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Dear Parents/Guardians

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Practice Expedition – Savernake Forest

Saturday 29 April – Sunday 30 April 2017

The boys have now completed their training in preparation for the Bronze practice expedition. This will take place around Savernake Forest on Saturday 29 April to Sunday 30 April 2017. **There will be no transport provided in either direction**, therefore all participants will be expected to make their own way, (car sharing), to the car park north of Marlborough, on the A346 towards Swindon, one mile after passing Marlborough Golf Club, (SN8 1RZ) in the car park (Grid Reference 188 707) on the left hand side, on Saturday 29 April. Teams **1 to 7 arrive for 0830** and teams **8 and over arrive for 0930**.

Before starting their hike students' kit bags will be thoroughly checked. Therefore ensure that all mobile phones, or similar, are **sealed** for use in emergencies only; please stress this to your son as this can cause a groups immediate failure. Teams will camp overnight at St Katherine's School SN8 3BG, (Grid Reference 251 651), with kind permission from the Savernake Estate. Students are not permitted to leave the campsite overnight. A copy of the kit list can be found on the school website.

Your son and his team will need to be prepared with their own lunch, snacks, drinks and have something suitable to cook for the evening on a trangia; plus Sunday breakfast, snacks, drinks and lunch for the Sunday hike. I will inform the students which day we will lend out trangias and tents. Tents and trangias are to be taken home by your son; tents to be dried and aired, trangias to be cleaned, ready for the next expedition.

On Sunday we will finish between 1400-1550 hrs. This will, of course, depend on their efficiency clearing the campsite and their pace. Meeting point is at the small car park one mile north of Alton Barnes on the road that leads to Lockeridge, Grid Reference 116 637. Mr Paul Webb of H5 Adventure will be the lead for the weekend supported by myself and BWS volunteering staff members. Emergency contact number 07876 765478.

The cost of the practice expedition is £12.75. The price includes the services of H5 Adventure, insurance and camp site fees.

Deadline for payment: Tuesday 25 April 2017

Please pay online: via www.scopay.com. 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.

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 expedition. Please contact Mrs Sarah Hayward sah@bws.wilts.sch.uk to update your son's information.

Yours sincerely

Mr T P Gilmour
DofE Bronze Leader