



WIRRAL & WEST CHESHIRE EXPEDITION COMMITTEE OPERATING AUTHORITY

BRONZE EXPEDITIONS – 2018

Welcome to The Duke of Edinburgh's Award. We hope that this letter provides you with all the information you need to register for the Expedition Section of the Award and should enable you to successfully complete this section of your Award.

As we explained when you purchased your eDofE pack, you must be able to demonstrate that you have completed 2 sections of your Bronze award and have started the remaining section by Registration day. If you are not able to demonstrate this then you will not be able to register for this year's expeditions.

If you have met the criteria and have your sections completed to show this, you will be required to register with your team **at 09.30am** on the registration day being held at Upton Hall School on **Sunday 4th February 2018**. Please allow 2 hours for registration.

To be able to register as a team, each team member must bring with them their:

- Evidence that you have completed 2 sections of your Bronze Award
- Completed parental & participant consent form
- 2 passport size photographs
- Payment of the fee of **£95** (All cheques should be made payable to "W & WC Expeditions Committee".)

If you do not bring all of these at the time you register, we will not be able to allocate you a place for this year's expeditions and it is unlikely that you will be able to complete your expeditions this season. It is therefore very important to ensure you have the correct information.

Teams can have between 4 and 7 members but if a team falls below 4 members at any stage of the expedition, through illness or injury, the remainder of the team cannot start or complete an expedition. Please bear this in mind when deciding on the number of people who will be in your team. In addition we have a policy of not changing teams once they have been arranged except in exceptional circumstances.

There are a number of key dates that you **must** be available for as follows:

DATES FOR 2018	
Registration Event: Upton Hall School, Upton Village	09.30am Sunday 4 th February 2018
Training Day: Saturday at West Kirby Grammar School	Saturday 17 th March 2018
Practice Expedition: Clwydian Hills	Sat 19 th - Sun 20 th May 2018
Qualifying Expedition: Clwydian Hills	Sat 9 th - Sun 10 th June 2018

You must be able to attend on all of the dates shown above. We are not able to offer any alternatives. This includes where you are a member of a school team or other group that may have clashes with dates, examinations or activities so it is important that you have checked you are available on all of these dates before registering.

At registration, you are required to present the necessary information and the fee. The fee includes all costs associated with the training weekend and expedition weekends. Unfortunately, once you have registered, it is not possible to refund any element of the fee because it is used to pay for the transport and other costs in advance.

Training Day - Your training will be undertaken with your team and will be delivered by staff from the Expedition Committee. The course will take place on the Saturday at West Kirby Grammar School.

Practice & Qualifying Expeditions - Both your practice and qualifying expeditions will take place in the Clwydian Hills.

Transport - Transport will be by special bus for each expedition leaving from and returning to Thingwall Road, Irby each time. It is important that you use the transport provided to bring you home – we cannot permit collection from the end of the expedition.

Parents Evening – At Registration, you will be provided with details of a Parents Evening that you and your parents are invited to attend on Thursday 8th February 2018.

Additional information – On the application form you are asked to provide preferred contact details for future communications. This can be either a participant or parents email address and will enable us to pass any additional expedition information to you and your parents.

If you have any queries relating to any aspect of this letter, please contact us using the details provided below. We look forward to meeting you on our Registration day.

Best Wishes

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