

ESC Forum 2006

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Sunday 29th October - Tuesday 31st October 2006

at Lee Valley Village YHA
Windmill Lane, Cheshunt, Herts. EN8 8AJ



The ESC Forum

The Annual European Shintaido College Forum is a unique opportunity for Shintaido Instructors, assistants (and anybody else actively teaching Shintaido) to get together and learn from each other. If you have not attended such an event before the structure is quite unlike any other Shintaido gasshuku you may have attended.

As we are all instructors there, there are no formal gasshuku leaders. Anybody is welcome to teach a keiko, or to attend keiko led by any other instructor of whatever rank. Proposals for keiko are welcome, either on a theme of your choice, or a theme which reflects the theme of the gasshuku.

In past years there have been a multitude of keikos to choose from, allowing each participant to tailor their own gasshuku experience, attending as much or as little of the gasshuku as they wish.

Financial Stuff

As there are no gasshuku leaders the fees for the event do not include instruction! The relatively low cost of the event only includes the cost of board and lodging, and the provision of other essential services, such as an indoor dojo and conference facilities. Each instructor who offers to teach a keiko at the event will also ask a small fee for the keiko. These fees vary quite a lot, so be prepared for this!

Practitioners rate for the 2006 Forum: £120.00

Estimate for keiko: allow an extra £50 - £80 or so if you wish to attend lots of keiko.

Family Attendance

In England we have always placed great emphasis on the Shintaido Community. For this reason family members are always welcome at all our events. We have booked plenty of space at the Youth Hostel (3 lodges, 72 places in all), so please feel free to invite non-practicing partners, children, etc to join you at the event.

Non-practitioners rate: £70.00 (board & lodging only)

Child rate (under-18): £50.00

Lee Valley Village

Close to London, the six log cabins of Lee Valley Village are situated on the shore of a lake in the 10,000 acres of Lee Valley Country Park. There are plenty of activities on offer for non-practitioners to explore. Take your pick from sailing, kayaking, caving, climbing and canoeing to name but a few.

More information about Lee Valley Country Park can be found on the website:

www.leevalleypark.org.uk

Dates and times

This years ESC Forum will begin on Sunday 29th October, after lunch, and will end on Tuesday 31st October, after lunch. We would ask you to arrive anytime on Sunday morning for registration. Exams will take place on Monday 30th October.

The ETC event.

The ETC (European Technical Committee) meeting will start on Saturday 28th October, after lunch, and will finish on Sunday morning. If you are eligible to attend this event please arrive on Saturday morning. This event is free if you are a member of the ETC (your accommodation costs will be paid for from ESC funds). For other people who wish to arrive early (eg: organisers) there is a charge of £35 to cover accommodation costs.

Extra nights

You may arrive early or leave late if you wish. Because Lee Valley Village is a very popular weekend resort there are very limited places available on the Saturday night. We have reserved 24 in total (all that were free). We have reserved 8 of these for members of the ETC, and a further 6 for members of the British Shintaido organising team. That means there are still 10 places free on the Saturday night. If you would like one of them please register your place without delay.

On the Tuesday night (31st October) there is plenty of space. Please let us know if you would like to stay longer and explore London! Extra nights cost £35.

Travel

By air or train. Fly into any of London's main airports, or take the Eurostar to London.

1. Ask for a train ticket to Cheshunt. Take the airport train to central London (from Gatwick these go to Victoria, while from Heathrow they go to Paddington. If you are travelling by Eurostar you will already have arrived in Waterloo).

2. Take "the tube" (London's underground railway network) to Liverpool Street Station.

3. From Liverpool Street local trains to Cheshunt run very frequently, taking about 20 minutes.

4. The YHA is just 200m from Cheshunt Station.

By road. Navigate your way to Junction 25 on the M25 (London's orbital motorway). From there take the A10 North (direction Hertford), and follow signs to Cheshunt. When you get to Cheshunt follow the brown signs for the Youth Hostel.

By helicopter: OS 166, grid reference: 368024

The Organisers

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Application form

Send to: Charles Burns, 234 Peppard Rd, Reading, Berks. RG4 8UA. UK

Name:
 Address:

 Postcode:
 Country:
 Telephone:
 E-mail:
 Shintaido Group:
 I can help with the following:

 Dietary requirements:
 Non-practitioners names:

<input type="checkbox"/> ETC Meeting (28th - 29th Oct 2006)		
..... x ETC members rate		FREE
..... x general rate		£35.00
<input type="checkbox"/> ESC Forum (29th - 31st Oct 2006)		
..... x general rate		£120.00
..... x non-practitioners rate		£70.00
..... x under-18s non-practitioners rate		£50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Extra night (31st Oct - 1st Nov 2006)		
..... x general rate		£35.00
..... x under-18s rate		£25.00
TOTAL:		£

I wish to take the following exams:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Shintaido. | Current grade: | Date passed: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bojutsu. | Current grade: | Date passed: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Karate. | Current grade: | Date passed: |

Payment:

- I enclose a deposit check for € / \$ I understand this will returned to me the event, and I will pay the full amount in £ sterling (cash or travellers cheques) at the event (preffered)
- I will be sending payment by international bank transfer for the amount of £
 (please e-mail and ask for bank details)
- I will be sending the amount of £ by Paypal to: events@shintaido.co.uk
- Other arrangements:

Signed:

Date:

If you have questions please contact Charles Burns
 Tel: +44 947 6637 E-mail: charles@shintaido.co.uk

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