



School Education Service

1940s & World War II Experience



Suitability - Years 3 - 8

For two weeks in summer the Severn Valley Railway goes back in time. During this period the experience of the 'age of steam' is further enhanced by the feel of Great Britain in the 1940s.

Arrive at Kidderminster in good time for your evacuation train. Come dressed for the occasion complete with gasmask box, identity card and identification label, bringing your lunch rations with you.

Before joining the train visit our aid raid post on the station concourse and examine our replica 1940s house. Visit two types of Air Raid Shelter and our unique WH Smith kiosk displaying a range of commodities of the period and related gifts for sale. Lots of costumed re-enactors will be on hand to talk to the children about life during World War II.

Then wave goodbye to your folks as the Severn Valley Railway takes you by steam hauled train into the heart of the Worcestershire countryside. Troops will be accompanying you on the train. Be on your guard against spivs selling 'black market' goods and remember, deserters will be arrested immediately, so look out !!! (Teachers can be arrested as deserters on the train by prior arrangement!)

Your lunch rations will be eaten in your carriage as your evacuation train takes you into the heart of the countryside.

Arriving at Arley's beautiful station nestling on a hillside overlooking the village, you will have the opportunity to contrast the difference between life in the town and country. The children also have fun running off their lunch and surplus energy as they play some of the 1940s games you may have organised in advance.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

A return train journey, in reserved seats, usually by vintage steam train to Arley, and the services of our costumed re-enactors. Pre-printed, die cut gasmask boxes, identity cards and luggage labels for each pupil are also provided.

BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS, COSTS & TIMINGS

'The 1940s & World War II Experience' operates June 23rd - 27th & June 30th - July 4th 2008.

Event timings are as follows:

TRAIN FROM KIDDERMINSTER ONLY	
Kidderminster arrive	10.00 -10.15
Re-enactment groups	10.15
Board train and start lunch	12.35
Kidderminster depart	12.45
Arley arrive	1.16
Arley depart	1.58
Kidderminster arrive	2.24
Coach depart	3.00

The cost of the visit is £7.50 per pupil. 1 adult travels free per 10 (or part of 10) paying pupils. Any additional adults above the free allocation are also charged at the child rate.

In the interests of safety schools MUST, at least, take up the free allocation of adult places.

EARLY BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL FOR THIS VERY POPULAR EVENT.

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