



EXPLORERS **network**

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS

2015/16 EXPEDITION SEASON

Dates	Level	Activity	Venue
23-24 January 2016	GOLD	TRAINING	TBC
23-24 January 2016	BRONZE	TRAINING	TBC
13-14 February 2016	GOLD	TRAINING	TBC
13-14 February 2016	SILVER	TRAINING	TBC
13-14 February 2016	BRONZE	ROUTE PLANNING	TBC
5-6 March 2016	GOLD	TRAINING	TBC
5-6 March 2016	SILVER	TRAINING	TBC
19-20 March 2016	GOLD	ROUTE PLANNING	TBC
19-20 March 2016	SILVER	ROUTE PLANNING	TBC
19-20 March 2016	BRONZE	First PRACTICE	Thetford Forest
2-3 April 2016	BRONZE	Final or 2nd Practice	Thetford Forest
16-17 April 2016	BRONZE	Fall over Final date	Thetford Forest
29 April - 2 May 2016	SILVER	First PRACTICE	Yorkshire Dales
29 April - 2 May 2016	GOLD	First PRACTICE	Yorkshire Dales
14-15 May 2016	BRONZE	TRAINING	TBC
27-30 May 2016	SILVER	Second PRACTICE (if needed)	Yorkshire Dales
27-30 May 2016	GOLD	Second PRACTICE (if needed)	Yorkshire Dales
18-19 June 2016	BRONZE	ROUTE PLANNING	TBC
16-17 July 2016	BRONZE	First PRACTICE	Thetford Forest
13-14 August 2016	BRONZE	Final or 2nd Practice	Thetford Forest
27 August - 2 Sept 2016	SILVER	Final or 2nd Practice	Yorkshire Dales
27 Aug - 2 Sept 2016	GOLD	Final or 2nd Practice	Yorkshire Dales
17-18 September 2016	BRONZE	Fall over Final date	Thetford Forest
1 October 2016	ALL LEVELS	ANNUAL AWARD CEREMONY AND EXPEDITION PRESENTATIONS	TBC
22-26 October 2016	SILVER	Fall over Final date	Yorkshire Dales
22-26 October 2016	GOLD	Fall over Final date	Yorkshire Dales



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Dear Participants,

I am aware that the second Silver/Gold practice date is the first weekend of half term but due to the fact that the Gold team needs at least three nights and three days for a practice these dates are unavoidable.

Making use of bank holidays reduces the number of leave days a participant or leader needs to take off work if they are in full-time employment.

Please contact me immediately if there are any problems with any of these dates and I will put you in touch with other scout teams from the neighbouring counties whose expedition dates may fit better than ours. In this case, you can carry out the training with us and just do the practice and/or expedition with the out of county team, or if you wish you can train with them too.

There are also Approved Activity Providers (AAP) who may be able to help and are more flexible with dates, although this option is very expensive compared to Scout D of E hikes.

**YOU MUST KEEP ALL DATES FREE.** It is not known until the teams are set, and they have done their first practice whether the second date will be needed.

If the first practice goes well the second date will not be needed, however if due to injury, illness or other reason the first practice does not get completed we will need the fall back hike dates.

It is therefore important that you must be available for ALL the dates listed above for the level you are working towards.

Information regarding dates is sent out via email at least one month in advance. If for any reason you do not get the information please get in contact with me and I will make sure it is resent or posted out to you.

You **MUST** tell me you want to join the expeditions for next year. I will not assume you will be there so please contact me as soon as you can and at least one month before your first training event so I can build a list of those participating in next year's expeditions and make sure everyone is included in all emails.

The teams will be set at the first training session so if you have a preference and wish to walk with certain friends please make this clear when you register your interest via email for the expeditions.

Welcome to DofE 2016 Season.

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