

The Mersea Island Festival 2011

The Mersea Island Festival first began in 1981 and has run successfully ever since! The camp consists of two camping holidays – a week and weekend camp. The Festival aims to bring together people with or without a disability. It is an exciting and fun camping adventure that offers a range of challenging, inclusive, indoor and outdoor activities as well as fun filled evenings of live music and discos. At the famous Camp Concert campers perform, dance, sing, read poetry or tell jokes to the rest of the camp either on their own or as a part of a group.

The Mersea Island Festival is priceless to those who are involved. Every year old faces return to renew the friendships made in previous summers but it is always a thrill to introduce new people to the Mersea Festival experience. The Festival is funded by the Mersea Island Festival Trust and each year 50 volunteers help, support and encourage campers to get involved. Along with the volunteers are qualified instructors running the onsite activities. Accommodation is available in either tents or cabins



At Wet and Wild



Horse & Carriage rides



Brentwood Phab Club

depending on individual needs. Some of the day activities on



Cowboy fun



Rodeo Night

offer include archery, zip wire, circus skills, quad bikes, music

workshops, watersports and 'Rodeo games' in keeping with last year's Wild West theme. The tented villages around the site included 'The Gunfighters', 'Buffalo Creek' and the 'Texas Rangers'. One of last year's highlights for the campers was a horse drawn carriage ride along the riverside and there was even a real life cowboy to demonstrate some rope skills! Off site trips are often arranged and last year's visit was to Colchester United Football Stadium.

This year's theme will be 'Medieval', so brace yourselves for Damsels in Distress, Knights of the Round Table and lots of jousting fun! The dates are Sunday 21st August – Friday 26th August 2011 (week camp) and Friday 26th August – Monday 29th August 2011 (weekend camp). Individuals, groups and families are all welcome!

For further information check out our website www.merseafestival.org.uk or contact Phil Ager, Telephone: 01206 383226.