

GILLINGHAM DOFE 2019-20

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.

Tues 10, 17, 24 Sept - Enrolling from after school until 6ish.
Discussing Sectional choices
Edofe and how it works

1 Oct drop in Only if you're stuck please as it's 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)
Sat 14 Dec 2019 & Fri 14 Feb 2020 (School Inset Day). Places will need to be booked for either one or the other.

Golds wanting to do their Exped in 2020 attend from Tuesday Oct 1 until early Dec to plan their Final

Training weekend (Dartmoor bunkhouse)- £50, 9-10 Nov 2019, Sat and Sun
"Directs" will need to attend base training £20, 23-24 Nov 2019, Sat and Sun
Practice Dartmoor - £75, Sat 27 June – Tues 30 June 2020,
Final Dartmoor - £100, Tues 17 July- Sat 21 July 2020

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"Directs" will need to attend base training £20, Sat and Sun 23-24 Nov 2019, Sat and Sun
Training weekend (indoors New Forest) - £40, Sat and Sun 15-16 Feb 2020 (beg of half term)
Practice NF (go after school on the Friday) - £50, 6 – 8 Apr 2020 (go after school on the Fri)
Final NF £60, 18-20 Apr 2020, Sat to Mon (Mon is Gill 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, Sun 20 Oct 2019
Briefing for the base training weekend and Kit Talk Tues Nov 19th after school.
Base Trg - £20, 23-24 Nov 2019, Sat and Sun at Carey Camp. **Coach** & bunkhouse
Day Hike - £5, 11 Jan 2020
Overnight Trg - £15, 21-22 Mar 2020, Sat and Sun (finishes by 11am Sun)
Practice (half the teams) - £20, 9-10 May 2020, Sat and Sun (finishes at lunchtime)
Practice (half the teams - £20, 16-17 May 2020, Sat and Sun (finishes at lunchtime)
Final (all the teams) - £25, 6-7 June 2020, Sat and Sun (finishes 4-5pm)

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 Dorset Council and on to The Award and DC. Once an account is opened and/or older than 2 weeks we cannot refund.

Event costs, as above, help to 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. Much fundraising is done to subsidise as much as poss. 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.