

Silver Expedition Somerset 7-9 October

Those of you who want to go on the expedition next weekend, please read the following and then email **jb@outspark.org.uk** or **ring/text me on 07843 555355** to confirm you have seen this information. Please do so individually rather than me getting it second hand.

It's a rush-job to organise it as it's been a bit like herding cats to get commitments from people, but we can still have a good expedition to a high standard provided people prepare well and do the following. Here's the schedule:

Before Thursday:

1. Contact me.
2. Take a cheque for £70 marked Silver DofE to Mrs Georgiou in the office.
3. Confirm the groups you are going in.
4. Decide on and buy the food you are bringing.
5. Organise the tents you are sleeping in. Borrow any rucksacks, roll-mats or sleeping bags you need by seeing Mr Hewitt.
6. Pick up a map from Mrs Mottershead and familiarise yourself with the area.

Thursday 6th October

Bring all your kit, packed. Leave it in the 6th form centre

3.35 Meet Dan Biddle at the store cupboard in the 6th form centre.

Rather than going on Thursday evening as planned, you will have an extended planning and preparation meeting to make sure you are ready. Dan will then check through your kit with you, ensure your routes have been planned, and that you have acceptable route cards for the expedition. You can use the eDofE mapping tool to plan your routes if you want. It's an extremely slick bit of IT.

Friday 7th October – an early start, leaving the school at 8.00 am so please be there for 7.45.

Start point: Tedbury Scout Camp, Frome : ST 745 487

Campsite Friday night: Manleaze Caravan Park (takes tents), Shepton Mallet ST 626 420

Campsite Saturday night: Lower Milton Farm Caravan and Camping, Wookey Hole ST 538 477

End Point: Chedder Gorge : ST 463 537

You will need to be out and about for seven hours each day. 48-55 km is suggested distance for the whole weekend. Make the second day longer than the other two so we aren't pressed for time when we arrive or on the return journey.

As with Bronze, you need a purpose for your expedition. It's quite an interesting area touristically so should be lots of things you can focus on.

We will aim to be back at school 8pm Sunday.

Here's the list of those supposed to be going. Use the SGS DofE Silver group to get organised.

Chidgey, Fox, Hortop, Instefjord, Koček, Macleod, Obeney, Osborne, Ovens, Phillips, Wantoch, Woolley, Wyatt. Also possibly Lachlan Gowen who I understand is no longer at SGS.

Please communicate with each other and with me as much as possible over the next few days to ensure this goes ahead. Alternatively, get together and decisively decide you don't want to do it and let me know. This document and a kit list will be available via the front page of www.outspark.org.uk