

PATHFINDERS CAMP



2015 Survey results

2015 Survey.

Issued online via Survey Monkey (free if up to 10 questions....)

Issued, via email invite to 93 attendees from Pathfinders 2015, 55 responses received (59% response rate)

Paper version issued to 25 attendees from Pathfinders 2015, for whom we didn't hold email addresses, a couple of these then sent me email addresses, so they could fill the survey out independently online. 7 paper responses received.

The summary contained is a summary of the responses received ONLINE. Whilst not all of the suggestions are within our gift to change, all comments have been captured.

HEADLINE RESULTS:

- 72.73% of respondents rated Pathfinders 2015 as Excellent.
- 85.45% of respondents felt “very happy” or “extremely happy” at Pathfinders 2015
- 98.19% of respondents felt “extremely safe” or “very safe” at Pathfinders 2015.

As ever, praise for the catering – excellent quality of meals. A few glitches with the gluten free choices.

Themes coming through from helpers:

- Helpers still feeling stretched – *need more helpers (or fewer campers?)*
- Hard work, but rewarding
- More training / information wanted pre camp
- More rest time

Themes coming through from campers:

- Need to make sure we enable as many campers to partake in activities – such as sleeping out – how do we ensure the helpers feel confident to facilitate this?
- More rest time

Q1

Overall, how would you rate Pathfinders 2015?

• Answered: 55

Skipped: 0

Answer Choices-	Responses-
- Excellent	72.73% 40
- Very good	25.45% 14
- Fairly good	1.82% 1
- Mildly good	0.00% 0
- Not good at all	0.00% 0
Total	55

[Comments\(15\)](#)

- The mood of the camp was and it was a safe camp. The measure for me is the number of smiles - and there were plenty of those.
- A lovely week and I am looking forward to next year.
- Had a fantastic patrol this year.
- Circus skills was great
- I had the most fabulous time at Pathfinders this year. My patrol was brilliant and we laughed from start to finish.
- Looking at the buzz on Facebook, we created a happy camp. Not much illness or injury - always a good metric!! So 'Safe enough' and 'Happy enough'!
- It is always a shame to lose helpers at the last minute, and planning groups must be a nightmare, but more even distribution of experienced helpers would be great as we naturally need our newbies to settle in as soon as poss and be more likely to return! The eternal battle continues...
- Lots of fun, lots of friendly people. Great Buddy, Laura
- Can't wait to come back next year. Such an inspirational place to be. Made to feel so welcome not only the helpers but the campers to. I've come out with having a whole new circle of friends. Fabulous welcoming place to be. X
- The circus skill trainer was exceptionally good at accommodating the needs of those at camp. The whole session seemed to be readily received by all.
- An especially enjoyable year this year - the good weather definitely played a part!

- What was amazing this year was the number of folk who went on the nature walk - one to repeat in future years.
- We need to get meals moving quicker so everyone has a chance of joining in evening activities, don't know how tho ??
- Jane's knowledge of the woodland and her ability to lead an interesting and educational nature walk made it an activity not to be missed!
 - As always the campfires were fantastic and good fun for all.
- On the movie night nobody at the back could hear the film at all. it would be better if the film had been shown somewhere else.
- At the movie night I could see the film but I could not hear it. Others were saying that they could not hear it either and they were nearer the front than I was!
- I loved everything
- I preferred the screen where it used to be. I felt as if we were part of the act and also I could see the words much better than we could this year.
- Circus skills event on Sunday excellent and started the week on a high note.
 - Activity boxes also popular.
 - Hike lunch boxes probably increased the number of patrols taking up the option.
- More lifeguards for pool! Any way we can promote/encourage it in our helper recruitment campaigns or pop a suggestion on their application form/ introduction letter?
- I loved all of it!
- Didn't do the activities. Was running them. ;) Looked good based on observation.
- Although some of things we didn't choose to do but to have the opportunity to do lots of things I found amazing. Such a busy and compact week was outstanding must've been such a hard thing to achieve but the crew and helpers that were there made it happen with the team work of everyone giving the encouragement and dedication to all.
- I found the quiz questions too hard
 - Movie night we didn't get to vote which one we wanted to watch
 - I also found some of the crafts too hard to do so couldn't do a lot on my own
- The circus juggling was brilliant. The lady controlled the sessions effectively and provided activities nearly everyone could participate with and obtain a satisfactory level of achievement
- I always enjoy camp as I have been going for a good number of years. I do however especially like when we have themes at camp and it is nice to have one or two things going on outside of the theme during the week i.e. Karaoke
- Only real activities I can comment on
 - Circus skills worked really well - there were bits for people of every ability to take part in.

- The number of activities on offer was perfect - always something to do while never being overpowering.
- The addition of a live singer at the party night worked well!
- Struggled to hear the film (I'm aware that the volume was as high as possible, but alternate speakers may be better!)
- I often find that the quiz is participated in more by the helpers than the campers.
- Activities were fab. Completely fitting with the circus theme :-)
- Good range of activities this year - well done!
- Although I didn't do many activities they looked brilliant and there has been excellent feedback.
- Didn't do much did I
- Some of the evening activities were too late for my campers. The party and movie were fine, quiz night and karaoke we left a bit early as they were all worn out.
- Party night was great but it's just not my thing...
- Evening activities sometimes went on too late, especially the quiz.
 - Keyrings were lovely but very fiddly.
- awesome
- Couldn't hear movie

Q3

What other activities would you like to see at Pathfinders in the future (please note that we cannot guarantee inclusion of any suggestions, but will give all suggestions consideration).

● Answered: 21

Skipped: 34

Showing 21 responses

- I really enjoyed riding on the motorbike. I would like to do that again
- I think, maybe, that it's time to retire Karaoke from the activity list - and add in a more sporty activity such as sailing, canoeing or rock climbing.
- Simulator! I'm working on it!! ;-)
- Under activities could we get some kind of cover over the swing so that it can be a wet weather option too, think it's already been suggested but better x2 than not at all 😊
- Jewellery making/friendship bracelets
- Sailing
- I would like to see another cookery competition activity as I enjoyed the pizza one we did several years ago.
- T-shirt painting
 - wheelchair football

- Many years ago we used to do something with a parachute. I recall that being a great deal of fun.
- Might be good to add in another animal experience, as it is quite a while since we did those things...
- This year I was not able to sleep outside the tent for health and safety reasons. Is it safe for me to sleep out in the bird hide next year? My helper wasn't happy to consider this for this year. (Probably because of the incident that happened on grass involving another camper.) But I don't see a problem with the bird hide, as it has a concrete floor.
 - There was talk of Horse riding when we were discussing any possible activities. I love Horses, but can't transfer, or sit on a horse comfortably. May I suggest a horse riding Buggy? There was a place in ascot, when I was little. It looks the Organisation is still going today, and is also available to adults. Here is the link for more info: <http://windsorandascotdriving.org.uk/>
- Though the chapel was bereft of our darling Dorcas and i love how she runs it, It was lovely for the "Time out in the trees" to have more input from Pathfinders who would not ordinarily have considered getting involved.
- To go bowling
- Bingo tends to go down a treat.
 - Treasure hunt having cryptic clues to work out how to get to each clue that leads to the treasure.
 - Sports day ie races obstacles etc.
 - Sensory boxes like touch and feel for example putting your hand in but not knowing what it is and having to guess.
 - Name that tune quiz.
 - Themes
 - Back in time choosing a year that interests them or you choose a year and do the things they did in there way back then.
 - Olympics as next year is Rio
 - Famous people Hollywood superstars
 - Superheroes
 - Fame/ flashdance
 - Morph suits
- Painting, drama
- Maybe bracelet making
- Many years ago we did used to offer archery and trampolining and am wondering if there are any reasons as to why these activities cannot return.

- Unfortunately Boccia was rained off and is not really a good activity to offer at camp as it is played indoors and not outdoors. The target mat is not needed and I believe comes from another game :).
- Making bracelets could be a nice addition - just beads or something simple that could be made in patrol colours.
- Less activities as campers want to do everything and get too exhausted. Doing loads of activities and jobs leaves hardly any time for real bonding.
- I heard one suggestion from a camper that it would be good to have more nothing time in patrols.
- Sailing
 - Canoeing
 - Shooting - air pistol or air rifle or even nerf guns (especially if the theme is James Bond)
- I think this would depend on the theme but maybe some kind of sport afternoon where each patrol goes against each other, could be anything from a swimming gala or maybe a quidditch cup

Food - What was your favourite breakfast of the week?

• Answered: 46

• Skipped: 9

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- Sausages, bacon, egg and beans
- Egggy bread and tomatoes
- Anything with bacon and or egggy bread, they kinda blurred into one but none were really bad, usually something for everyone.
- Spaghetti
- Egggy bread and tomatoes
- Porridge and egggy G/F bread.
- Continental a
- Egggy bread
- Cearel, Egggy bread.
- MUCHROOMS
- Egggy bread and tomatoes
- Egggy bread
- Egggy bread and tomatoes... Always!!
- All of it.
- Cereal
- Cereal
- Egggy bread and spaghetti circles!
- Porridge
- Egggy bread
- Like them all.
- Egggy Bread
- Egggy bread and mushrooms
- Liked all of them
- Egggy bread
- Bacon
- Bacon
- Porridge, Bacon and Tomatoes.
- Cornflakes, bread and marmalade :).
- Porridge, croissants, real coffee.
- Egggy bread is always a winner!
- Bacon (was very salty though) beans and egggy bread
- Gluten free croissants
- Egggy bread & mushrooms
- Egggy bread and tomatoes
- Porridge and Egggy Bread!
- Egggy bread
- Fried potatoes
- Egggy bread
- Bacon
- Bacon and mushrooms
- Egggy bread
- Egggy bread and tomatoes
- Egggy bread
- Bacon
- tin tomato , fried bread and beans.
- Egggy Bread & Mushrooms

Food - What was your favourite evening meal of the week?

• Answered: 54

Skipped: 1

	Favourite–	OK–	Least favourite–	Total–	Weighted Average–
– Saturday - Sausage & Mash	40.43% 19	57.45% 27	2.13% 1	47	1.62
– Sunday - Roast Dinner	44.90% 22	40.82% 20	14.29% 7	49	1.69
– Monday - Lasagne	34.09% 15	50.00% 22	15.91% 7	44	1.82
– Tuesday - Pork Stew / Vegetarian Stew	18.37% 9	55.10% 27	26.53% 13	49	2.08
– Wednesday - Spaghetti Bolognese	39.13% 18	41.30% 19	19.57% 9	46	1.80
– Thursday - Fish & Chips / Sausage & Chips	46.94% 23	44.90% 22	8.16% 4	49	1.61
– Friday - Mango Chicken / Mango no Chicken	28.57% 14	30.61% 15	40.82% 20	49	2.12

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- I liked all the food.
- It would be quite easy to make more of the meals wheat/gluten free or to provide an option other than jacket spud, although these were very tasty and well cooked. Happy to help out with meal/recipe planning when the time comes
- I could not eat some of the main menu, as I difficulty in swallowing. A lovely alternative was always available
- Patrol out on trip for Monday evening meal
- I would be happy to help make G/F deserts throughout the week as we did not get much of a choice this year with the hot deserts!
- In general the food we get is amazing. But it was quite frustrating that the vegetarian stews had really watery gravy just to keep things gluten free. I understand the importance of catering to all diets, but there must be a thickening agent suitable for gluten free diets. Oh and marrow makes watery things even more watery.
- The mango chicken is usually very tasty but this year it was not.
- Always amazed at how little the food costs per head!
- Turkey was very bland and there wasn't enough Gravy. I probably prefer Chicken or Lamb.
- Food was great. Suggest some sort of sticky warm chocolate pudding...?

- All the food was great
- Meat options seem to lack vegetables on occasion. Lasagne didn't which is why it was a favourite.
- Enjoyed most of the food was not there for dinner Wednesday.
 - I like things like shepherd's pie as easy for me to eat on my own as doesn't need cutting up
- All brilliant I helped cook them. Doug
- I put on weight.
- Rather biased here. Only one I didn't cook.
- There was a lack of vegetables on offer with the majority of meals. Menu could do with a slight revamp as it has been the same for many years - just to add in some variety!
- Please change menu... ??
- As gluten free was getting bored of eating potato. Smile appeared on my face Friday when I realised I could eat all of the 'normal' option for mango chicken :-)
- The food was, as always, excellent.
- I went home each night so did not eat the evening meal. If I had, my favourite would have been veggie stew.
- Amazing how so many different diets are catered for but sometimes vegetarian meals lacked flavour according to some people e.g. Veg bolognese and vegetarian stew and veg fruit jelly
- Fantastic food as always
- I didn't eat much of the regular food but Stuart was amazing at ensuring I had a lovely evening meal every day for my awkward gluten free vegan diet.
- All great food. OK doesn't do it justice
- I'm vegetarian so it's always harder to cater for on camp, but there was plenty of choice and options for special diets of all types, well done!
- Needed more veg. Very small servings

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- Wooden floors in tents.
 - Care for and tidiness of the site.
 - Lifeguards.
 - Training for new comers - particularly those who arrive mid week.
- Tie, an extra hour or two a day would be great! Swimming tho I , understand why it was tricky this year
 - Less strictness over tents, yes they need making water tight and keeping tidy but so much time is spent worrying about the level of packed away-ness - ooh a new word - that time spent together is often lost.
- Campfire nights.
- Pasta
- If there was more time I would like to see more
 - swimming,
 - aerial runway,
 - karaoke,
 - quizzes
 - wheelchair swing.
- Animals.
- Don't know whether it might be time to think about re-introducing sailing or canoeing? It is a faff doing the transport, but can be fun.
 - Five more helpers would have made things feel more comfortable!
- Lifeguards (see above)
 - Tents with wooden floors! Yes please woodlarks! To support campaign for this: we have at least 5 campers who like to sleep in tents who need to be hoisted and for their safety and the safety and longevity of our female and male helpers who would otherwise have to lift it is not safe or practicable for these campers to all be accommodated in the two existing hard-floor tents.
 - We need to look after our helpers as much as the campers and ensure that all transfers are as safe as possible and practical. If there is any further communication with woodlarks regarding hoisting etc I am happy to be involved / provide supporting evidence. (This is polly barnes in case the pudding talk didn't already give me away)
 - Custard-accompanied puddings ? Apple crumble or summink

- More of your friends
- Flatter surfaces
- Liked the set up as it was just found some of the activities hard for me to do
- I personally would like to see more roughage in the menu during camp. I do have problems during the week.
- More opportunities for swimming as it is a much loved activity.
- Not having to rush constantly from one activity to another
- Helpers.
 - The helpers are still stretched too tight, with some spending most of the morning/evening in the toilet block helping a series of campers. Some campers take over an hour (sometimes two) to get up/go to bed, needing two helpers - such campers should be assigned an extra helper to help with these times as a priority ahead of clearing the waiting list.
 - In addition, any patrol with only 1 experienced helper should not have that helper given additional duties (running activities of any sort).
- Don't know
- More swimming - maybe a gala
 - More new sports like archery as well as dancing and boccia
 - More variety at lunch time - like crisps occasionally, or quiche, wraps etc
 - More guidelines on when it is an appropriate time to take someone to hospital - maybe we wouldn't have waited so long with Hayley.
- Sunshine
- Rest time! For helpers and campers. It felt pretty non stop from 6am til 11pm every day with all the campers to get up and to bed. I'd have enjoyed a bit more down time.
- Sleep,
 - helpers (a few)
- Wooden floor in tents.
 - New beds in old wash-block so not reliant on 2 rooms in Bradbury Croft.

What would you like to see less of on camp?

• Answered: 24

• Skipped: 31

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- I didn't like being bumped over the grass.
- Ambulances :-)
- Hospital visits ??
- Movies and films
- Rain
- Mango chicken
- Campers being 'parked' at activities
- There's nothing I'd like to see less of.
- I don't think there is need for so much cakes... Elevenses etc.
- Paramedic vehicles...
- Patrol seconds melting down so early in the week... ?
 - Patrol buddy check-in each day? PL meeting can be a very 'public' platform where seconds (and/or leaders) may not be comfortable to openly share all troubles?
- No Mosquitos!!
- Wasps
- Rain and wind
- Eggy bread
- Nothing.
- Ambulances!
- Points for jobs.
- Don't know
- People falling out (but that is purely to do with my camp this year) Less nagging from those in charge of duties
- Ambulances
- All the activities were great!
- Late night and early morning noise - it made nights very short and camp would have been even better with more sleep.
- Mugs left everywhere.

Q8

How happy did you feel at Pathfinders 2015?

• Answered: 55

Skipped: 0

Answer Choices–	Responses–
– Extremely happy	56.36% 31
– Very happy	29.09% 16
– Somewhat happy	10.91% 6
– Slightly happy	1.82% 1
– Not at all happy	0.00% 0
– <u>Responses</u> Other (please specify)	1.82% 1
Total	55

Q9

How safe did you feel at Pathfinders 2015?

• Answered: 55

Skipped: 0

Answer Choices–	Responses–
– Extremely safe	74.55% 41
– Very safe	23.64% 13
– Somewhat safe	0.00% 0
– Slightly safe	0.00% 0
– Not at all safe	1.82% 1
– <u>Responses</u> Other (please specify)	0.00% 0
Total	55

Any other comments / suggestions?

• Answered: 21

Skipped: 34

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- I had a very happy time at camp and want to go again next year.
- Love this survey - it helps us a lot in planning what works and what could be improved even further.
- Thank you to the amazing planning that went into this camp as always, the hours that are put in are so worth it. Well done and thank you.
- A patrol run activity on camp. Each patrol runs one activity each with two per day to fit all the patrols in when they are not out on a visit. More days out to places like Portsmouth which was a fantastic choice.
- Cannot think of anything else.
- I can't think of a thing...
- Love the Survey Monkey questionnaire!
- Emergency procedures worked really well on Friday night, I was proud to be part of such a calm, organised team arranging the external medical support for Anna. It is sad that we need to be ready for anything, but I feel satisfied that we are. I was called immediately by the patrol and felt well supported by the crew members and other helpers as we co-ordinated the emergency services response, the relocation of other campers and keeping the event as discrete as possible from the rest of the camp. A huge thank you to everyone involved from PHB!
- Thank you, it was really, really good at Pathfinders. I would love to go next year.
- Liked my one to one. Good to have others around to help as well. Liked being involved in the chores
- I enjoy 99% of pathfinders, Doug Manning
- Patrols were well balanced.
- None.
- I think that at times, the way patrol points are awarded seem a little unfair.
 - I like the idea as it's nice to have a little friendly competition between patrols and incentives to join in with different jobs and activities. However, I've seen campers upset at getting awarded low points as it hasn't been physically possible to achieve high points for some chores due to the demands of the campers. Unfortunately I haven't yet thought of a solution to this, I just don't like seeing campers upset over something that can't be avoided!
 - It would be nice to know which patrol we are in, even if just a couple of days before camp - though I know this often changes last minute!

- Also, less red milk!!!
- Don't change too much. It's good as it is!
- I had a really great time. It was also exhausting!
 - I'd have preferred evening activities to be done by ten to hopefully be in bed by 11.
 - There were lots of snacks during the day- mostly cake and biscuits. I'd swap a couple of days for fruit instead, just to keep it a bit healthier.
 - The crew were all incredible. Like a family. I loved that :)
- There's lots of new information thrown at you very quickly especially if people have limited experience.
 - I know you guys have a patrol leaders meeting before camp could there be something put in place for new helpers and campers before people actually get to camp, even if it's just to socialise so that's one less thing to worry about when you get there however I appreciate this could be quite hard to facilitate. Or maybe an email explaining how patrols and the job list works before you get there? Other than that I would recommend this camp to anyone. Everyone is genuinely lovely and so welcoming. It's not often you come across such a big group of like-minded, kind sweet and hard-working people like this :)
- A bit more info re our camper.
- Some people really struggled because of a shortage of helpers, especially for some campers who really need two and take a long time in the morning and evening.
- Love the patrol system and the sashes on the first day - helps you get to know people very quickly and be part of a smaller group.
 - I think the patrol was very well put together, we gelled so well and there was so much laughter all week!
 - I found it difficult sharing a tent, and since my camper slept in the dorm, I could have brought my own tent with no problem - wish I'd known!
 - It would also be very helpful to know in advance if your camper uses a manual wheelchair so that you bring suitable footwear (I did anyway).
 - Also in case the helper has any shoulder or back problems that make it difficult to push the wheelchair - and with the hilliness of the site I got short of breathe very quickly when pushing the wheelchair. (There's lots of offers of help, but you don't want to ask all the time!)
 - Thank you to everyone for all their help and support - helpers need it as much as the campers, and it was always there. (Particularly when I needed to get a wheelchair up the hill from the pool or aerial runway!!).
 - The crew and longstanding helpers all made sure new helpers were ok and if we needed to know anything we just had to ask.

- I found the week very hard work and tiring. I'm glad I came, and had a fabulous time, but I probably won't manage a full week again, especially in a tent.
- I'd love to come and help for a shorter period in the future, as to when, that depends on work and other commitments.
- I have nothing but admiration for the organisers and the crew, Pathfinders camp is amazing!
- same again next year please.