

Dear Parent/ Guardian

Duke of Edinburgh practise expedition – 17th and 18th July 2017

As part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award your son/daughter is following there is an expectation that an assessed expedition is completed. To this end we are arranging a practise expedition on the weekend of the 17th & 18th July during which the navigation and map work skills the pupils have acquired will be further developed in an unfamiliar environment.

At bronze level pupils must complete 15 miles (24km) over 2 days. We have arranged to travel by minibus to Shipston on Stour on Monday 17th July around 9am. Pupils will work in teams travel a pre-planned route on the Monday. They will camp over night at Hardiman's Field Girl Guide Camp before pupils complete the route they have planned on the Tuesday.

We aim to leave around 3pm on the Tuesday and on arrival back to Tile Hill Wood your son/ daughter will be expected to help sort and pack away equipment used. Your son/daughter will have the opportunity to contact you on our return.

As stated in our previous correspondence the cost of each expedition is £45 which is non-refundable, this covers the cost of transport, campsite, fuel and insurance. This needs to be paid on line via Parent Pay by Friday 30th June.

Attached is a kit list which pupils will need for the trip. We will provide tents, cook sets and fuel, rucksacks, maps and compasses. We have retained the deposit of £45 which will be returned if equipment is returned in a good condition.

If you require any further information please don't hesitate to contact us at any time.

Regards

Sharon Feeney
Trip Leader

Paula Powner
Trip Leader

Kit List

TO WEAR WALKING

1x Waterproof coat and trousers
1x pair Walking Boots (broken in)
1x pair Walking Socks & sock liners (optional) 1x Thermal top / tee shirt
1x Shirt
1x Sweater (woollen or fleece)
1x Walking trousers (warm; NOT jeans- can be tracksuit bottoms)

PERSONAL KIT (TO CARRY)

1 x Large Rucksack (approximately 55-65litre capacity) - Provided.
2 x Strong, large plastic bags (to line your rucksack)
1 x Sleeping mat Vango Adventure, Premium, Trek, Ultralite or a similar item - Provided
1 x Sleeping bag (in a waterproof bag) EG: Vango Nitestar, Summit, Ultralite or a similar item.
1 x Sleeping bag inner (optional) (if hiring from youth resources you must hire liner with bag)
1 x Survival bag - Provided
1 x Personal First Aid Kit
1 x Watch
1 x Whistle - Provided
Maps - Provided
Small quantity of money (optional)
1 x Notebook & pen/pencil
1 x Torch & spare battery
1 x Emergency food rations (NOT to be eaten until the end!)
1 x Water bottle (e.g. Sigg or strong plastic, to hold 1 to 2 litres)
1 x Knife, fork, spoon
1 x Plate/bowl
1 x Mug
1 x Box of matches (sealed in a dry container or bag)
1 x Wash kit (small)
1x Towel (small)
1 x Cagoule/coat (it must be waterproof and windproof)
3 x Pairs Underwear
2 x Pairs Walking socks & sock liners (optional)

2 x Tee shirts
1 x Shirt (woollen, cotton or fleece)
1 x Spare sweater (woollen or fleece)
1 x Spare walking trousers (NOT jeans)
1 x Pair of trainers (optional)
1 x Hat (warm)
1 x Pair Gloves (woollen)
1 x Pair Shorts (if appropriate)
1 x Sunhat & sun cream (if appropriate)
1 x Thermal long johns (optional)
1 x Pair Gaiters (optional)
1 x Waterproof over trousers (essential for Gold & Wild Country)

GROUP KIT (to carry between the team)

1-2 x Tents – Provided

2-3 x Stoves (& fuel) - Provided
2-3 x Cooking pots - Provided
2 x scourers
Maps (1:50 000 / 1:25 000) - Provided
1 x Compass - Provided
Map cases - Provided
1 x Camera (optional)
2 x Tea towels
1 x Pack of cards (optional)
5 x Plastic bags (for rubbish etc.)
Food (small & lightweight)