas masks ○ Why rationing was needed and the importance of growing one's own food ○ About different artefacts from WWII 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Understand the impact of the Second World War and the changes on people's lives ○ Understand the varied feelings that many children experienced during evacuation ○ Understand how the Second World War changed people's lives ○ Know about the role of the Home Guard and the Land Army ○ Identify planes from World War 2
<p>Introduction: On arrival a member of OEE staff will welcome your group to the Centre and describe the day's programme, learning objectives, and the health and safety issues.</p>	
<p>½ Day Course Programme <i>Classes will then separate and sessions A and B will be interchangeable am and pm with session A generally led by the centre teacher.</i></p>	
<p>Session A: Best led by Centre teacher</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Evacuees are met and settled into Billeting Hall. Pocket snack, toileting, H and S ● Discuss gas masks ● Billeting activity – children go through billeting process ● Drill with Sgt Williams! then walk to Walled garden ● 3 legged circuit: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Anderson shelter, 6 – 8 children + staff member to visit shelter in hall grounds 2 Digging for Victory will be planned by centre staff e.g. planting seeds, weeding, digging, harvesting depending on time of year, 3 Pot maker – children make own plant pots and plant own seeds ● Victorian garden where the secret suitcase activity is completed <p>Session B: can be led by visiting teacher or centre teacher</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Postcard home activity on lawn ● Complete 1 of 2 orienteering tasks: Spy Trail or Aircraft matching activity. 	

Safety Considerations

Weather Conditions and clothing:

If the children can come in clothes appropriate for an evacuee this will help bring their trip to life. The centre teacher will contact the group leader if conditions are unsafe for the visit to continue.

Equipment supplied:

Suitcases with artefacts, pot making equipment, all gardening tools and gloves, Spy Trail or WW2 planes ID activity, pencils, clipboards, first aid kit

Equipment needed from school:

Gas masks and name tag for each pupil, A5 card for postcard home activity, box to take pots home.

Other Information:

The actual programme may vary depending on the number and needs of pupils, length of visit and weather conditions.

Useful Information: 3rd September 1939 – 7th May 1945 (VE) 14th August 1945 (VJ)

The British evacuation began on Friday 1 September 1939. It was called 'Operation Pied Piper'. Evacuation did not officially end until **March 1946**

Brackenhurst Hall was used as a hospital in the First World War.

Allies:

- Britain: Neville Chamberlain/Winston Churchill
- USSR: Josef Stalin
- France : Charles de Gaul
- USA: Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman (1945)
- China: Mao Tse Tung and Chiang Kai Shek, (Rival leaders)

Axis:

- Germany: Adolph Hitler
- Italy: Benito Mussolini
- Japan: Emperor Hirohito, PM Hideki Tojo (Entered War 1941)