



WHEN: Friday 22nd–24th March 2024

WHERE: Belchamps Scout Campsite

COST: £17.50 per Scout +
£15 Catering Package (optional)

OUTLINE: 2-day incident hike around the local countryside, scouts will need to visit as many bases as possible each day before returning to Belchamps Campsite, each base will have a small activity & a route card to complete for their next base before moving on.

Teams will need to attend a compulsory base at the start of the day, for kit checks and will then work their own route out, all bases will be manned.

Each team must consist of 4-6 scouts (all of scout age) and must be able to walk with a lightweight rucksack, teams will not need to carry tents or cooking stoves, but will need lunch and equipment for a day hike.

CATEGORIES: The event we will have three category's:

Novice

Experience

Assisted Team

Novice – This level is for scouts who can read a map and write route cards and don't need any supervision from Leaders, these teams need to complete a minimum of 5 bases on Saturday & 3 on Sunday.

Experience – This level is for the more experience scouts who can also read a map & write route cards without the support of leaders, they also are the scouts who can walk that little bit faster as they need to complete a minimum of 7 bases on Saturday & 5 on Sunday.

Assisted – this section is for Scout leaders to walk with the non-experience/younger members to train them in the use of reading maps and writing route cards, this will enable the scouts to attempt novice the following year, these teams are not a part of the competition but there will be results produced for the weekend.

Badges to achieve –

Every scout that takes part in the event and gain the following if they complete the whole weekend:

2 nights away.

2 hikes away.

For Novice & Experience teams they can achieve the Expedition Challenge Award (if they complete a cooking base & produce a

report or presentation after the camp) needed for Chief Scout Gold Award.

This year again we are offering a catered package which cost £15 per scout/leader and will cover the following:

Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast and dinner, Sunday breakfast & lunch (menus attached) Each scout will carry their own lunch on the Saturday (brought from home).

Due to the event growing over the last few years, this year we will have a upper limit of 600 participants maximum for central catering, there is no upper limit on teams this year as I want as many young people to have the opportunity to take part, to secure your place(s) you will need to pay in full at the booking, we will accept bookings but until full payment is received your booking will not be confirmed.

As with previous year's event maps will be provided and are included in the cost, I have secured a deal with a map supplier again, the maps will be yours to keep after the event.

The event will be covered by John's Nights Away Permit, if you have a permit please use your own, if you don't have one then you will be covered by County, remember to let your DC & NAA know you are going to the event, this is your responsibility.

INFORMATION: For further information please look at the Essex Scouts website or contact John: events@essexscouts.org.uk or 07976 385283. To enter the event bookings will open Monday 15th January 2024 please register your interested in attending the event via this link: <https://forms.gle/WG9bakDgL5dnm7gU6> bookings will close on Saturday 2nd March 2024, there will be a leaders briefing

meeting held on Sunday 3rd March where first bases & maps will be issued, a representative for each troop must attend.