



Silver Qualifying Expedition – The Chilterns

Qualifying Expedition – Year 11 : Saturday 29th June to Monday 1st July 2024

Year 10 : Thursday 11th July to Saturday 13th July 2024.

Students **must** have completed a practice expedition to participate in the qualifier.

Kit

Participants **must** have a pair of walking **boots** but we/ICY will provide tents, rucksacks, compasses, sleeping mats, cooking stoves, gas & map cases. These will be distributed at the meeting point on Day 1. Wear and tear of kit is expected however we will require reimbursement for any damaged, lost or broken kit.

Other kit such as sleeping bags and waterproofs (top and bottoms required can often be borrowed from friends and family to keep the cost of the expeditions from becoming too onerous).

Sun cream and sun hats are essential if sun is forecast. They also have to carry a warm hat and gloves and should ensure that they have a warm top to wear in camp and at night as it can get very cold, even in summer.

Please do not pack for them but please supervise /check that they are not over packing. The total must not be more than 25% of their body weight. Food packaging is usually the biggest culprit but we have even discovered textbooks, makeup, a wooden chopping board and a large soft toy.

The DofE kit list can be found at: <https://www.dofe.org/shopping/dofe-expedition-kit-list/>

Your child will need an individual first aid kit containing blister plasters, plasters, any prescription medication, Paracetamol or Ibuprofen - unless allergic, 2-3 individually wrapped antiseptic wipes and tissues.

Each group will need a group first aid kit as detailed on the above DofE kit list. One person in the group may already have a suitable kit they can bring - otherwise the cost can be spread across the group of supplying the composite parts or purchasing a kit. **This is the responsibility of the group to organise and is part of the 'pass' criteria for the expeditions.**

Travel and Timings

You will be advised of the meeting point in the Chilterns in due course. It would be very useful if teams can car share. If your son/daughter is ill and has to drop out, then please let us know on the day and re-distribute the kit amongst other team members. If this is not possible, then please contact Mr Desborough via the school.

The teams will finish mid to late-afternoon on the final day. We will advise of the collection point in the Chilterns in due course and expect the students to be finished by mid-

afternoon, but this may vary depending on how the last day progresses and you will be kept informed.

Payment

The cost for the qualifying expedition is £200 per participant and this should be paid via Parentpay. Please pay a deposit of £100 by 30th April 2024 and the remaining £100 by 31st May 2024. If this is a problem for you, please contact Miss Manton in the finance office (c.manton@roundwoodpark.co.uk) who can set up a payment plan if required.

The total price covers our expedition providers costs, camping fees, support costs and we will also be providing two Ordnance Survey maps per team.

Please also ensure that you submit your Operoo response no later than 30th April.

Please note that if your son/daughter secures a place but then decides to withdraw from the trip, you must notify us immediately in writing as you will be liable for any cancellation costs (usually 25% of the total cost).

Contact numbers

Whilst on expedition, we can be contacted in an emergency on the following number:

R Wilson 07813 702982
Mr Desborough 07759 620036

Please do not call us to check if the young people are ok – do not worry; we will call you if there is a problem. Your son/daughter's team will carry mobile phones but these will be switched off for use in an emergency only, so do not expect a call from them either.

General

As with any trip we have high expectations of good behaviour and respect for others, including other campsite users and walkers and farm owners. However, we would like to include a reminder that smoking, drugs and alcohol are not allowed. Young people engaging in practical jokes, making excessive noise, leaving campsites untidy or other antisocial behaviour may not complete their expedition. Moreover, if your son/daughter enters the tent of the opposite sex after lights out, they will not be allowed to complete their Expedition and we will ask you to come and collect them.

Please speak to your child about progress with their Volunteering, Skills and Physical activities within their eDofE accounts.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us by phone on 01582 765344 or email.

Kind regards

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