



Summer Activities 2023

Our popular Summer Activities are back – including old favourites and **exciting new adventures!**



Our Summer Activities are for young people who are:

- **8-17 years old** at the time of the activity,* and
- have a diagnosis of **Autism** without a learning disability,* and
- are sufficiently independent to participate in a community setting, with a **staff ratio of 1:4** (one staff member to 4 children), and
- can play as part of a **small team with other young people**
- and live in **Oxfordshire** (or access statutory services in Oxfordshire e.g. education, healthcare).*

* *These requirements are in accordance with our funding terms.*

If you are uncertain about your child's eligibility, please do contact us.

We are REALLY good at supporting young people to do “the social stuff”, have fun, make friends and try something new!

**DON'T WAIT –
WE ARE POPULAR -
BOOK EARLY!**

Daniel loved his first activity day.
Thank you so much for making him feel
so welcome and at ease.
A happy mum and son.

**The closing date for bookings is
Monday 3rd July 2023**

**Axe throwing &
archery tag**

Laser Tag

Pizza making

Japanese Day –
Kendo martial art, traditional
tea ceremony, manga,
origami, Nintendo

Gaming

Fire lighting

Tae Kwon Do

Horse riding

Go Karting

and much more!

STUFF YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Children should be **dropped off and collected** from the **stated venues / meeting points**. We cannot provide any minibus transport this year.
- Most of our activities are separated by age – juniors (8 – 12 years) and seniors (13 – 17 years). **Age restrictions are stated - participants must be the correct age at the time of the event.**
- If your child turns 13 during the Summer holidays, please book activities for the 13-17 age group **only** for the **whole** Summer.
- If you are not already known to us, you will need to complete a full Referral Form for your child **before** they attend an activity. Please visit our website for a Referral Form.







If you have any queries or need help to complete the Application Form,
please: **Email: activities@afso.org.uk** ☎ **07947 349655**

We look forward to seeing you this Summer






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Summer Activities Programme

Age	Activity	Booking Fee
Juniors: 8–12 years	<p>Monday 24th July 2023, 10am – 3pm Archery, Gaming & Board Games at AFSO office, Crabtree Place, off Audlett Drive, Abingdon OX14 3GD.</p> <p>You have the option to do archery in the morning, plus bring your own game console and controllers and/or board games – to play and share with others - multi player games only! We will also provide board games. This day is really good if you have not attended our activities before as there is lots of time to chillout and listen to your own music / relax if you need to,</p>  	£30 per child Bring a packed lunch
Seniors: 13–17 years	<p>Tuesday 25th July 2023, 10am – 2pm Indoor Go-karting, bowling and pizza at Rogue Racing, The Point, Gatehouse Way, Aylesbury, HP19 8DB</p> <p>Go-kart racing on an indoor racetrack. The track has a safe & enjoyable environment and is suitable for novice and experienced karters. You will be provided with race overalls to protect clothing, crash helmets, and neck braces (optional for +15 years), but bring your own gloves. After the racing we will have a few games of bowling followed by pizza. There is a new games arcade at the venue, please bring extra money if you would like to play these.</p> 	£30 per child includes Pizza lunch Bring gloves Optional: Extra money for arcade games
All 8 – 17 years (12 stone weight limit)	<p>Wednesday 26th July 2023, 10am – 3pm Horse riding & day at the stables at Horseywe, Westfield Farm, Westfield Road, Long Crendon, HP189EW</p> <p>A wonderful 'horsey' day which includes horse riding, horse grooming, animal care and maintaining the stables. NOTE: This is an outdoor activity and may involve getting muddy and wet. Appropriate clothing must be worn and sturdy trainers/boots. Helmets will be provided and MUST be worn. NEW: Please note participants must weigh <u>12 stone or under</u> to attend, due to limits for horse riding.</p> 	£35 per child Bring a packed lunch Appropriate clothing and sturdy trainers/boots
Seniors: 13–17 years	<p>Thursday 27th July 2023, 10am – 3pm Archery, Gaming & Board Games at AFSO office, Crabtree Place, off Audlett Drive, Abingdon OX14 3GD.</p> <p>You have the option to do archery in the morning, plus bring your own game console and controllers and/or board games – to play and share with others - multi player games only! We will also provide board games. This day is really good if you have not attended our activities before as there is lots of time to chillout and listen to your own music / relax if you need to.</p>  	£30 per child Bring a packed lunch


BUT WAIT! THERE'S MORE!

Juniors: 8–12 years	<p>Friday 28th July 2023, 9:45am – 12:15pm Outdoor Laser Tag (session 1) at Furze Brake Woodland, Lockwood Farm, Culham No1 site, Station Road, Culham, Oxford, OX14 3DA</p> <p>Prepare to do battle! Back by popular demand – Come and play laser tag in an awesome outdoor setting. If you have never tried Laser Tag before – this is the perfect opportunity to try something new!</p> <p>NOTE: a cap is provided and must be worn (holds laser sensor). This is an outdoor activity in woodland, so please wear appropriate clothing and footwear.</p>		<p>£30 per child. per session</p> <p>Bring a drink and wear appropriate clothing and footwear</p>
Seniors: 13–17 years	<p>Friday 28th July 2023, 12:45am – 3:15pm Outdoor Laser Tag (session 2) at Furze Brake Woodland, Lockwood Farm, Culham No1 site, Station Road, Culham, Oxford, OX14 3DA</p> <p>Prepare to do battle! Back by popular demand – Come and play laser tag in an awesome outdoor setting. If you have never tried Laser Tag before – this is the perfect opportunity to try something new!</p> <p>NOTE: a cap is provided and must be worn (holds laser sensor). This is an outdoor activity in woodland, so please wear appropriate clothing and footwear.</p>		<p>£30 per child. per session</p> <p>Bring a drink and wear appropriate clothing and footwear</p>
Juniors: 8–12 years	<p>Monday 31st July 2023, 10am – 3pm Techno Ninjas – Minecraft Mayhem! at Blessed George Napier School (Learning Resource Centre), Addison Road, Banbury, OX16 9DG</p> <p>Join us for Minecraft Mayhem: where you can use creative mode to make a land with a friend or try survival mode with a friend and battle to see who lasts the longest. If your ninja has a PC Minecraft account that is great, if not they have plenty of spare accounts, so that everyone can join in the fun.</p>		<p>£30 per child</p> <p>Bring a packed lunch</p>
At Secondary School 11–17yrs	<p>Tuesday 1st August 2023, 9:45am – 1pm PLEASE ARRIVE ON TIME TO ENSURE ENTRY Axe Throwing, Knife Throwing, and Archery Tag! (Session 1) at Ridgeway Axe Throwing, Carrimers Farm, Aston Tirrold, OX11 9DP</p> <p>Yep that's right..... we are throwing axes! A fun packed session throwing axes and knives at a target under the expert direction of instructors, plus playing archery tag – a team game involving firing arrows at your opponents!</p> <p>This is a NEW activity, and we would love for you to give it a go – there aren't many places you can legally do this kinda stuff! A real "Do Not Try This At Home" experience!</p>		<p>£30 per child</p> <p>Bring a snack and drink</p>
At Secondary School 11–17yrs	<p>Tuesday 1st August 2023, 1:30pm – 4:45pm PLEASE ARRIVE ON TIME TO ENSURE ENTRY Axe throwing, knife throwing, and archery tag! (Session 2) at Ridgeway Axe Throwing, Carrimers Farm, Aston Tirrold, OX11 9DP</p> <p>Yep that's right..... we are throwing axes! A fun packed session throwing axes and knives at a target under the expert direction of instructors, plus playing archery tag – a team game involving firing arrows at your opponents!</p> <p>This is a NEW activity, and we would love for you to give it a go – there aren't many places you can legally do this kinda stuff! A real "Do No't Try This At Home" experience!</p>		<p>£30 per child</p> <p>Bring a snack and drink</p>

Seniors: 13–17 years	<p>Wednesday 2nd August 2023, 10am – 3pm Pizza making, Board Games and Film at AFSO office, Crabtree Place, off Audlett Drive, Abingdon OX14 3GD.</p>  <p>Join us for a day of board games, chilling, as well as making your own pizza at ASK Italian in Abingdon! We will choose some snacks to buy in Abingdon to share whilst watching a film (film chosen on the day), and if the weather is good, we could go to the park. Note: Please inform us of any Dietary Requirements.</p>	<p>£30 per child</p> <p>Includes a pizza, squash, and ice cream (Vanilla or Chocolate)</p>
Juniors: 8–12 years	<p>Thursday 3rd August 2023, 10am – 3pm Challenges and party tricks, gaming and board games at AFSO office, Crabtree Place, off Audlett Drive, Abingdon OX14 3GD.</p> <p>Try our <i>Taskmaster</i> challenges including team challenges and solo challenges and learn some impressive party tricks – or demonstrate your own party tricks or skill. There will also be other activities available: our usual gaming consoles (2 wii consoles and a Nintendo Switch), board games, Uno, Lego, or bring your own console to play mutli player games or board game. A great day to meet others and learn some party tricks to impress others.</p>	<p>£30 per child</p> <p>Bring a packed lunch</p>
Seniors: 13–17 years	<p>Monday 7th August 2023, 10am – 3pm Japanese fun and games - Kendo – Manga – Anime - traditional tea ceremony – origami – Nintendo at AFSO office, Crabtree Place, off Audlett Drive, Abingdon, OX14 3GD</p>   <p>We are celebrating Japanese martial art and entertainment. All the activities are optional, but we encourage you to try them all: Kendo – an ancient martial art using bamboo swords and armour. There will be contact with armour and weapons! The Kendo session is suitable for beginners and those with experience. You must wear comfortable loose clothing and ideally be barefoot to do Kendo. Traditional tea ceremony conducted by a Japanese lady - learn about the ceremony and drink the tea (if you wish). Plus bring your manga books to read and discuss or read manga books we will have on display Origami, or watch anime (anime decided on the day) We will also have Nintendo Switch available and Mario Kart and Wii Sports – or bring your game console and games to play and share with others! Two player+ games only! Please bring additional controllers!</p> 	<p>£30 per child</p> <p>Bring a packed lunch</p> <p>Wear comfortable loose clothing.</p>
Juniors: 8–12 years	<p>Tuesday 8th August 2023, 10am – 3pm Science Investigators at Science Oxford Centre, Stansfeld Park, Quarry Road, Headington OX3 8SB.</p>  <p>The day will include running your own experiment to investigate how we measure light; using the scientific method to discover the recipe for perfect snow; and using household kitchen items to identify pH levels of acids and bases. You can also stroll in the woodland, enjoy a range of indoor exhibits in the Exploration Zone, and explore an outdoor Water Lab. NOTE: Parts of the day will be outside and at the end of the day there will be chance to explore the water lab, so a change of clothes is essential. Please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather - please can they bring a waterproof coat, a change of clothes and suitable footwear. Science Oxford have excellent resources online to see a virtual tour of the venue, access a social story (under their downloadable resources) or access exhibit guides. To access these please visit - https://scienceoxford.com/resources/accessible-resources</p>	<p>£30 per child</p> <p>Bring a packed lunch and drink</p> <p>Dress for the weather, and bring a change of clothing in case of wet play</p>

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<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Junior Day for 8–12yrs</p>	<p>Thursday 10th August 2023, 10am – 3pm Japanese fun and games - Kendo – Manga – Anime - traditional tea ceremony – origami – Nintendo at AFSO office, Crabtree Place, off Audlett Drive, Abingdon, OX14 3GD</p> <p>We are celebrating Japanese martial art and entertainment. All the activities are optional, but we encourage you to try them all: Kendo – an ancient martial art using bamboo swords and armour. There will be contact with armour and weapons! The Kendo session is suitable for beginners and those with experience. You must wear comfortable loose clothing and ideally be barefoot to do Kendo. Traditional tea ceremony conducted by a Japanese lady - learn about the ceremony and drink the tea (if you wish). Plus bring your manga books to read and discuss or read manga books we will have on display Origami, or watch anime (anime decided on the day) We will also have Nintendo Switch available and Mario Kart and Wii Sports – or bring your game console and games to play and share with others! Two player+ games only! Please bring additional controllers!</p>   	<p>£30 per child</p> <p>Bring a packed lunch</p> <p>Wear comfortable loose clothing.</p>
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<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Juniors: 8–12yrs</p>	<p>Tuesday 15th August 2023, 10am – 3pm Go Wild in the Woods! at Hill End Outdoor Education Centre, Eynsham Road, Cumnor, Oxford OX2 9NJ.</p> <p>This amazing outdoors day includes fire lighting, whittling, orienteering, den building, and outdoor challenges and team games. Put your map skills to the test and navigate the trails within this incredible huge outdoor site! If you like being outdoors – this is great for you! NOTE: This is an outdoor activity with no indoor space or shelter. It is essential your child is dressed appropriately for the weather and brings a waterproof coat, a change of clothes and suitable footwear.</p> 	<p>£30 per child</p> <p>Bring a packed lunch, appropriate clothing for the weather, sun screen, and change of clothes.</p>

See 22nd August for this same activity for 11-17 year olds in secondary school!

<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Juniors: 8–12 yrs</p>	<p>Thursday 17th August 2023, 10am – 3pm Pizza Making, Board Games and Film at AFSO Offices, Crabtree Place, off Audlett Drive, Abingdon OX14 3GD.</p> <p>Join us for a day of board games, chilling, as well as making your own pizza at ASK Italian in Abingdon! We will choose some snacks to buy in Abingdon to share whilst watching a film (film chosen on the day), and if the weather is good we could go to the park. Note: Please inform us of any Dietary Requirements.</p>		<p>£30 per child</p> <p>Includes a pizza, squash, and ice cream (Vanilla or Chocolate)</p>
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<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Seniors: 13–17 years</p>	<p>Monday 21st August 2023, 10am – 3pm Tae Kwon Do (optional), Bubble tea, gaming & board games at AFSO Offices, Crabtree Place, off Audlett Drive, Abingdon OX14 3GD.</p> <p>You have the option to learn some Tae Kwon Do and self-defence techniques with MF Martial Arts. There will be contact with pads and weapons! The Tae Kwon Do is an OPTIONAL 1 hour session and suitable for beginners and those with experience. Plus bring your own game console and controllers and board games – to play and share with others! Multi-player games only! Tae Kwon Do is a Korean martial art – so to continue the Korean theme there will be the option to make your own bubble tea and learn some K-pop dance moves!</p>	 	<p>£30 per child</p> <p>Bring a drink and a packed lunch</p> <p>Wear comfortable loose fitting clothing for Tae Kwon Do</p>
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">At Secondary School 11–17s</p>	<p>Tuesday 22nd August 2023, 10 am – 3pm Go Wild in the Woods! at Hill End Outdoor Education Centre, Eynsham Road, Cumnor, OX2 9NJ.</p> <p>This session is for 11-17 year olds in secondary school. This amazing outdoors day includes den building, fire lighting, toasting marshmallows, whittling and outdoor challenges and team games. Put your map skills to the test and navigate the trails within this incredible huge outdoor site! NOTE: This is an outdoor activity with no indoor space or shelter. It is essential your child is dressed appropriately for the weather and brings a waterproof coat, suitable footwear, a change of clothes, and sun screen if appropriate.</p>	 	<p>£30 per child</p> <p>Bring a packed lunch, appropriate clothing for the weather, sun screen, and change of clothes.</p>

<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">All 8 – 17 years</p>	<p>Wednesday 23rd August 2023, 10am – 3pm Wild Animal Extravaganza! at Amazing Animals, Green Lane, Heythrop, OX7 5TU</p>  <p>A rare and special experience! Amazing Animals is one of Europe’s largest private collection of animals including WOLVES, TIGERS, PENGUINS, SLOTHS, and many more! Come and see what happens behind the scenes of animal training for TV, Film, live events, photography, and the audio-visual industries. You will have the opportunity to see demonstrations of animal training and gain some insight into animal behaviour. The day will include participation in the enrichment of animal enclosures as well as a tour of this awesome private animal training centre. NOTE: We cannot guarantee which animals will be available on the day, as some may be out on film sets!</p>	<p>£30 per child.</p> <p>Bring a packed lunch</p>
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We are REALLY good at creating enjoyable and positive Summer memories and experiences – even doing the “social stuff”!

DON'T WAIT - BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

The Closing Date for bookings is Monday 3rd July 2023

Thank you to AFSO for the experience my son attended yesterday. He spent the whole journey home not pausing for breath while **he just raved about it. He thoroughly enjoyed himself and thought it was fab and said he would highly recommend it to anyone.** He was so happy he even thanked me for his packed lunch!

I was really worried about the summer, but **I'm so happy now. You get me and make me feel good about myself.** There should be more people like you in the world.
 – Teenage Summer participant

For How to Book



Summer Activities **How to Book**

To book your Summer Activity places please complete the **attached Application Form**.

- When booking, please ensure you can drop off and collect your child **at the stated venue** on time.
- The arrival/drop off times are when Registration will begin. If you arrive early, please supervise your child and wait to register. Our staff become responsible for young people after registration.
- Applications will only be accepted after we have received both a fully completed Application Form **and** payment.
- Final confirmation of places will be sent **AFTER the closing date**.
- If you have queries or special arrangements regarding payment, please let us know as soon as possible.
- **IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT MEDICATION.** If **whilst attending** our activities your child will need *any* medication which *may* require action/intervention/storage by our staff, e.g. Diabetes, medication for ADHD, epilepsy, please **BOOK EARLY** and let us know **ASAP** so we can organise staff training. **If our staff are not able to receive training in good time, the child's attendance will not be permitted.**

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Possible funding for Summer Holiday Activities

Inclusion Support Scheme (Short Breaks) for Disabled Children and Young People

Funding *may* be available from Oxfordshire County Council to *possibly* help pay fees **for those on low income or benefits**. We are now able to make an application from the **Inclusion Support Scheme (Short Breaks) for Disabled Children and Young People** on your behalf. We need to make this application at least 2 weeks before the start of the summer activities **so please let us know by completing the section in the Application Form**. You will initially only need to pay us at least a 10% contribution and we will apply for the remainder. If for any reason the application for funding is unsuccessful, we will advise you and you can then choose to pay the outstanding amount or cancel the place(s). More information is given here

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/sites/default/files/file/children-and-families/shortbreakstatement.pdf>

Contact Pauline Mackinnon at Oxfordshire Family Information Service for more information on 01865 32 33 32 or Email:

fis.enquiries@oxfordshire.gov.uk There may be funding available for transport. For more information, please contact the Oxfordshire Travel Hotline on 0845 310 1111 or www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/community-transport
