

***Masks must be worn into the Slade Centre and in our meeting room unless otherwise advised. Please use the sanitiser provided and sign in on the Track and Trace Register.***

**Info Evenings for new enrolments** – by Appt/Invite only please. Slade Centre Tues 22/9, 29/9, 6/10, 13/10, 20/10 Participants, parents, can drop in any term time Tuesday for help/support but please email to confirm.

**Awards Ceremony** for the Bronze and Silver 2019-20 groups and any finished Golds Tuesday 20 April 2021

**2021 Info evening** for interested families - Tuesday 25 May 2021 at School

**The dates below and Tuesdays (after school to 6pm) are required attendance for the 2020-21 Expedition season and include postponed expeditions due to COVID-19 .**

Arrangements for the other sections are made individually, with an aim to start all sections by Christmas at the latest. There is lot of local information and links about what you can do on our website under “sectional info”.

Enrolment fees all go to Dorset Council. Once an account is opened and/or older than 2 weeks we will have incurred that cost ourselves and therefore can't refund. However the enrolment remains in place until 25<sup>th</sup> birthday so any aspect of the Award can be picked up at a later date or transferred to a new school/unit.

**If there is any challenge to covering charges please speak to a leader in confidence – don't miss out because of money.**

If intending to do the expedition in 2020-21 please check dates against other school, club and family commitments. We cannot safely take people forward without completing all of the expedition course because the **remotely supervised** Final requires experience, knowledge, good teamwork and completion of the training framework. Everyone has to undergo training, unless proven elsewhere, a Practice and a Final.

**FIRST AID \*\*For any new enrolment undertaking the expedition:**

One day (6hr) Nationally Accredited 6hr Emergency First Aid is mandatory training - £30 (**valid 3 years**). Sat 19 Dec 2020 and Sunday 3 Jan 2021. Booking form accessed on our website – see the posts on the home page.

## **GOLDS**

- **3 outdoor events must be completed – Training; Practice and Final**
- **These can be attended to suit you but you also have to attend the planning (for the Final) event.**
- **If, in this yr of COVID, you attend a non-wild country Practice you must do a similarly located Final.**
- **There will be no camping in 2020 as per current DfE regulation for residential in educational settings.**

### **Non Wild Country Walking**

**PRACTICE** Piddle Valley. Fri pm 25 Sept (virtual mtg) – Sun 27 Sept) £20

**PRACTICE** Dorset location tbc Mon 26 (evening mtg at location tbc) – Wed 28 Oct Practice £20

**FINAL** Dorset Location tbc Sun 25 – 28 Oct (mtg the day before at or nr our DofE Cabin) £50.

Friday Feb 12 2021– **Planning** day for the 2021 Gold Finals (Inset at school)

**FINAL GT Stones Way** Fri Apr 9 to Tues Apr 13 2021 £70

### **Wild Country Walking**

**Training** Sat Feb 13 to Tues Feb 16 on Dartmoor for the new Gold cohort £65 Bunkhouse

**Training or Practice (if trg completed)** Thu 15 Apr to Sun 18 Apr on Dartmoor £65

**Practice or Final (if Practice completed)** Fri 9 July to Tues 13 July on Dartmoor Prac=£65 Final=£85

**Final** Sat 24 July to Wed 28 July on Dartmoor £85

**GOLD TANDEM CANOE 2021. If this of interest please enquire quickly because cost will depend upon numbers!**

**Likely location – Trg, nr Westbury. Prac on the Avon/Thames. Final on the Wye.**

## **Silvers**

### **2020 enrolled Must regularly attend ALL term time Tues. Jan & Feb 2021 and then to do Exp Pres**

"Directs" will need basic campcraft and nav training – Fri Feb 12 2021 – Inset day at Gillingham school

\*\*First Aid training will need to be completed or proof of training received (see above)\*\*

Training weekend (indoors) Sat 13 and Sun 14 Mar 2021 £40

Practice Sat 10 to Mon 12 Apr (finish after breakfast) £50

Final Sat May 1 to Mon May 3 (BH) £60

## **Bronzes**

### **2020 enrolled Bronzes**

### **Some Tuesdays to attend Sept Oct and Nov 2020 see below**

### **You must regularly attend ALL Tues from Mar 16<sup>th</sup> 2021 to the beginning of July (exc Easter).**

### **All hikes and camps are local (within 25miles) and parents transport**

Info/Support sessions for new enrolments – BY INVITE only to one of the following dates please, so we can keep numbers small

Tues Sept 22, Sept 29, Oct 6, Oct 13, Oct 20

Tues Nov 3 – Briefing for the Basic Training weekend in an outdoors location!

Sat & Sun Nov 7/8 Basic Training weekend locally based – both days but no overnight £5

Sat Dec 19 OR Sun Jan 3 First Aid training. The group has to be split. (pls use booking form to download at <http://www.gillinghamdofe.co.uk/first-aid-for-the-2020-21-cohort/>) £30

Sat Jan 16 2021– Day Hike £5

Sun Feb 21 – Day Hike £5

Sat Mar 27 – Sun Mar 28 (finish after breakfast). Day hike and overnight camp. £15

Sat and Sun 22/23 May OR 5/6 June Practice, finishing Sunday lunchtime (half the teams one w'end, half the other) £20

Sat and Sun 19/20 June Finals weekend for all Bronze teams £25

Event costs, as above, cover weekly room hire, admin (printing, copying, and postage), specialist unit insurance, charity audit, leader training and accreditation, training resources for participants, camping/bunkhouse fees, expedition consumables, transport hire, fuel, equipment repair and replacement, (finals) assessors etc.

Fundraising is undertaken to help reduce the costs.

Some personal equipment can be borrowed. We supply all team equipment – tents, stoves, fuel, maps compasses, shelters etc.....

**Volunteering, Physical and Skills sections** are usually arranged between the Participant's family and whoever they are doing the activity with. It's very important to engage with eDofE (online activity record) and very important to always check out ideas for the DofE sections and to have them approved beforehand on eDofE. 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!

Where others are working with your child you are strongly advised to check out insurance cover and to be confident in regard to child protection.

Only DC DofE **leader led** activities are insured for Public Liability risk by DC (Dorset Council). The Award provides minimal personal accident cover <https://www.dofe.org/run/insurance/>