

Dear Parents, Carers and Young People

Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award Walking Expedition opportunity.

Your son/daughter may be wanting to complete their DofE Gold expedition and King's Scout Expedition, there is an opportunity to complete it with Warwickshire Scouts in 2024.

What does the Gold Award involve?

The Award has five sections:

Expedition: Four days of walking and camping, carrying all equipment and food.

Physical: Regular involvement in a sports or fitness activity.

Volunteering: Community service, with a group or organisation.

Skill: Work developing a new or existing skill.

Residential: Five consecutive days with a minimum of four nights spent away from home.

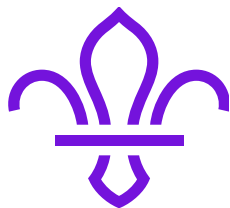
Participants are expected to give about an hour a week to each section. If they have completed Silver then they will complete: Volunteering for 12 months, either Skill or physical for 12 months, then the other section for 6 months.

If they haven't completed their Silver award, they can still enrol onto the Gold but must complete one section for 18 months.

Expedition information for 2024.

We will arrange all expeditions and training for our participants. Training and Expeditions will take place on the following dates:

What	Where	When
Training Day/ introduction	Nuneaton	Saturday 27 th January 2024, 10am -3pm
Training weekend	Peak District, Derbyshire and Nuneaton	Friday 8 th - Sunday 10 th March 2024 Saturday will involve a day walk in the Peaks, Sleeping overnight at a Scout HQ Friday evening/ Sunday will involve route planning for expeditions.
Training Weekend	Peak District, Derbyshire	Friday 26 th April – Sunday 28 th April 2024 This will involve camping for 2 nights
Gold Practice	Brecon Beacons, Wales	Friday 24 th May 2024 – Monday 27 th May 2024 1 night indoor, 2 nights camping.
Training day	Nuneaton	Sunday 9 th June: Route planning



Pre Expedition Check	Nuneaton	Monday 5 th August 2024- 7pm -9pm.
Gold Assessed	Snowdonia, Wales	Friday 9 th August – Wednesday 14 th August 2024 Camping.
Gold presentation	Nuneaton TBC	Friday 4 th October 2024- Group expedition presentation, 7pm

In order for a successful assessed expedition, participants will need to attend all training dates.

There may be further dates if needed.

Transport to expedition locations will be provided, however young people will need to provide their own food during expeditions. Young people will receive training on this.

Why do D of E?

DofE is of value to our young people. It encourages them to develop skills and interests and to meet a range of new people. The Award is regarded highly by employers and by colleges and universities. Most importantly, we know from experience that the young people who take part benefit from it and enjoy it. This experience will also go towards their King's Scout award.

How much will it cost?

The total cost for the Gold expedition package will be £420.

This will include training sessions, Training weekends in March and April, Practice Expedition in May and an Assessed Expedition in August 2024.

We can provide good quality tents, stoves and rucksacks on free loan for expeditions, but participants will need their own suitable footwear and waterproof clothing.

In order to spread the costs, payment can be completed in 5 instalments as detailed below.

Places on the scheme will be reserved on a first come first served basis on receipt of the enrolment form by the deadline of Friday 22nd December 2023. The enrolment cannot be accepted until the first instalment has been paid.

Please make payment for enrolment via Bank transfer: In the reference field please put "Gold DofE" plus name of participant.

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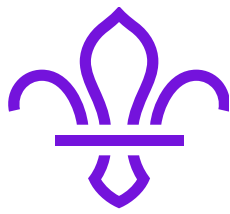
Process for enrolment:

Young people must be between 16 and 24 years old and a registered Explorer/Network member to take part in the Gold Duke of Edinburgh's award with Warwickshire Scouts.

1. Return enrolment form for expedition to dofe@warwickshirescouts.org.uk no later than Friday 22nd December 2023 with the first instalment of £50.
2. Second instalment of £50 to be paid by deadline 31st January 2024
4. Third instalment of £100 to be paid by deadline 31st March 2024
5. Fourth Instalment of £100 to be paid by deadline 31st May 2024
6. Remaining balance of £120 to be paid by 30th June 2024

*Young People will also need to be registered onto the Gold DofE scheme

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If you would like to discuss payment options, please do not hesitate to get in touch. There may be funding opportunities available for young people from various charities in Warwickshire.

If you have any queries or require support, please do not hesitate to email me.

Yours in Scouting

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