



Expedition Challenge 2012

We will be running the Expedition Challenge as a District before the Summer Break again this year. The format will be three separate events. These are listed below and include two training events.

Scout must be 12yrs or over on the weekend of the Challenge itself (ie. They can be under 12 during the training). To gain the badge Scouts must undertake all the required training.

The expedition will be through high wilderness ground and Scouts will carry all their gear for the weekend in their rucksack including food, sleeping bags, tents, pots and stoves. Scouts will be expected to share group gear among themselves, each scout carrying their fair share. Training will be given on what to bring, but a kit list is included here to allow parents to ensure they have what is required.

The aim is that Scouts will form their own groups with leaders in the area supervising from a reasonable distance whenever possible, but depending on the routes we choose, the abilities of the groups, and weather conditions, closer supervision may be required.

Each Troop is expected to provide the 'Group' gear for their Scouts, although if this creates a problem, we should be able to work it out. Can leaders please let us know if equipment will be needed at the start so that we can agree arrangements.

Sunday 22nd April: Indoor Training Day.

9.30am – 4pm. Location is to be confirmed.

Please wear your uniform top-half for arrival and bring something to change into. The day will cover navigation, equipment and safety and will also be used for route planning.

Sunday 3rd June: Outdoor Training Day

This will be a full day which will be used for practical navigation and hill training. Location and exact times are to be confirmed.

Friday 22nd – Sunday 24th June: The Expedition

This will be the expedition itself. We will travel on Friday evening to the hill area we have chosen and camp there before the expedition itself takes place over the Saturday and Sunday. The route will be over high ground and the Saturday night will be spent camping in wilderness area - hopefully on high ground as well.

Please complete the permission form and return it via email or by dropping it off at my address **by Friday 13th April**

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Kit List

For the Hill (in your walking backpack)

Waterproof Jacket	Personal First Aid Kit	Plates/Mug/Cutlery (labelled)
Waterproof Trousers (No Jeans!)	Camera	Sleeping Bag
Warm Jacket	Gaters if available	Camper Mat
Water Bottle (full)	Flask with Hot Drink	Plastic Bag for Grotty Stuff
Strong Shoes / Hiking boots	Sun Cream	Stove
Survival Bag (£3 from Millets)	Thick socks	Matches
Plastic bag to line rucksack	4 or more Layers of T- shirts / jumpers	Oil
Torch / Whistle	Toilet Roll	Fuel
Emergency Rations (chocolate bars)	Spare Clothes	Food (all meals)
Tent	Personal Medicines (inform leader)	Map
	Dishtowel	Compass
	Toiletries	Dixie Set

For the car (keep in a separate dry bag to be left in the car/bus)

Full change of dry clothes

Dry shoes

Money for chip shop (in case we drop in on the way home)

Towel