



# Activity Volunteering Opportunities at Bonaly

Bonaly Scout Centre is where we bring Scouting to life, where Scouts come for adventures and to create a lifetime of memories.

Bonaly is unique in being a Scout campsite and residential activity centre in Scotland's capital city and yet on the edge of the Pentland hills.

We have a dedicated team of two wardens and volunteers who provide a Scout focused activities programme based around activities, camping and residential accommodation.

As well as Scouts from all over the UK, we take bookings from Guides and groups like schools seeking outdoor educational activities.

## What are we looking for?

We are looking for volunteers to help us deliver high quality, fun activities to Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers. There will be opportunities for volunteer activity instructors, activity assistants and roles facilitating and developing self-led activities. We are also looking for help to provide leader training opportunities. All our volunteers will be given training and support.

Volunteers will help Bonaly to

- Run and assist activity session for our young people
- Teach bushcraft and traditional Scouting Skills
- Provide self-led activities.
- Deliver high quality Leader training.

## Some roles that may interest you?

### Bushcraft & Traditional Scouting Skills Instructor

We believe that these are the activities which epitomise Scouting, and we want this to be at the very heart of Bonaly. There will be opportunities to share ideas, learn from others and take part in training to further existing skills and build confidence.

There will be the chance to run and assist on many activity sessions including

- Fire building
- Backwoods cooking
- Cordage
- Shelter building
- Pioneering
- Tracking
- Running a campfire



- Knots & Lashings
- Wide games
- Knife, axe and saw
- Campcraft
- Organising and running large events.

### Instructed Activities

Some activities at Bonaly need to be delivered by instructors who have received specialist training and validation. These include archery, high ropes, low ropes, hill walking and tomahawk throwing. If this sounds like your sort of thing, why not come along to one of our “Have a go” days? This will be a chance to have a go at the activities that Bonaly offers and discuss the volunteer instructor role with experienced staff.

Training will include

- Specialist skills needed to run each activity
- Bonaly validation for each activity
- Ongoing quality assurance observations and feedback
- Personalised training plan
- Group engagement and management
- Session reviews

### Self-led Activities

Self-led activities are very popular with Leaders and we are looking for volunteers to help us run them.

This volunteer position will include

- Giving out and checking in self- led activities.
- Explaining safe use of equipment and risk assessments.
- Be on hand for help, advice and instruction.
- Repairing and maintaining equipment.
- Resourcing new self-led activities.
- Organising and looking after the stores.
- Developing new self-led activities including a “Bonaly Badge in a Box” programme.
- Maybe you can you teach circus skills, dipping or orienteering?

### Volunteer Outdoor Education Instructor apprenticeships

If you are interested in a career in Outdoor Education Bonaly can offer a personalised Volunteer Outdoor Education Instructor apprenticeship. This will provide the training



and opportunities to gain the experience required to start a career in professional outdoor instructing.

### Events

If you don't want to commit to regular volunteering Bonaly is always looking for help running events such as District Flags, ScotJam 2021 or Survival Skills competition weekends.

Duties could include

- Pitching and striking tents and marquees
- Assisting the catering ASU with food and refreshments
- Car park management (much needed at Bonaly!)

## **What you will get out of volunteering with Bonaly?**

- Being part of a great team providing exciting adventurous and environmental Scouting activities for young people.
- Social events with Bonaly volunteers and staff.
- Use your experience to help up-skill Leaders in traditional Scouting skills and activities.
- Lots of opportunities to develop your existing skills and learn new ones.
- Overnight accommodation when working two days in a row.
- Share your skills and experience with other volunteers and Bonaly staff.
- Spend time with likeminded people.
- Biscuits!

## Self-led activities



## Instructed activities



## Bushcraft activities



## Events

