

SILVER EXPEDITIONS – 2023

We are delighted that you have decided to register for your Silver Award and hope that the information contained within this letter provides an overview of the procedure that should be followed to register for the Expedition section of your Award.

As we explained when you purchased your Silver entrance pack, you must be able to demonstrate that you have completed 2 sections of your Silver Award with the remaining section having been started by Registration day. If you are not able to demonstrate this then you will not be able to register for this year's expeditions.

If you have met the criteria and have your sections completed to show this, you will be required to register with your team at **11:30am** on the registration day being held at Upton Hall School on **Sunday 5th February 2023**. Please allow 2 hours for registration.

To be able to register as a team, each team member must bring with you your:

- Evidence that you have completed 2 sections of your silver award
- Completed parental consent form
- 2 passport size photographs
- Payment of the fee of £215 (Payment by electronic bank transfer to *Sort code 20-50-36 Account number 83730476 a/c Wirral & West Cheshire Expeditions Comm. Reference is your surname plus eDofE Number*. If unable, alternative methods of payment may be available on the day including payment by credit card.)

If you do not bring all of these at the time you register, we will not be able to allocate you a place for this year's expeditions and it is unlikely that you will be able to complete your expeditions this season. It is therefore very important to ensure you have the correct information.

As with Bronze, teams can have between 4 and 7 members but if a team falls below 4 members at any stage of the expedition, through illness or injury, the remainder of the team cannot start or complete an expedition. Please bear this in mind when deciding on the number of people who will be in your team.

There are a number of key dates that you must be available for as follows:

DATES FOR 2023

Registration Event at Upton Hall School, CH49 6LJ	11:30am Sunday 5th February 2023
Training Weekend	Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th March 2023
Silver Practice Expedition – Clwydian Hills	21st – 23rd April 2023 or 28th – 30th April 2023
Silver Qualifying Expedition – Berwyns	29th June – 2nd July 2023 30th June - 3rd July 2023

Please note: Expedition Dates will be allocated at Registration Day. You must be able to attend on all dates shown above. We are not able to offer any alternatives. This includes where you are a member of a school team or other group that may have clashes with dates or activities so it is important that you have checked you are available on all of these dates before registering.

At registration, you are required to present the necessary information and evidence that the fee had been paid. The fee includes all costs associated with the training and expedition weekends. Unfortunately, once you have registered, it is not possible to refund any element of the fee because it is used to pay for the transport and accommodation costs.

In addition, we try not to make changes teams once they have been arranged except in exceptional circumstances.

Practice & Qualifying Expeditions - Your practice expedition will take place in the Clwydian Hills with your qualifying expedition being held in Berwyns.

Transport - Transport will be by special bus for each expedition leaving from and returning to Thingwall Road, Irby each time. It is important that you use the transport provided to bring you home – We do not permit collection from the end of the expedition.

Additional information – On the application form you are asked to provide preferred contact details for future communications. This can be either a participant's or parent's email address and will enable us to pass all additional expedition information to you and your parents.

If you have any queries relating to this letter, please contact me using the details below. I look forward to meeting you again on registration day

Best Wishes

Kirsty McBride
Silver Coordinator

Wirral & West Cheshire Expedition Committee Operating Authority



**WIRRAL & WEST CHESHIRE EXPEDITION
COMMITTEE OPERATING AUTHORITY**

Form 1



SILVER DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD – EXPEDITION FORM.

APPLICANT DETAILS.

eDofE ID:.....

First name: Surname:

Address:

Postcode: Tel. No:

Unit/School: UHS/WKGS/IND Date of Birth:

Email address for communications:

Parent/Guardian consent.

I give permission for to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme in the knowledge that some of the activities and expeditions may be considered hazardous. I give my permission for the Leader-in-Charge to authorise any emergency medical treatment that may be required which could include blood transfusions.

I confirm that is physically and medically able to undertake the expedition and that I will inform you in writing should develop any medical condition or if there is a change to an existing condition through the duration of the expedition section.

Signed: (Parent/Guardian).

Date:

Please submit this form on registration day with a printed receipt for the required fee of £215, which you have paid by Online Banking (details below) at least 2 days previously. Please ensure both parts of this form are completed in full.

*Online Banking 20-50-36 83730476 a/c Wirral & West Cheshire Expeditions Comm.
Reference is.....Your surname plus eDofE Number.*

MEDICAL DETAILS: Please give details of any medical conditions and medication. Continue on an additional sheet if necessary.

Current medical conditions:
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Medication:
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Known allergies:

Date of last Tetanus injection:

Dietary requirements:

GP's Name: **Tel. No:**

Address:

Next of Kin name: **Relationship:**

Address (if different from above):
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..... **Tel. No :**

Additional contact name: **Tel. No:**



WIRRAL & WEST CHESHIRE EXPEDITION COMMITTEE OPERATING AUTHORITY



IMPORTANT NOTES FOR APPLICANTS.

Please ensure that you have read and understood the following information and signed the declaration at the foot of the form.

1. To enable you to undertake any aspect of the expedition you **must have paid for and registered on eDofE**. You **will not** be able to undertake any aspect if you fail to meet this condition. You should bring your 'keeping track' book with you to registration.
2. The training is a **mandatory** part of the requirements for the expedition section and to successfully complete this section you must participate **fully** in any pre-checks and acclimatisation sessions that may be required.
3. Please ensure that you are available for **all of the dates** communicated. Please check your examination timetables, team fixtures and school/club trips. We are not able to offer alternatives to these dates.
4. We require you to reserve your place by the date and time detailed in the registration letter to enable you to take part. Any applications received after that date cannot be accepted.
5. Please ensure that as a team you submit a full application comprising of, for each team member: **a signed consent form, two passport-sized photographs and the correct fee**, on the relevant registration date to enable you to undertake the Silver Award expedition.
6. The dates shown in the registration letter for training, practice and qualifying expedition are the only dates we are able to offer. If you cannot attend on these dates you will not be able to undertake the expedition with this group this season.
7. If you are unable to attend the training, practice or qualifying expedition for any reason e.g. illness, you will not be able to complete your expedition this year and will need to discuss this with your Unit Leader.
8. Only training provided by this expedition provider will normally be acceptable as valid preparation for the expeditions.
9. As a committee we reserve the right to refuse any applications.
10. Once a participant has registered **the fee** is used to reserve transport and accommodation and therefore **cannot be refunded** in the event of non-attendance.

11. After registration team changes are not allowed unless under exceptional circumstances that must be discussed with the expedition provider in the first instance.
12. Each participant is part of a team undertaking their expedition and as such if additional practical training is required prior to the qualifying expedition, **we would expect that the whole team would participate.**
13. You are expected to follow all instructions given by staff and supervisors where they relate to safety.
14. There are minimum requirements that must be achieved to successfully complete the expedition section. These will be explained during the training course and it is expected that every applicant will meet these requirements. Details of exactly what needs to be achieved will be explained during the training that takes place prior to expeditions.
15. On the expedition, each team must arrive at the campsite by 6pm each day at the latest. Failure to get to camp by this time may result in the teams being camped short for safety reasons. If this occurs, the team will have to make up the distance the next day.

Applicant acceptance.

I have read and understood the information detailed above.

Signed:(Applicant) Date:

Parent/Guardian acceptance.

I have read and understood the information detailed above.

Signed:(Parent/Guardian)

Date:.....