

Bishop Wordsworth's School

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Duke of Edinburgh Award – Gold Practice Expedition to Exmoor Friday 27 May to Sunday 29 May 2016

The dates for the practice expedition are Friday 27 May to Sunday 29 May 2016 in Exmoor. After a successful, if wet and windy training expedition to Brecon Beacons, your son/ward is now trained and ready, maps and routes all checked and approved, to take part in their practice expedition. We will be camping at Burrowhayes Farm, West Luccombe, Porlock, Minehead, 01643 862463 on Friday and then Cloud Farm, Oare, Lynton, EX35 6NU, 01598 741278 on Saturday. Home contact number 07957 932 950.

We will leave school after exams around 1630 on Friday, Mr Nute will once again be our volunteer driver. Students will be able to change and leave suits and school bags with me; returning to school in the evening of Sunday 29 May 2016. We will remind your son/ward to call home with an estimated time of arrival.

The cost of the expedition will be £49.00, which includes a £25 reduction from the deposit paid on enrolment, this cost covers transport, camp site fees and use of equipment. The boys will need to come prepared with food for the whole weekend. I will inform the students which day we will lend out transpias and tents. The tents need to be taken home and returned dry and the transpias clean, ready for the Bronze qualifying expedition.

We will re-use the indemnity forms from the training session so the responsibility is on you to ensure that we have the correct current emergency contact details and details of any new medical conditions and your son/ward takes all necessary medication with him on this expedition. Your son/ward will be covered by the school's insurance during this trip; a copy of which is available on the school website. A copy of the kit list can be found on the school web site. Any problems please email Mrs Nute on amm@bws.wilts.sch.uk

Please pay online via: <u>www.scopay.com</u> If you need a link code please email <u>amh@bws.wilts.sch.uk</u> by Friday 20 May 2016.

Yours sincerely

Mr T W Churchill DofE Co-Ordinator