

# About The Oakes

## THE SITE

The Oakes is a superb setting for a holiday. It can accommodate 52 children / young people including accompanying leaders.

The large Georgian house stands in 10 acres of historic gardens, which include a lake, a walled garden, woods and extensive lawns. Surrounded by 90 acres of parkland, the house feels rural, yet it lies within the Sheffield boundary.

The site is within walking distance of bus and tram routes. It is only 20 minutes from the M1 and is 15 minutes from Sheffield central train and bus stations.

## HOLIDAYS

All holidays present a clear, exciting and relevant explanation of the Christian message. They are action-packed and full of fun, offering a variety of activities such as:

<i>Ropes Course</i>	<i>Remote Control Cars</i>	<i>Camp Fires</i>
<i>Climbing Wall</i>	<i>Arts &amp; Crafts</i>	<i>Crazy Golf</i>
<i>Archery</i>	<i>Waterslide</i>	<i>Wide Games</i>
<i>Table Tennis</i>	<i>Football</i>	<i>Rafting</i>

## FOOD & SLEEP

The food is great and there's plenty of it. Vegetarian food and special diets can be provided (please remember to give details on the consent form).

Accommodation is in dorms which sleep between 6 and 16.

## LEADERSHIP

A team of experienced staff organise and run the programme. The team is led by Dan and Billie Thaw, PE teachers with many years experience of Christian youthwork with children and young people, including Spring Harvest, The Keswick Convention and summer camps in the UK and abroad.

For group bookings, leaders are welcome to accompany their children / young people and join in the holiday. The Oakes Team will take responsibility for the speaking, programming and catering.

## BOOKINGS

Receipt of a completed booking form and a **£20 deposit** (non refundable) are required to reserve a place.

## CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

Please notify us in writing if a booking must be cancelled. The following charges apply according to the time before the camp:

within 8 weeks - 50% of total cost

within 4 weeks - 75% of total cost

within 2 weeks - 100% of total cost

In the event of your cancellation, we will invoke the cancellation charges listed above. We, therefore, recommend that to safeguard your possible loss of part or all your holiday cost due to cancellation or curtailment, that you have some sort of cancellation and/or travel insurance\*.

It is regretted that no refunds can be made in respect of accommodation vacated before the departure date.

\*Optional travel insurance can be found at [www.freetime-travel-insurance.com](http://www.freetime-travel-insurance.com)

## The Oakes Holiday Centre

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## SMOKING & ALCOHOL

Smoking and/or possession/drinking of alcohol are not permitted in any of the buildings or in the grounds.

## PERSONAL & LOST PROPERTY

We cannot accept responsibility for damage to, or loss of, personal property. You are advised not to bring personal items of value with you.

Lost property is kept for one month following the camp date. Lost items will be returned if specifically requested and the owner pays for the postage and packing.

## BEHAVIOUR

High standards of behaviour and conduct are expected from everyone. The Oakes reserves the right to send home any participant if this is considered to be in the interest of others.

Individuals or groups will be responsible for the cost of repairing any damage caused by them.

## PROGRAMME CHANGES

In the interest of safety, The Oakes reserves the right to cancel any activity without notice, in the case of unforeseen events (e.g. adverse weather or non-availability of an instructor).

# What to bring

***Clothing and footwear should be old - it may get dirty!***

- A sleeping bag or duvet cover
- Pillowcase
- Non-fitted undersheet (even when bringing a sleeping bag)
- Nightwear
- Underwear
- Swimwear (one-piece for girls and shorts for boys; April - October only)
- Shorts and leggings / tracksuit bottoms
- T-shirts and warm top
- Slippers or indoor shoes
- Trainers (+2nd pair for outdoor use if 1st pair gets wet/muddy)
- Personal care items (e.g. soap, flannel, towel, toothpaste, toothbrush, comb/brush, sunscreen, asthma inhaler...)
- Waterproof coat
- Notebook, pen and Bible (if you have one)
- Oakes memory verse folder (if given one on a previous camp)
- Pocket money for tuck, books (£2 - £6), clothing (from £6.50)

***Please do not bring electronic equipment to The Oakes!***

This includes mp3 players, mobile phones, game consoles, etc.

If brought, they will be collected and returned at the end of camp. Camp attenders can be contacted using The Oakes phone number and (if necessary) can phone home from it.