



Essex Explorer Scout Challenge 2010

Dear Leader/Explorer,

This year's Essex Explorer Scout Challenge is being held at King Edward VIII (Riffhams) Campsite in Danbury -

http://www.essexscouts.org.uk/campsites/edwardviii_riffhams.php

The Event

As you know the challenge focus' around an incident hike completing challenges along the way at a series of bases. The theme is SuperHeroes so anybody who wishes to add a little fun to the event is more than happy to dress up for the occasion.

The Challenge starts at 4pm on Saturday 20th March with teams leaving intervals, the route will be approximately 8km long and should completed with all teams arriving back at site by midnight (depending of pace of hikers), or in the early hours of the morning as was the case last year!

Cost

The cost of the event is £5 per team & £10 per person.

The Teams

Each will consist of 4-6 Explorer Scouts who will walk independently of the adult supervision. Teams should be reasonably competent map readers and comfortable navigating in the dark.

You will be a team of SuperHeroes who are required to complete simple tasks in order that your powers may be built up so that you can complete the final challenge.

Documentation

Attached are the documents that need to be returned. Your booking form needs to be returned with your money by 6th March 2009. The attached health and permission forms need to be collected by the leaders and handed in upon booking in.

Equipment

Team – Tent (to be pitched before departure)
First Aid Kit
Map (optional, we will provide you with a colour photocopy of the appropriate area)

Compass
Map Case

Personal - Water Proofs (trousers may be advisable)
Hiking Boots (or similar suitable footwear)
Suitable Clothing (no jeans)
Water Bottle
Sleeping Bag (not to be carried)
Roll Mat
Torch
Rucksack (daysack should be sufficient)
Warm Hat & gloves
Food/Snacks (you will be provided with supper upon your return, please ensure you eat a hearty lunch before leaving. You are welcome to carry additional food to keep you going)

Arrival

You can arrive at the campsite from 2pm onwards, teams are not to arrive more than two hours before departure. Upon arrival please report to the registration tent with your team and completed forms and appropriate contact details. You will then be designated a camping area.

Help Needed for Bases

As we are sure you can appreciate an event of this nature needs help on with manning the bases. Ideally we need two people per base so any help that can be offered would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for reading and we look forward to seeing you in March, please remember to return your forms and money by 6th March.

Yours in Scouting

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