



SOUTH WILTS GRAMMAR SCHOOL

GOLD D OF E 2017/18 INFORMATION SHEET

Tuesday evening training sessions

For Gold there is only one Tuesday meeting per month in the SWGS theatre 7 – 9 p.m.

Please remember that you need to attend all Tuesday training sessions to complete your training and be signed off so that you can take part in expeditions.

It is compulsory to attend all the Gold Activities

D of E Activity Dates

Residential planning weekend – Avon Tyrrell, Nr Burley, New Forest
Friday 1p.m 8th December – Sunday afternoon 10th November 2017
Transport provided from SWGS

Training residential weekend – Brecon Beacons
Friday morning 23rd February – Sunday evening 25th February 2018
Transport provided from SWGS

Practice expedition 1 – Dartmoor
Friday 1.30 p.m. 25th May – Monday evening 28th May 2018
Transport provided from SWGS

Assessed expedition– Lake District
Thurs afternoon 26th July - Wednesday afternoon 1st August 2018

If you have not completed the Silver award with SWGS, then you will be required to attend an additional training weekend and an extra expedition, which has a cost implication.

These additional dates are listed below.

Direct Training Weekend – Burbage Scout Hut, Nr Marlborough
Friday p.m. 15th September – Sunday p.m. 17th September 2017 – parents to deliver/collect

Direct Training Expedition – New Forest
Saturday a.m. 14th October – Sunday p.m. 15th October 2017 – transport from Salisbury

More information can be found at <http://swgs.wilts.sch.uk/defaultPage.asp?Page=120> or www.dofe.org

*South Wilts Grammar School is now a Direct Licensed D of E Centre.
The D of E Manager and the leaders are all volunteers and not employed by SWGS.*

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Direct Gold D of E Training Residential/Expedition Weekend

Friday evening 15th to Sunday 17th September 2017
Burbage Scout Hut, Burbage, Nr Marlborough, SN8 3AN

This training weekend is for those students who did not complete their Silver award with SWGS and who wish to start their Gold training with SWGS in September 2017. The training will be based indoors, but everyone will be outside camping overnight.

The basic expedition skills will be covered, i.e. map reading, first aid, navigation, electronic route cards, electronic mapping system, risk assessments, country code, menus/cooking and stoves.

There will be a short day walk to put into practice the navigational skills learnt over the weekend. You will also prepare the route including route cards for your additional training expedition in October.

This is a fully catered weekend, but parents will be required to deliver and collect from the Scout Hut.

You will need to provide your own tents, but maps/compasses/cookers will be provided for the training. A full kit list will be circulated nearer the time.

Direct Gold D of E Training Expedition

Saturday a.m. 14th October – Sunday p.m. 15th October 2017
New Forest

More information will be sent out in September regarding this expedition. Transport will be provided from Salisbury to the start point on Saturday morning, and returning to the school on Sunday afternoon.