

# **GIILINGHAM DOFE 2017-2018**

**The following dates and Tuesdays (4.15-5.45pm) are required attendance for the Expedition section.** We cannot take people forward to Exped Assessment without completing ALL of the course. Please check dates against other school and family commitments before signing up as we cannot offer a refund should there be a clash/absence which cannot be resolved. Below is a very brief overview of attendance – more detail is on the front page of <http://www.gillinghamdofe.co.uk/> alongside “attendance”.

12th Sept - enrolment evening. Youth Centre 4.15-6.30pm

10th Oct - 6-7pm for \*\*new people to DofE **and parents**. Briefing for Day Hike, eDofE intro and Activity Choices

31st Oct - Kit talk/demo 6-7pm for new\*\* people to DofE **and parents** please

One day (6hr) Accredited 6hr Emergency First Aid is mandatory - £30

Dates are: Mon Dec 18 (1st day Xmas Hol) and Mon 16th April (school inset day)

## **Golds\*\* attend Tuesdays Oct to Dec**

Directs – Day Hike £5	15 Oct 2017	
Training weekend (Dartmoor bunkhouse) - £50	4-5 Nov 2017	
Practice Dartmoor - £75	5-8 July 2018	Thurs to Sun
Final Dartmoor - £100	25-29 July 2018	Wed to Sun

## **Silvers\*\* attend all ALL Tues. Jan & Feb, 27 Mar for Final briefing and then to do Exp Pres after Final**

Directs – Day Hike £5	15 Oct 2017	
Directs – Basic Training £15	18-19 Nov 2017 at Carey Camp. <b>Coach</b> & bunkhouse	
Training weekend (New Forest) - £40	27-28 January 2017	
Practice NF (go after school on the Friday) - £50	2-4 March 2018	
Final NF (end of Easter Hols) - £60	13-15 April 2018	

## **Bronzes attend Tues as below in Oct for a kit talk, to confirm other sections and do edofe training; ALL Tues from Mar to the beginning of July (exc Easter). Expeds in Dorset. Parents transport if local pls.**

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Day Hike - £5	15-Oct 2017 Sunday
31st Oct - Kit talk/demo 6-7pm for new people to DofE <b>and parents</b> please	
Basic Trg - £15	18-19 Nov 2017 at Carey Camp. <b>Coach</b> & bunkhouse
Day Hike - £5	18 Feb Sunday (teams confirm) 2018
O'night Trg - £15	24-25 Mar 2018
Practice (half the teams) - £20	28-29 Apr 2018
Practice (half the teams) - £20	19-20 May 2018
Final (all the teams) - £25	9-10 June 2018

It's very important to engage with eDofE (online activity record) and very important to always check out ideas for the DofE sections. It's not always as simple as it sounds!! Costly mistakes can be made – on the other hand we are full of bright ideas as to what can count, where and how!

Volunteering, Physical and Skills sections are usually arranged between the Participant's family and whoever they are doing the activity with. Only DofE **leader led** activities are insured by DCC or DofE. You need to check insurance out and be confident in regard to child protection where others are working with your child.

The enrolment cost (as enrolment form) all goes to DCC for DofE and DCC.

Event costs, as above, cover room hire at the YC, camping/bunkhouse fees, training resources, expedition consumables, transport hire, fuel, equipment repair and replacement, leader training, admin costs, (finals) assessors, accreditation, affiliation to DYA, insurance, etc.

Some equipment can be hired. We supply all team equipment – tents, stoves, maps compasses, shelters.....

If there is any challenge to covering event charges please speak to a leader in confidence.