

09 May 2011

To: Parents of Bronze D of E Participants

Dear Parents

D of E Bronze Assessed Expedition 21 – 22 May 2011

The Bronze Assessed Expedition takes place on 21 – 22 May. Teams will be issued with laminated maps showing their routes. However, each team should also ensure that they have at least one OS Explorer Map OL22 (New Forest) for the expedition.

All teams will start and finish at the Clayhill Heath car park on the A337 between Lyndhurst and Brockenhurst (Grid reference SU 302 062). This is the first car park on the left, travelling south from Lyndhurst. I regret that transport to and from the drop off/pick up point will not be available and pupils will therefore need to make their own travel arrangements. I would encourage car sharing arrangements wherever practical. We will be camping at the Tile Barn campsite near Brockenhurst (Grid Reference SU 304 014).

The start times for each team are shown below:

10:00	E (LJR)	B (JRMD)	J (KLS)	G (JJ)	A (NC)	K (DPA)
10:30	F (JCD)	H (LJW/JPT)	I (DJB)	D (HVL/CEB)	C (AKB)	

Teams should arrive at their start point at least 15 minutes before their start time and must not arrive at the campsite before 4pm. I anticipate that we shall finish at around 3pm on Sunday. Pupils may contact parents when they are approximately 1 hour from the finishing point and they should see their assessor before departing.

Teams will be issued with Trangia stoves on the Saturday morning before departing. These should be returned, after cleaning, on Sunday morning before leaving the campsite. No other camping stoves should be used. As with the Practice Weekend, two berth tents are available for hire. If any pupils are interested in hiring a school tent, they should see Mr Baker before the expedition to make the necessary arrangements.

Please complete the attached consent form and return to me **by Friday 13 May**. Pupils will have the opportunity to discuss arrangements with their mentor before the expedition. However, if you have any additional queries, you are welcome to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mr D P Ager
Head of D of E (Bronze Level)

Parental Consent and Information Form

This completed consent/information form must be with the Trip Leader by the date specified in the covering letter, otherwise the pupil will be unable to be included in the party.

Title of Trip:	D of E Bronze Assessed Expedition	Date:	21 & 22 May 2011
Pupil Details			
Pupil's full name:		Date of birth:	
Home address and contact address (if different):			
In an emergency I can be contacted as follows:	Home Tel:		Work Tel:
	Mobile:		email
If not available, please contact the following person:		Tel:	

Medical Information: Please tick Yes or No for each question and give details for each 'Yes'			
Does your child:	NO	YES	DETAILS
suffer from any allergy to food, medication, fur, bee sting etc.?			
currently receive treatment for or take any medication for or suffer from any medical condition?			
carry an inhaler, epipen, insulin kit or other? If yes, please ensure that a second labelled inhaler, epipen etc. is given to the Trip Leader for safe keeping.			
have any special dietary requirements?			
suffer from vertigo (fear of heights)?			
suffer from travel or motion sickness?			
Is there any physical activity your child may not participate in?			

Please Turnover

		NO	YES	DETAILS
Has your child had any recent illness or injury? If yes, please give details of what and when.				
Has your child had a tetanus injection in the last 10 years?				
Contact details for doctor: Name:	Address:		Tel:	
Please add any additional information you may consider the school should know. Please feel free to contact the Trip Leader if you would like to discuss particular needs more fully.				
Please ensure that you inform the Trip Leader of any changes to this information before the start of the trip.				
Conduct during the Trip				
<p>Pupils are expected to obey instructions given by the staff of any establishment visited, and activity instructors, as well as teachers. Normal school rules apply. In the very unlikely event that a pupil fails to comply, staff reserve the right to remove a pupil from a trip and make arrangements for their return home at parents' expense. In this situation no refund of trip fees would be payable.</p> <p>Pupils are expected to take responsibility of all belongings, especially valuables, in accordance with arrangements specific to the trip. These are not covered by the school insurance policy.</p>				
Consent Declaration				
<p>I, being the parent/guardian of the child named at the head of this form, give consent for him/her to attend the proposed activity.</p> <p>I have read and understood the expected code of conduct and agree that my son or daughter will abide by these instructions.</p> <p>I realise that in some cases the activities offered have some risk involved which may be of a type not encountered during normal life and that this risk whilst small, cannot be eliminated without making the activity pointless. Portsmouth Grammar School has done its utmost to minimise and manage these risks.</p> <p>I give consent for him/her to receive emergency medical treatment, including anaesthetic and/or blood transfusion, as considered necessary by any medical doctor present, should the need arise. I have informed the school of all medical conditions or treatments that he/she suffers from or requires to maintain health. I agree to inform the group leader of any change in medical condition.</p> <p>I am aware that the school has a detailed policy on the safe running of educational visits, which can viewed on the school website.</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Signature and date: _____</p> <p>Relationship to child: _____</p> <p>Please return the signed form to the Trip Leader</p>				