SIR THOMAS RICH'S SCHOOL

Oakleaze, Gloucester

Reminder- Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Assessed Expedition

Dear Parents

A brief reminder regarding the Bronze Assessed next weekend.

Assessed Expedition (25-26 June 2022)

Day 1- Saturday 25 June

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)-

Chedworth Area Denfurlong Farm Caravan and Campsite Fields Road Chedworth Cheltenham GL54 4NQ

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

9am- Teams 1-4 9.15am- Teams 5-8 9.30am- Teams 9-13 9.45am- Teams 14-17

The students are aware which team they are in. For the practice some teams of four were combined to pair with instructors these will be in an Team Number a) and Team Number b) split for the assessed and will have this explained at the start. 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- Far Peak Campsite, 1 The Hayloft, Far Peak, Northleach, Gloucestershire, GL54 3AP

Day 2- Sunday 26 June

Return time

Parental Pick up - 4pm from Denfurlong Farm Caravan and Campsite.

There will be a staggered pick up of groups:

4pm- Teams 1-4 4.15pm- Teams 5-8 4.30pm- Teams 9-13 4.45pm- Teams 14-17

If you are tracking your child with any device, please do not assume if they are at Denfurlong Farm that they are finished and can be picked up early. They will be there earlier than their pick up time to ensure they can given their group presentation to their assessor as well as being debriefed. If a team is delayed in reaching the finish we will notify you via email.

Equipment

All groups that have hired equipment with the school should still have it. Regarding group equipment that is supplied by Live Life Adventure the students will receive this on the day of the Assessed Expedition upon arrival at Denfurlong Farm. 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 and will be

checked for as part of the assessment.

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 them show their assessors their navigation and campcraft skills over the weekend.

Best wishes

Mrs Rigby-Smith

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