

Childminder on Femø

For you who is so lucky to be child-activist on Femø this year – welcome!

Through the years we have collected experiences, good advice and expectations for what it entails to be a childminder on Femø.

Here we outline the conditions and requirements to being childminder – both from the Secretary and based on experiences from previous childminders. It may seem a bit strict, but it's easier to get started when demands and expectations are outlined.

1. The week team is your "employer". Information for the childminders is continuous therefore the childminder group should attend the practical meetings for the week team as much as possible. This makes it possible to exchange what the plans and wishes are from both sides.
2. Childminders are responsible for the children's tent and the childcare which means contact with mothers and children along with the framework for the childcare during the week in question.
3. If you haven't been to Femø before, it's a really good idea to use the week you get at the activist price **before** the week where you are childminder so you get an idea about what the camp has to offer in terms of possibilities, routines and challenges.
4. Your "standard hours" as childminder are set from 10 am to 1 pm and from 3 to 5 pm unless you have clear arrangements about other hours.

REMEMBER:

- You are **off work** outside your work hours
 - You can send the children back to their mothers if you assess that the child is tired and indisposed due to illness or lack of sleep.
 - It is **OK** to turn down children when you're off work.
5. The childminder group is responsible for informing the mothers of the conditions set by the childminder group, which plans are scheduled for the week and so forth. It's a good idea to do this at the first meeting Sunday.

REMEMBER to make driving arrangements with the truck activist.

6. If one of you wants half a day off during the week this has to be planned with the week team and the mothers. If you for some reason need to arrange with another woman in the camp to take over the childcare, then it's up to you to make these arrangements.
7. Enrolment to the camp is binding, and should something prevent you from coming, we need to know this as soon as possible. If you bring your own children, you have to pay full child price for them. Beyond this, the same rules that are described on the website apply.

And now to what should preferably happen before your childminder week. It is of course possible to alter this.

1. Childminders should preferably be in contact with each other before the camp begins. It's a good idea to have spoken about what you each would like to do with the children during the week. An activist meeting will take place before the camp begins, and this is a good place to meet up and plan the week.
2. It can prove impossible to carry out a planned activity as the weather often plays a big role, so remember a "plan B". At the camp there is material with activities and also a folder with good ideas for things to do.

Suggestions for children's activities on Femø:

Bathing (always in the company of adults unless other arrangements are made with the mothers)

Ball games

A trip to the local football field

Drawing/painting on paper/stones

Games and singing

Trips around the island – to other beaches, the miniature golf course, the inn and the harbour (If you need a ride, you need to plan it with the truck)

Treasure hunt

Prepare shows and sketches for the evening meetings

Thematic activities – nature week, tipi week...

Theme parties – pool party, disco night, karaoke – for children and adults

Face painting

The possibilities are multiple; use your imagination and benefit from the folder at the camp which has loads of ideas and detailed descriptions of activities.

Have fun and enjoy!