

23<sup>rd</sup> July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: DofE Bronze Qualifying Expedition Opportunity, 31<sup>st</sup> July – 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021**

Firstly, thank you for your patience and support as we try and navigate through these testing times. As you can imagine the effect of self-isolations both on our volunteer team and the students has made planning expeditions with any certainty difficult, and has already resulted in two planned expeditions having to be cancelled. We have though successfully managed to complete the Silver award for our year 11 participants and remain committed to providing all those at Bronze a similar opportunity.

With that in mind we have a short notice opportunity to run a Bronze expedition on the above dates. I understand that with holidays planned and other commitments made giving this much notice is not ideal and I apologise, but we have an opportunity and I wanted to grasp it.

If you have other commitments please don't worry there will be another chance over the weekend of the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> September that we have pencilled in, and those that are cadets will complete their Bronze qualifying on the field weekend planned for September 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> September.

For this expedition opportunity I plan to hold a training session for participants at Arnold Hill on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July. They will need to arrive at B Block Hall for 10:00am and should plan to stay until 12:00pm. We will dust off the cobwebs from their training and get them ready for the weekend.

The expedition will consist of two separate day walks starting from and returning to Arnold Hill Academy. Participants will need to meet in the community centre car park at 8.45am each day as this is the starting point for each planned walk. They will finish each day at around 16:00pm back at Arnold Hill.

**Dates and Time Summary:**

28<sup>th</sup> July – Training and Pre-Expedition at AHA B Block Hall (10:00am – 12:00pm)

31<sup>st</sup> July – Expedition Day 1 at AHA Turning Circle (8:45am – 16:00pm)

1<sup>st</sup> August – Expedition Day 2 at AHA Turning Circle (8:45am – 16:00pm)

Equipment

Participants need to be seen to be self-sufficient for the entire walk so will need the following equipment with them for each day of the walk, including all of their cooked meal packs.

- A day walking back pack large enough to hold the items below (we have some in stores that we can issue on loan if needed)
- Waterproofs (jacket and trousers)
- Spare warm jumper/fleece, spare socks, spare t-shirt
- Personal first aid kit
- Torch and whistle

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- Packed lunch and snacks for the walk
- A boil in the bag type hot meal to prepare and eat for the end of the day(e.g. Wayfayerer) and cutlery to eat it with.
- Water bottle(s) to carry at least 1ltr (water will be available during the walk if top ups are needed)
- Sunscreen

Participants will not need sleeping bags, mats, tents, stoves, gas, cooking pans. We will supply these where needed.

If there are questions about the information contained here please feel free to contact me. For those that still need to complete the other sections of their bronze award please log in to the eDofE site/app and keep the records and any assessor reports up to date.

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If you intend participating in this expedition and training please complete the form using the link below. This needs to be completed by mid-day Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July to allow us to facilitate staffing and grouping.

**[EXPEDITION CONSENT FORM](#)**

We will endeavour to keep group members together wherever possible.

Yours faithfully

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