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Dear Parent/Guardian

Duke of Edinburgh Gold Training Expedition **Brecon Beacons – Sunday 16 April to Tuesday 18 April 2017**

The dates for the training expedition are Sunday 16 April to Tuesday 18 April in the Brecon Beacons. We will be camping at Newcourt Farm, Felindre, Three Cocks, Brecon Beacons, Powys, LD3 OSS. Transport will be by school minibus. I will be overseeing the training, assisted by Mr Thorne, Dr Turnbull, volunteer parent Mr Glibbery and ex-parents Mr Twentyman and Mr Nute. We will meet at school at 1430 to depart no later than 1500 on the Sunday afternoon. We should be back in school by about 1900 Tuesday evening, your son/ward will contact you with a more accurate time of return.

- Sunday 16 Arrive at school 1430 depart 1500. Pack trailer and depart
Day bag with snacks, drink for journey and funds for dinner
- Monday 17 Self-sufficient food for whole day, breakfast, snacks, lunch, drinks to include something to cook on Trangia in the evening
- Tuesday 18 Pack tents etc into trailer. Food for breakfast, snacks drinks, lunch and funds for stops.
Tents and Trangias to be taken home by students; tents to be dried and aired, Trangias to be cleaned. Please return to school after Easter ready for Bronze practice expedition.

Your son will be covered by the school's insurance during this trip; a copy of which is available on the school website. Please ensure that we have current emergency contact details and details of any medical conditions and that your son takes all necessary medication with him on this trip. Please contact Mrs Sarah Hayward sah@bws.wilts.sch.uk to update your son's information. Home contact number 07957 932 950.

A copy of the kit list is attached. Ask your son/ward to come and see me regarding the loan of tents and Trangias. The cost of the training expedition will be £47.00. The cost covers transport, use of equipment, camp site fees and school insurance, (a copy of which is available on the school website). Please pay on-line via www.scopay.com by Thursday 6 April 2017, if you need a link code please email amh@bws.wilts.sch.uk.

For further information on DofE, please contact Mrs Nute on amn@bws.wilts.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

T W Churchill
DofE Co-Ordinator

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Gold Training Expedition

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Note for Participants:

- You will need to be at school by 1430 to sort out signing out of tents, Trangias. Mr Churchill will supply gas
- You will need to have a supply of food for self-sufficiency, ie doing your own cooking etc for Monday evening/Tuesday.
- Ensure you have funds to cover a cooked dinner on Sunday evening and for our stops on Tuesday
- We are camping at Mills Brothers, Newcourt Farm, Felindre, Three Cocks, Brecon Beacons, Powys, LD3 0SS. Grid Reference SO 20259 35874
- Training starts at 0830 on Monday morning
- As it is a training expedition you will need to demonstrate self-sufficiency skills for weekend. Cooking on Trangias in the evening.
- No drinking alcohol. Anyone suspected of drinking will be collected by a parent/guardian
- You will be reminded to call home with an e.t.a.
- On arrival at BWS it is essential that all borrowed kit is taken home and returned **cleaned** and tents **dried and aired**. If it is not returned the group will be charged for a replacement
- Any queries please contact Mrs Nute (amn@bws.wilts.sch.uk)

BWS Duke of Edinburgh's Award - Kit List

This is a guide to the equipment which is required. Avoid cotton where possible and pack all kit inside green garden bags or rubble bags NOT bin liners and remember that your rucksack is not waterproof whatever the advertising says. The school has a supply of tents and Trangia's available for use and they are allocated on a first come first serve basis, under the assumption that any damage caused through miss-use will be rectified by the borrower.

TO WEAR WALKING

- 1 pair Walking Boots (broken in)
- 1 pair Walking Socks (maybe 2 pairs)
- 1 Thermal top/t-shirt
- 1 Sweater (woollen or fleece)
- 1 pair trousers (NOT jeans)

PERSONAL KIT (TO CARRY)

- 1 large Rucksack (approximately 65 litre capacity)
- 2 Strong, large plastic bags (to line rucksack)
- 1 3 Season sleeping bag (in a waterproof bag) and sleeping roll mat
- 1 Orange Survival bag
- 1 Personal First Aid Kit
- 1 Watch
- 1 Whistle
- Small quantity of money
- 1 Notebook & pen/pencil
- 1 Head Torch & Spare battery (eg small Maglite or Petzl headtorch)
- 1 Emergency food rations (sealed and NOT to be eaten until the end)!
- 1 Water bottle or hydration system (eg Sigg, Platypus or strong plastic, to hold 1 to 2 litres)
- 1 Knife, fork, spoon
- 1 Pocket Knife (small, optional)
- 1 Plate/bowl and mug
- 1 Box of matches (sealed in a dry container or bag)
- 1 toothbrush
- 1 Good quality waterproof jacket (essential)
- 1 pair Underwear
- 1 pair Walking socks
- 1 shirt (woollen, cotton or fleece)
- 1 Spare sweater (woollen or fleece)
- 1 Spare walking trousers (NOT jeans)
- 1 pair of flip flops (optional)
- 1 Hat (warm)
- 1 pair gloves (woollen)
- 1 sunhat & suncream
- 1 Waterproof overtrousers (essential)

GROUP KIT (to carry between the team)

- 1-2 tents
- 1-2 stoves (& fuel supplied by school)
- 2-3 cooking pots (included in Trangias)
- Maps (1:25 000 laminated) and map case (One between two)
- 1 per map Compass (Silva type)
- 1 Camera
- Food (small & lightweight, avoid bacon etc)
- Water Purification Tablets (Gold only – expensive so share cost)
- DofE participants' handbook – for completion by assessor after assessed expedition