



1st Eccleshall Explorer Scout Unit

Expedition Dates 2009

Provisional as at 05-11-2009.

Date 1 st Night (Week no)	No of Nights Away	Chief Scouts Platinum Award (CSPA-10)	Chief Scout's Diamond Award (CSDA-10)	Queen's Scout Award (QSA-10)	Base Area
30 to 31 January (Wk 4)	1	Expedition Introduction (CSPA-10I)			Sherratt's Wood
6 to 7 February (wk 5)	1	Darkness Camp (optional for all)			Bishops Wood / Eccleshall
19 to 21 February (Wk 7)	2	Practice 1 (CSPA-10P1)			Kibblestone ISC (*MB – tbc)
12 to 14 March (Wk 11)	2	Practice 2 (CSPA-10P2)	Practice 1 (CSDA-10P1)	Practice 0 (QSA-10P0) (Not at Kibblestone)	Kibblestone ISC (*MB – tbc)
8 April (Wk 14)		Fitness & navigation tests			
16 to 18 April (Wk 16)	2	Qualifying (CSPA-10Q)	Practice 2 CSDA-10P2)	Practice 1 (QSA-10P1)	Roaches / Gradbach (*MB)
13 May (Wk20)			Fitness & navigation tests		
22 to 25 May (Wk 21)	4		Qualifying (CSDA-10Q)	Practice 2 (QSA-10P2)	Southern Lake District (*MB)
To be decided				Fitness & navigation tests	
28 May to 3 June (Wk 22/23) OR 24 to 30 July (Wk 31)	6			Qualifying QSA-10Q)	Snowdonia? To be confirmed (*MB)
Week 21		20 May: Project hand in date			
Week 26			24 June: Project hand in date		
To be decided				Project hand in date	

Notes

- Note1: The Darkness camp is not part of the expedition programme but is an opportunity to learn and practice relevant skills.
- Note 2: Good Friday is 2nd April
- Note 3: Participation in all the practice weekends and qualifying event (relevant to the award you are completing) is compulsory
- Note 5: (*MB) = minibus transport will be provided
- Note 6: The first aid training currently offered as part of the Explorer programme is an integral part of these awards.
- Note 7: These expeditions also meet the requirements of the Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze, Silver or Gold awards
- Note 8: Every participant will be required to pass both a fitness test and a navigation test before being allowed to undertake an unsupervised qualifying expedition.
- Note 9: An optional practice weekend (12 to 14 March) will be provided for the Queen's Scout Award patrol but this must be undertaken by the whole patrol – everyone or no one. The programme has not yet been prepared.

Costs

Details of cost are not available at date of publication but will be approximately £15 per night. It is proposed to charge the full fee for all the camps as one amount but payable in four monthly instalments for the CSPA and CSDA and six instalments for the QSA starting at the end of January 2010. The charges will include everything (food, transport, camp fees, equipment charges, leader costs) except for food for the qualifying camp. It is a condition of the award that participants buy their own food on the qualifying camps. Also transport will not be provided to the introductory camp at Sherratt's Wood.

Once committed to the award programme participants will be expected to complete the award and make all payments. Apart from exceptional circumstances no refund will be given for anyone who drops out as most costs will be paid in advance.