



SIR THOMAS RICH'S SCHOOL

Oakleaze, Gloucester

Reminder- Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition

Dear Parents

A brief reminder regarding the Bronze Practice this weekend.

Practice Expedition (7-8 May 2022)

Day 1 - Saturday 7 May

Start time

The students will be expected to arrive at the drop off point at the time specified below based on their team number dressed in their walking attire. They must line up with their kit in lines and ordered in their Teams from 1-17 to ensure a quick and orderly team register and commencement of the expedition.

Parental Drop off (car share if at all possible)-

Barrow Wake Viewpoint Car Park
Near Birdlip
GL4 8JX

Be aware that this is a layby/carpark. Take the B4070 to Birdlip from the A417 just after the Air Balloon roundabout and the entrance to the layby is on the right. The carpark is at the far end of this lane.

There will be a staggered arrival of groups to avoid traffic congestion:

8.30am- Teams 1-4
8.45am- Teams 5-8
9.00am- Teams 9-13
9.15am- Teams 14-17

The students are aware which team they are in. For the practice some teams of four have been combined to pair with instructors. If your child or yourself are unsure which group they are in, please check Satchel One where the list is available along with drop off times.

Campsite- Cranham Scout HQ, GL4 8HP

Day 2 - Sunday 8 May

Return time

Parental Pick up - 4pm from Barrows Wake viewpoint car park. If this is delayed we will notify you.

Equipment

All groups that have hired equipment with the school have now collected it. Regarding group equipment that is supplied by Live Life Adventure the students will receive this on the day of the Practice Expedition upon arrival at Barrows Wake. This will include Tents, Trangia Stoves, Maps (2 per group) and Emergency Contact details. Please make sure your child has enough space in their rucksack to split this weight amongst the group.

Weather

It seems that the weather will be reasonable over the weekend however please ensure your child packs layers including gloves, hat, scarf/snood and full waterproofs. These are a requirement of DofE for safety.

Medication

Please remind your child that if they have any medications for health conditions they must bring these with them and make sure they are easily accessible for the Live Life Adventure staff to check before group departure.

General Information

Other queries or concerns regarding kit should be covered by the links below which were distributed following the information evening.

For those who could not attend please find the link to the recording attached.

<https://youtu.be/MdMYWWVOYug>

Please find a link below to the pdf guidance booklet with suggestions on kit, general guidance as well as a copy of the evening PowerPoint slides:

[Expedition guidance - click here to open](#)

[PowerPoint slides - click here to open](#)

Emergency Contact Details

If you need to urgently contact either myself or Live Life Adventure during the expedition we are available on the follow numbers:

Mrs Rigby-Smith (STRS DofE Manager)- 07367443478

Liz Orchard Live Life Adventure (on call number)- 07758485242

Hopefully, this will answer any queries you have but as always please email me cer@strs.org.uk. I hope your child is looking forward to the expedition, I look forward to seeing their navigation and campcraft skills flourish over the weekend.

Best wishes

Mrs Rigby-Smith

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