

May 2024

Dear Parent/Carer



Etone College
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DofE Bronze Practice Camp & Qualifying Expedition

Practice Camp:

An overnight camp has been arranged for Bronze Duke of Edinburgh participants on **Friday 14th – Saturday 15th June 2024**. The purpose of this event is for the pupils to complete necessary training in preparation for their qualifying expedition. Attendance to all the training is necessary for your child to complete their qualifying expedition.

Pupils should **arrive at school at 6pm**, they will complete a number of training activities including cooking dinner and setting up camp on school site. They will then camp overnight and complete further training activities on Saturday morning. Pupils should be **collected from school at 11am on Saturday 15th June**.

Pupils will be required to wear appropriate outdoor clothing as explained in their training and bring all the equipment needed for their expedition. They will also need to bring appropriate food for their meals. Accommodation will be in tents and they will be camping with members of their group and will be supervised by Etone College staff.

Qualifying Expedition:

For their qualifying expedition, pupils will be travelling to Leicestershire by minibus in preparation to walk their planned routes departing on Monday 15th July and returning on Tuesday 16th July 2024. Pupils will need to **arrive at school at 8am on Monday 15th July** and should be **collected from school at approximately 4:30pm on Tuesday 16th July**.

Pupils will be required to wear appropriate walking gear as explained in their training and bring all the equipment needed for their overnight expedition. They will also need to bring appropriate food for their meals over the two days. Accommodation will be in tents, they will be camping with members of their group at Foxes Covert Campsite, Kirby Malory. Staff from Etone College will be on site supervising overnight. Etone College staff will be remotely monitoring pupils for the duration of the expeditions in accordance to the Duke of Edinburgh regulations.

There is no further cost for these events as fees have already been paid with the DofE enrolment.

Please complete the Microsoft form by Wednesday 22nd May 2024. Without the completed consent form, your child will not be allowed to participate in either event. Please also report any changes to your child's medical form held in school. <https://forms.office.com/e/qAuax4rsgy>



Please note that all places on trips are subject to continued good behaviour and regular attendance. **Should your child be removed from the trip due to poor behaviour or attendance concerns, we would not accept liability for any payments made and no refunds will be issued.** Additionally, the permission given via Microsoft form yourself agrees that the school reserves the right to send your child home at your expense if your child jeopardizes their own safety, the safety of others or the good name of the school.

Please see the attached kit list required for both events. A parent information meeting will take place via teams on **Wednesday 22nd May at 5pm**. This meeting will go through helpful tips regarding kit requirements, meal ideas and an opportunity to ask any questions you may have. Should you have any queries, please contact Mrs L Carlton.

Yours faithfully

Mr I Smith
Headteacher

Expedition Kit List 2024

Item	Already have?	Borrow?	Buy?
Clothing			
Walking boots (broken in)			
Walking socks x3 pairs			
Socks for evening x1 pairs			
Waterproof & windproof jacket			
Waterproof over trousers			
Fleece tops or similar x2			
T-shirts/base layers x3			
Walking trousers/leggings x1 or 2			
Underwear			
Pyjamas			
Warm hat & gloves (optional)			
Sun Hat			
Flip flops/sliders/trainers for camp (optional)			
Spare boot laces (optional)			
Personal kit			
Rucksack (65L approx.)		See Mrs Carlton if need	
Rucksack liner (or 2 strong plastic bags)			
Sleeping bag		See Mrs Carlton if need	
Sleeping mat		See Mrs Carlton if need	
Torch/headtorch & batteries			
Camping pillow (optional)			
Personal first aid kit (inc. bug bite product)			
Insect repellent (depending on weather)			
Food			
Water bottle			
Plate/bowl/mug			
Cutlery			
Wrist watch			
Towel (Small microfibre towel ideally)			
Toiletries/personal hygiene items (some could be shared as a group)			
Group kit			
Tent		ETONE will provide	
Camping stove (Trangia)		ETONE will provide	
Compass		ETONE will provide	
Maps		ETONE will provide	
Scourers			
Tea towels			
Tin opener (if required)			
Plastic bags (for rubbish/wet kit)			