ACTIVITY PACKAGES
MONDAY 8TH MAY - THURSDAY 29TH JUNE 2017

Mardyke Arena
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE CORK

SCHOOL TOUR
BROCHURE 2017
Introduction

We offer children a unique school tour experience introducing children to different activities delivered in a fun and stimulating manner by our enthusiastic staff.

We carefully research activities and source equipment offering inclusivity for all abilities and tailor activities to cater for the developmental needs of the group with an emphasis on fun and involvement for all.

Why choose the Mardyke Arena UCC?

- State of the Art Facilities
- Qualified and Enthusiastic Sports leaders and helpers
- Safe, encouraging and inclusive environment.
- We cater for groups ranging from 20 – 170 children per timeslot
- Wide Range of activities catering for all classes and abilities.
- Unique to the Mardyke access to pool and wall services in the same facility.
- Flexible starts and finishes for schools travelling long distances
- Convenient to other amenities nearby such as Wilton Shopping Centre, UCC, Cork Gaol, Fitzgerald Park, Lifetime Lab.
- Only pay for the number of children who attend. All activities are indoor unless weather suitable for outdoor activities.
- All activities fully supervised and leader led with helpers to assist the younger children if necessary.
- We design the package to meet your schools requirements and preferences.

Our programme consists of age appropriate inclusive activities for all classes and a schedule specially designed to suit Infants, Junior and Senior class. We aim to provide a comprehensive tour experience which will be enjoyable for all participants. Please Note: Tours are extremely limited for Week 1: 8th - 12th May 2017

Infant classes
Junior and Senior Infants

At the Mardyke we understand that this may be some children's first tour and as such a big adventure for all involved. We offer a friendly and welcoming environment with staff that have experience in working with younger children. All the activities available to the infant groups are chosen to stimulate the children in a positive way and help develop key movement skills while maintaining high levels of fun and enjoyment throughout the experience.

All activities will last 25-35 minutes in duration with a double class of 1 hour allocated to Swimming. This will ensure adequate changing and play time in the pool.

Infants will get a 15 minute break during a 3 hour tour and a second 20 minute break during a 4/5 hour tour.

Activities Available

| Bouncy Castle | Swimming | Dance Activities | Mini Golf/ Croquet |
| Giant bowling | Busy Beez (Dodge Ball) | Target/Frisbee Challenges |
| Racaloons | Pirates and Princesses | Stack Caps | Novelty Races |
| Parachute Games | Song and Games | Watch your step |
| Colouring (Mindfulness) |

Junior Classes
1st - 3rd class

Children who experience our junior tour program experience a program which is focused on involvement and fun for all rather than competition. The aim of the program is to promote fun and enjoyment for all participants and this is done by primarily adopting a games based approach to all activities. Leaders promote involvement for all children in the games through a variety of methods such as ensuring all participants have a role to fulfil in the activity even if they do not wish to play an active role in the game.

Activities Available

| Bouncy Castle | Dance Activities | Olympic Challenge |
| Dodge ball | Basketball | Racaloons | Lacrosse |
| Ultimate Frisbee | Volleyball | Uni Hoc | Climbing Wall |
| Swimming | Badminton | Yuki Ball | Tennis |
| Tchouk Ball | Team Challenges | Dodge Ball |

Senior Classes
4th - 6th class

Our mission for all our tours is to provide students with a positive and memorable experience of their visit to the Mardyke Arena. This particularly relevant to this age group as many students it maybe their last school tour with their class mates. As a result of the emphasis for this age category is still fun and enjoyment for all and the ethos of participation for all is built upon in this age category also. A games based approach is adopted for all activities in this tour category with the emphasis being placed on fun and enjoyment.

Activities Available

| Climbing Wall | Swimming | Nitro Ball | Virtual Spin |
| Dance | Olympic Challenge | Uni Hoc | Fun Fitness |
| Crazy Golf | Soccer | Basketball | Tennis |
| Dodge Ball | Team building Games | Tag American Football |
| Badminton | Tag Rugby |

Activity duration

Infants 30 minutes
Junior and senior classes 30-45 minutes
swimming 1 hour
swimming 45 minutes (can be extended on request)

Lunch Breaks

3 Hour Tours - Infants, Junior and Senior classes are allocated a 15 minute break mid way through the tour programme.
4/5 Hour Tours - Infants, juniors and seniors have mid-morning 15 minute break and an afternoon 20 minute.

Teachers may request additional break for infants when completing the booking form and prior to receipt of tour schedule. Teachers are required to supervise their classes during break times. Please note we can't accommodate a break at the end of the booked school tour slot.

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Structure of the day

Arrival in the Arena

Classes are advised to arrive in the Arena at least 15 minutes before the scheduled tour start. We advise teachers to carefully plan their departure from the school to co-ordinate with this request. Schools that arrive late for a tour may miss their first activity as we cannot amend the daily schedule or extend the tour times.

A staff member will meet and greet the tour at the main gates and escort the children and teachers to their assembly in the Mardyke Arena. Classes will then be split into smaller groups in specific group sizes as per the schedule of activities. In order to accelerate this process we appreciate if teachers could divide the groups in advance of arrival or alternatively provide assistance to our staff on the day of the tour.

Staff will note attendance and update the medical log for each group. A staff member will address the groups and outline some important policies before the commencement of the activities.

Café Atrium

Café Atrium is situated in the foyer of the Mardyke Arena UCC, they offer a special packed lunch deal to all visiting school children for €5. Contact the Café at accounts@cafeatrium.ie or on 021 454 4422.
Timeslots
Choose from the following timeslots;

Option 1 10 – 1pm €16 per child
Schools can select a maximum of 5 activities during this time slot. Please note children will require extra time for the wall and swimming activities. If you choose both swimming and wall then you are limited to 4 activities in total. Children will have one short break of 10 – 15 minutes during this timeslot.

Option 2 10-2pm €18 per child
Schools can select a maximum of 6 activities during this time slot. Please note children will require extra time for the wall and swimming activities. If you choose both swimming and wall then you are limited to 5 activities in total. Infants will have one short break of 10 minutes during this timeslot and a second’s break of 15-20 minutes during this period. Junior and Senior groups will have one break of 25 minutes.

Option 3 10 - 3pm €20 per child
Why not spend the day in the Mardyke Arena? Exceptional value for money! Choose up to 8 activities for the day. Children will have one short break of 25 minutes. Junior and Senior infants will have 2 breaks.

Option 4 2 – 5pm €12 per child
Why not stop off at the Mardyke on your way home from visiting 1 of the city’s many other amenities. Schools can select a maximum of 5 activities during this time slot. Please note children will require extra time for the wall and swimming activities. If you choose both swimming and wall then you are limited to 4 activities in total. Children will have one break of 10 – 15 minutes during this timeslot.

Option 5 1 – 4pm €12 per child
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Option 6 Package tour
Why not tie in with our partners in the Lifetime Lab or Cork City Jail and visit there in the morning and come to the Mardyke in the afternoon. Schools can select a maximum of 5 activities during this time slot. Please note children will require extra time for the wall and swimming activities. If you choose both swimming and wall then you are limited to 4 activities in total. Children will have one short break of 10 – 15 minutes during this timeslot. Prices available on request.

If you are looking for an alternative time slots, please do not hesitate to contact us.

How to book
Contact Fiona on 021 4904762 or fiona.jagla@ucc.ie to provisionally book a tour. We advise primary schools to book early for tours in May and June to avoid disappointment.

We will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible. Please note a 10% deposit is required to confirm all bookings.

School Tour Booking Form

School Name
__________________________________________________________________________
Address
__________________________________________________________________________
Contact Person
__________________________________________________________________________
Tel.No
__________________________________________________________________________
Email/Fax
__________________________________________________________________________
Date Required
__________________________________________________________________________
Total No of Participants
__________________________________________________________________________

Please specify the number of participants in the following age groups
Jun/ Sen Infants __________ 1st – 3rd Class __________ 4th – 6th Class __________ Other __________

Time Slot Options (Please tick your preferred time slot.)
10am–1pm □ 10am–2pm □ 10am–3pm □ 1pm–4pm □ 2pm–5pm □

Other __________

Deposit Enclosed Yes □ No □

Amount
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Additional Information:
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Please number activities in order of preference with number 1 being the most preferred activity.

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Mardyke Arena UCC
Tour Programme General Terms & Conditions
Please complete the tour booking form and return to the Mardyke Arena UCC. The tour booking form must be returned at least one month before the tour date.

We will base our programme on the number of participants specified on the booking form. If this number is to change, we require confirmation in writing at least two weeks before the tour date.

General
• Tours can be booked for May and June. Please book early to avoid disappointment.
• The activities will commence at either 10am or 2pm sharp depending on the preferred time slot.
• The tour should arrive on the premises 15 minutes before the first activity to ensure there is no delay with the activities. Please note we cannot compensate for any tours that arrive late.
• The tour group will be split into smaller groups depending on age.
• Activities will be structured to cater for the needs of each age-group. (It is advised to have the groups split prior to arrival to save time).
• Activities are subject to availability. We will do our very best to cater for the activities requested at the time of booking. However the situation may arise when some activities are unavailable on certain dates. Groups will receive ample notice if we cannot cater for these activities and will be asked to choose alternative activities.
• Participants are not to leave the building during their time slot. Teachers must stay on the premises for the duration of the tour.
• Participants should bring swimming togs and towels and a swim hat.
• Suitable runners and sports clothing should be worn.
• Any participant who suffers from any illness or incapacity which could restrict his/her ability to participate in an activity should be brought to the attention the Arena when returning the booking form.
• The Mardyke accepts no responsibility for items lost / stolen or damaged on the premises or grounds.
• Participants should bring ample food and drinks for the days activity, the Mardyke does not provide food for participants of the tours.

Cancellation or alteration
• In the event of a cancellation, please note the deposit paid is non refundable or non transferable.
• A cancellation of any proposed school tour must be given, in writing, to the Mardyke Arena no less than 14 days prior to the staging of the school tour.
• The Mardyke reserves the right to refuse entry or terminate a booking should the occasion require such action.
• The Mardyke, on certain occasions, reserves the right to cancel a booking where the facilities are required for another purpose. Ample advance notice, in writing, will be given of any cancellation.

Code of Conduct
• All tours must abide by the rules and regulations of the Mardyke Arena.
• Teachers and participants are expected to take on board all guidance / instruction provided by the staff of the Mardyke Arena during the activities.

Finance
• A deposit of 10% of the total cost based on the number of participants specified on the booking form is required with the booking form. Payment options include Cash, Credit Card or cheque made payable to the Mardyke Leisure (UCC) Limited.
• The balance is due prior to the commencement of the tour. This can be paid at reception on the day of the tour and the payment options are Cash, Credit Card or cheque made payable to the Mardyke Leisure (UCC) Limited. Please note that we only charge for the number of students who arrive on the day.

I have read the terms and conditions outlined on the brochure and I / We agree to abide by these terms and conditions.

Signed: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________
On behalf of the hirer

Office Use only. Please tick if the following:
Confirmation Letter Sent to Bookee ☒
Booking Logged in Tour Diary ☒

Total Cost ___________________________ Deposit Received ☐ Yes ☒ No ☐
Deposit Amount ___________________________
Amount Due ___________________________
Staff Signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________

For further information, please contact;
Children’s Activity Co-ordinator: Fiona Jagla
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fiona.jagla@ucc.ie

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