

Northampton Pride 2024 Information Pack



When, where and what times?

Saturday 13th July 2024

Please meet near Midsummer Meadows car park off Nunn Mills Road by 10:40am, to be sorted in the parade for 10:45am.

The parade starts at 11:00am by the Senate building at 11:00am, setting off from Nunn Mills Road at University of Northampton Waterside Campus and is expected to last 45 minutes venturing through the town and arriving back at the Waterside Campus after 11:45am.

The main event starts when the parade reaches the campus with the main stage opening at 11:50 and the stalls opening at 12:00pm. Stalls will begin to pack down from 5pm.

You are not required to be at the event for the whole day. After the parade has finished, you can explore the main event and can leave whenever you are ready. If you are helping at the stall, you do not have to stay at the GirlGuiding stall the whole day. Any time you are able to commit will be greatly appreciated. We are not expecting young members to stay at the stall, but are more than welcome to if they would like.

Who can be involved?

Guides, Rangers, Young Leaders, Guiders, Inspire and Trefoil Guild members are all invited to participate in 2024's Northampton Pride Parade and, if they wish, to help at the GirlGuiding stall at the University of Northampton after the parade.

Rainbows / Brownies are welcome to join us in the Pride parade with a parent or guardian (18+) event as a spectator with their families.

Guides, Rangers and Young Leaders will be required to have an adult (leader or family member) present throughout the day. See more details further down.

What will you be involved in?

GirlGuiding Northamptonshire has a place in the parade and we would love for you to come along to walk with us. You are welcome to bring banners, flags, poster boards etc with you to show as we walk around. If you have a song or chant that would be good to shout, we would love for you to lead us and the crowds. We would love as many people as possible to join us in the parade! Face paint / body glitter, fun hair etc will be great too!

The rest of the day is based at the Waterside Campus and consists of acts on the main stage and stalls and activities to walk around. GirlGuiding Northamptonshire will also have a stall at campus to promote GirlGuiding in the county, as well as some interactive activities. We would be very appreciative to have some people to help promote their local GirlGuiding groups and help engage the general public with conversations and the interactive activities. You will be given time to walk around the event to enjoy the day if you wish to.

What is needed to attend?

Standard documents and advice for activities / events away from your normal meeting place are to be followed.

Guides, Rangers and Young Leaders **must** attend with a Leader **or** with a parent or guardian and the adult(s) are to have full responsibility. Following the guidance of activities and events outside of the usual meeting place: Rangers / YL – 1 adult with the recommendation of a second adult; Guides – 1 adult for every 12 with a minimum of 2 adults. Leaders will need to have a consent form and a health form for **all** participants under the age of 18, and emergency contact for all leaders attending. A home contact is also required, and the organising team will need a contact number for at least one of the Leaders attending with the young members.

If Leaders decide to allow Guides, Rangers and Young Leaders to explore the campus area alone, we strongly recommend that they must do so in groups and having a meet up point and setting out times to check in with the Leaders.

Please make sure each person attending has:

- Appropriate footwear – you will be walking for at least 45 minutes in the parade (and if applicable 6+ hours on the stall, or if staying afterwards)
- A reusable water bottle – refill stations should be available
- Sun hat / sun cream / jacket / raincoat – please check the weather forecast the days leading up to the event and bring what is required
- Lunch – food stalls will also be available at the campus
- Money – if you want to walk around, other stalls and food vendors will be available
- Chair – if helping at the stall

Not essential but you may wish to bring:

- Hand sanitiser
 - Power bank for phone charging
 - Ear plugs
 - Fidget toys if easily overstimulated
- We would like participants of the parade and helping at the stall to be in uniform, or wearing something with a visible Guiding Trefoil on.

You are welcome to bring LGBTQ+ supportive posters, flags, chants / songs etc for the parade and come dressed with face / body paint, glitter etc. **NO offensive language** on placards or posters please – this stems from West Northants Council and the organising team.

Main event contact: Joanna 07518151040

If you would like to attend alone / with other GirlGuiding leaders or members (18+), please email joanna.poole@hotmail.co.uk with your name, contact number and whether you would like to be in the parade, on the stall or both by Friday 12th July 2024. If there is a specific time you would like to commit to during the day, please detail this too. Please use "Northampton Pride 2024" as the subject.

If you would like to attend with your unit, please fill in the form below and return to joanna.poole@hotmail.co.uk by Friday 12th July 2024. Please use "Northampton Pride 2024" as the subject.

Unit name	
Leader name	
Leader contact number and email address	Number Email
Number of Leaders expected to attend Number of Guides / Rangers / Young Leaders expected to attend	
Sign and date	