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5 May 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian

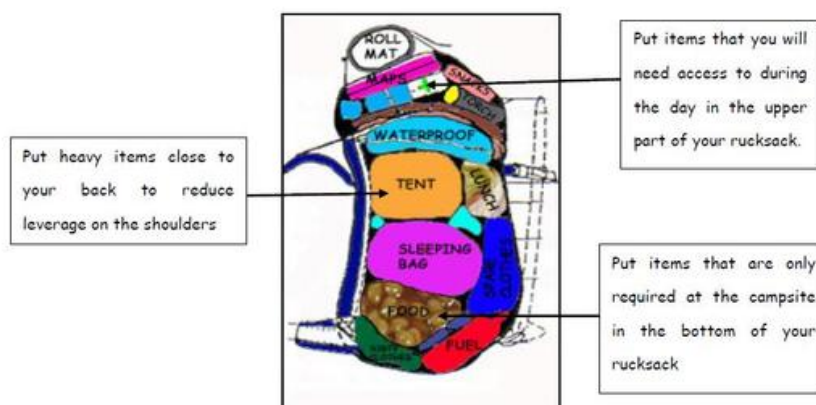
Bronze Practice Expedition 2016 Information Sheet

Your son has been attending training sessions during Period 3 on a Tuesday for the past 5 weeks. During these sessions, students have been taught about Navigation, Route Planning, First Aid, Kit and Menus/Food required for the forthcoming expedition.

The expedition weekend will commence on **Saturday 21st May**. Groups are to arrive at The Lamport Swan Public House Car Park, Harborough Road, Lamport NN6 9EZ at their designated start time. If possible could you speak to other parents/guardians in your son's group regarding car share. The landlord really doesn't want 60+ cars arriving at the same time – it would be chaos.

Groups	Arrival times	Departure times
1 & 2	08:45	09:00
3 & 4	09:15	09:30
5 & 6	09:45	10:00
7 & 8	10:15	10:30

- Students have had a kit lists and have been told how to pack their expedition bag. Nothing should be on the outside apart from a roll mat. They must remember to line the inside of the expedition bag in case of rain. This can be done by using garden or rubble bags (black bin bags are a little thin).



- Students are **not permitted** to walk in jeans and trainers – walking gear please. Rain coats, not shower proof sports jackets and walking boots need to have been broken in. I have attached a kit list just in case you son has not shown you the one he has been given.

- As a group they have arranged their menus. Think about packing and do not use a lot of plastic containers as they take up a lot of room. Students require a packed lunch for Saturday and snacks and an evening meal. Sunday will require breakfast and a packed lunch. If they do not cook at home they may need to practice before the expedition. School will provide fuel and fuel bottles and stoves for the expedition.
- Students have been asked to put up their tents and take a selfie with it so I can see that the tent is fit for purpose and also that they know how to put up their tents!
- Students will not need any money – all they need for the expedition should be with them. Please leave expensive electrical appliances/items at home – the school will not be responsible for breakages or damage to such items. Mobile phones will be handed to me fully charged – they will be kept safe and handed back on the Sunday so they can telephone home.
- If any student misbehaves or fails to follow the school’s code of behaviour at any time whilst on the expedition, I will have no option but to contact home to have them collected, whatever the time. The campsite where the 60+ NSB students will be staying is the Overstone Scout Campsite Northampton.

The expedition will finish on the afternoon of Sunday 22nd in Old, NN6 9QX at which time students will then telephone home. The finish time is approximate as this will depend on them getting up on time, repacking and navigating without getting lost!! This should be between 15:00 – 16:30. **Please only arrive once you have received the call or we will end up with too many parked vehicles in the small village. We do not want to upset the residents.**

Emergency Contact Number: 07411 083776 (Mrs O’Neill) - please only use this in the event of an emergency and not to find out finish times. If you need more information about any of the above, please contact myself on the school number **01604 230240.**

Please complete reply slip below and returned to me in F8 by Tuesday 10th May together with the completed Medical Consent/Information Form enclosed.

Mrs T O’Neill
Dof E Coordinator

Name of Student _____ D of E Group _____

I/We* do/do not* give permission for the named student to attend the Bronze 2016 practice expedition and understand that in the event of poor behaviour I/we* agree to collect participant from the campsite.

I /We* have completed and enclose the attached Medical Consent/Information Form.

Signed _____ Dated _____
(*Delete as necessary)