

2023-24 GILLINGHAM OPEN AWARD CENTRE ACTIVITY DETAILS FOR PARENTS AND STAFF

1. Activity Planned	SILVER FINAL		Location		New Forest
	Dates	Saturday 4 May 2024	To	Monday 6 May 2024	
Special hazards	Weather!				
2. Place/Times	Drop off point	Gillingham School, Astro end		Pick Up Point	Gillingham School, Astro End
	Drop Off time	By 7.30am		Pick Up Time	5-6pm
3. Cost	£35 please BACs to Gillingham DofE OAC sortcode 30.98.97 a/c 47830260		Please don't forget the fee if not already paid as it's embarrassing to have to chase people. Ask me to check if needs be. If money is a temp problem, please say in confidence. Finals fees include monies we have to pay to Assessors.		
4. Destination	Full Address	Start points – East of Lyndhurst and Brockenhurst Sat camp – Holmsley https://www.campinginthenewforest.com/campsites/holmsley/ Sun camp – Stoney Cross https://www.campinginthenewforest.com/campsites/ocknell/			
	Site phone Number – Emergency Only pls	None			
	(name) Contact/s on site	As Trish			
EMER ONLY					
5. Contact Number	Trish	07917212390		07917212390	
Participants are instructed not to have mobile phones on from the time that they start at the initial team “briefing” to the time that they have been “debriefed”. If mobiles are used to contact (or be contacted by) friends/family during this time, even overnight, the whole team will fail their Final Exped. This Award rule is there because using mobiles whilst on Exped is distracting and intrusive, as well as unsafe in undermining the team and centre's emergency procedures, focus and teamwork! Participants are ONLY allowed to switch on and use mobiles in a serious, unexpected, & dangerous situation, when contacting the supervisor or even emergency services is imperative.					
6.(Trip) Base Contact: tbc					
7. Accompanying adult staff	1 Trish W	3. Wendy	I Jones	I Otter Assessor	
	2 Deb M	4.			
8. Clothing and Footwear	Please makes sure that you follow the Full Kit List, found here: https://www.gillinghamdofe.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Kit-List-2022.pdf If you need to borrow anything, please ask. Contact us via dofegilloac@gmail.com or via eDofE				
9. Other items?	Food: Sat and Sun: Dinner (2). Sun and Mon B'fast (2) and packed lunch Sat, Sun and Mon (3). https://basecampfood.com/ - great range of dehydrated and boil in bag foods – ORDER now. Lots of Snacks. Emergency Rations as below. Make sure you have water in a sturdy purpose made bottle. Plastic off the shelf water bottle is too fragile. You should drink 1.5/2 litres during the day. There is always fresh water available at accessible checkpoints. Have a good breakfast at home on the Friday. Emergency Rations – ESSENTIAL - bring these as needed for Practice and Final. Should constitute a meal eg. Pick about 3 items from Cup a Soup, Flapjack, Nuts, Dried Fruit, breakfast bar, choc bar, Hot Choc Lots of food suggestions found here at: https://www.gillinghamdofe.co.uk/expedition/				
10. Times when participants will not be directly supervised	This is an Assessed Final so as hands off as possible				
11. Vehicles	2 School Buses		UDrive 9 seat Tourneo		
12. Any other information?	BRIEFING in P2: April 30, 2024, 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm Confirming expectations for the two night, three day Final as at https://www.dofe.org/expedition-requirements/ Confirming team and individual menus. Issuing personal kit where needed. PLEASE tell us if you are taking any temporary medication or have had any recent illness or injury.				

If there are any medical or contact **changes** to the 2023-24 Exped Consent form already submitted, please tell us.

Medical and Consent Forms are submitted online at <https://www.gillinghamdofe.co.uk/consent-form/>

No participant can take part without the written consent of a person with parental responsibility