

7th October 2010

Dear Parents

D of E Award: Bronze Training

Navigation Training Day, Friday 29th October 2010

In addition to the Thursday evening training sessions there will be three expedition training days this year for Bronze participants. The first one takes place on Friday 29th October.

This will be a navigation exercise in the Beacon Country Park area near Skelmersdale. We will meet at Carr Lane car park near the top of Mill Lane (see attached map or consult the information on the website <http://www.westlancsdc.gov.uk/leisure>) at 9.50am and return there at about 3pm. This car park is known locally as the car park to the kite-flying field. Girls coming from the Ormskirk and Southport areas will be expected to find their own transport to and from the meeting point. The school minibus will leave from the front of the school at 9.20 am, and there will be a limited number of places for those who live in or south of Crosby. Please indicate on the reply slip if you wish your daughter to travel by minibus. We will return to the back of school at about 4 pm. Girls will need a packed lunch and a drink in a small backpack, wind and waterproof clothing and sensible walking boots or shoes. The terrain is likely to be muddy. Please return the reply slip below and the attached medical form by Monday 11th October.

Training and Expedition Requirements

The other two training days will be in the spring term. Girls who attend the day on 29th October will need to attend only ONE of these two days. Girls will also need to do ONE practice expedition and ONE assessed expedition in order to complete the expedition section of the Bronze award. There are almost 60 girls who have started the Bronze award this year, and we can accommodate up to 21 girls on each practice expedition. If most pupils are flexible about their availability on the dates listed below, we should be able to accommodate all girls on a practice and an assessed expedition in this academic year. If that proves to be impossible, girls will be offered the opportunity to complete their expedition section next year. **If you know already that your daughter will not be available on any of the dates listed below, it would help our planning if you could indicate this on the reply slip.**

Dates For Your Diary

Please note that all these dates are provisional (although probable) until accommodation is booked.

Training Days

Either Saturday 5th February or Saturday 26th February: Navigation and Rucksack carrying exercise, Beacon Country Park Up Holland.

Sunday 20th March: Rucksack carrying exercise, Royden Country Park, The Wirral Practice Expeditions in the Forest of Bowland

Either Wed 6th April – Thursday 7th April: (this is the beginning of the Easter holidays)
or Saturday 30th April – Sunday 1st May (N.B. Monday 2nd May is a Bank Holiday)
or Friday 6th May – Saturday 7th May

Assessed Expeditions

Friday 1st – Saturday 2nd July / Saturday 2nd -Sunday 3rd July
Thursday 7th – Friday 8th July (Thursday 7th July is the last day of the summer term)

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. C. Southworth
D of E Co-ordinator

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D Of E Bronze Award - Navigation Day 1, Friday 29th October 2010

- I give my permission for Name.....Form.....
to take part in the navigation training day on Friday 29th October 2010.
- A telephone contact for the day will be
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- I enclose a completed medical form.
- *.....will be travelling home from the Beacon Country Park with
.....(please write in the name of the person who will collect your
daughter at 3pm) *Tick and complete or delete, as appropriate
- *If possible, I would like my daughter to travel to and from Beacon Country
Park in the school minibus. *Tick or delete, as appropriate

Signature of parent

Date.....

Please note that will not be available to attend the training or
expedition dates shown below:

attachments: map showing position of car park; medical form