

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award Expedition Information and Parents' Meeting

Dear Parent/Guardian

Enclosed is the necessary information for the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award practice and assessed weekends.

Practice Weekend: 8-9 May, Box Hill

All girls will meet outside Channing at 8:45am on Saturday 8 May. A coach will take us to Box Hill and the girls will begin their walk as soon as we arrive. Girls will leave Box Hill at approximately 12:00pm on Sunday 9 May and each girl will make her own way home from Westhumble train station. Members of staff will meet up with groups throughout their expedition and may walk with girls on a section of their route. We will also be camping at the same site in the evening. The girls are expected to confirm train times to and from Westhumble (National Rail Enquiries 08457 484950).

Assessed Weekend: 11-12 Sept, Chilterns

Girls will meet outside Channing at 8.45am on the Saturday. A coach will take us to the Chilterns and the girls will begin their walk as soon as we arrive. We will supervise them overnight and will be camping at the same site. They will make their return to Wendover train station on Sunday 12 Sept, arriving in London between 1.00pm and 3.00pm. Each girl will make her own way home from Wendover Station. The girls are expected to confirm train times to and from Wendover (National Rail Enquiries 08457 484950).

Appropriate footwear and clothing should be worn. Each group will have at least one mobile phone with them for EMERGENCY use only!

Equipment

The school will provide:

Tents
Trangias
Fuel
Photocopies of route cards

Personal equipment needed:

Rucksack (50-60 litres)
Compass- provided for you by school and is yours to keep
Bin liner – to line rucksack
Walking boots – waterproof with ankle support
Walking/seamless socks
Trainers/flip flops for use at campsite (optional)
Waterproof jacket
Waterproof trousers (optional)
Long and short sleeved tee-shirts – lots of layers needed
Fleece/warm sweater
Jogging bottoms/cotton trousers/shorts
Hat/cap – depending on weather (optional)
Gloves and scarf (optional)
Change of clothing
Sleeping clothes/thermals
Sleeping bag – which work to at least minus 5°C
Foam sleeping mat and/or Thermarest (self-inflating mattress)
Clear map case with neck cord
Toiletry kit and hand towel
Toilet paper, feminine hygiene products and wet wipes
Plate, bowl, cup and cutlery
1 litre PROPER water bottle
Personal medication/first aid

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Headmistress: Mrs B M Elliott MA (CANTAB)

Small torch
Spare batteries for torch (optional)
Map – with route highlighted
Ticket/money for journey home from Westhumble station(practice) or Wendover station (assessed)

Group Equipment

At least one first aid kit
Whistle
Notebook
Pen/pencil – to record information for presentation
Loose change for emergencies
Matches in a waterproof bag/empty film case
At least one mobile phone
Camera – to take photos for presentation
Empty carrier bags to hold rubbish
Washing up liquid
Scouring pad/sponge
Dish cloth

Meals/Food

Packed lunch for Saturday
Group meal (3 courses) for Saturday evening – must be cooked using Trangia
Food and drink for Sunday breakfast – stove must be used by everyone.
The minimum use of the stove is for a hot drink.
Packed lunch for Sunday
Snacks for both days
Plenty of water/cartons/cordial for both days
Emergency rations

It will not be possible for you to contact your daughter, but in the event of an emergency we will contact you immediately. We must stress that the practice weekend is a formal requirement of the Award and the girls should treat it accordingly. Any individual who presents any cause for concern during the weekend risks being withdrawn from the scheme. Each girl will sign a Code of Conduct Form beforehand.

The total cost for the expeditions will be £88 per pupil. This includes camping fees for two nights in total, one way coach travel to both expeditions and a compass that girls will keep.

There will be an opportunity for any questions that you may have to be answered at a short Parents' Meeting on Tuesday 27 April in the New Hall. This will take place immediately after the 6.00pm Battlefields briefing. (Attendance is voluntary). The meeting will also confirm details of both expeditions.

Please could you complete the reply slip below and indicate whether you are able to attend the meeting, together with Consent/Medical form. Please return them in a named envelope along with a cheque for £88 made payable to Channing School, **no later than Tuesday 27 April**.

Yours sincerely

Miss E Johnson

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme Coordinator

1 April 2010

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Please return this slip together with the Consent/Medical form and cheque in a named envelope to Miss Johnson no later than Tuesday 27 April by 7pm.

I have received information about the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award expedition.

I will / I will not be able to attend the voluntary meeting on Tuesday 27 April in the New Hall. *(Please delete as appropriate).*

(please tick) I enclose a cheque for £88 made payable to Channing School

Name of daughter: Form:

Signature of parent: Date: