

GILLINGHAM DOFE 2018-2019

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, club 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 will be on the front page of <http://www.gillinghamdofe.co.uk/> alongside “attendance” from September 2018.

- 11 & 18 Sept - Enrolling from after school until 6.30pm.
25 Sept – Sectional choices from 4 – 5pm
Edofe and how it works 5 – 5.30pm
5.30 – 6pm Welcome Pack Issue
Kit talk 6-7pm including new parents please
2 Oct Only if you're stuck please as its our Award ceremony at school 6 – 6.30pm and Golds first night.

One day (6hr) Nationally Accredited 6hr Emergency First Aid is mandatory - £30 (valid 3 years)
Friday 19 Oct (School Inset Day) and Sunday 6 Jan. Places will need to be booked for either one or the other.

Golds wanting to do their Exped in 2019 attend from Tuesday Oct 2 until early Dec

Training weekend (Dartmoor bunkhouse)- £50, 27-28 Oct 2018, Sat and Sun (end of half term)
“Directs” will need to attend base training £15, 17-18 Nov 2018, Sat and Sun
Practice Dartmoor - £75, 28 June – 1 July 2019, Fri am to Mon pm
Final Dartmoor - £100, 19 - 23 July 2019, Fri am to Tues pm

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“Directs” will need to attend base training £15, 17-18 Nov 2018, Sat and Sun
Training weekend (indoors New Forest) - £40, 16 – 17 Feb 2019, (end of half term)
Practice NF (go after school on the Friday) - £50, 5 – 7 Apr 2019
Final NF £60, 26 – 28 Apr 2019, Fri to Sun (Fri is Inset Day)

Bronzes attend a Tues in Sept/Oct to confirm other sections and do edofe training as above;

ALL Tues from Mar to the beginning of July (exc Easter). All are local (within 25miles) and parents transport Day

Day Hike - £5, 14 Oct 2018, Sun
Base Trg - £15, 17-18 Nov 2018, Sat and Sun at Carey Camp. **Coach** & bunkhouse
Day Hike - £5, 15 Dec 2018, Sat
Day Hike - £5, 27 Jan 2019, Sun
Overnight Trg - £15, 23 - 24 Mar 2019, Sat and Sun
Practice (half the teams) - £20, 4- 5 May 2019, Sat and Sun
Practice (half the teams) - £20, 18-19 May 2019, Sat and Sun
Final (all the teams) - £25, 8-9 June 2019, Sat and Sun

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. Once an account is opened and/or older than 2 weeks we cannot refund.

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.