

## **Staffordshire Scouts – Expedition Challenge Weekend**

Date: 25-27 September

Venue: Beaudesert

Scouts to arrive from 7pm on Friday

Scouts to be collected between 4pm and 4:30pm on Sunday

Friday night will be route planning (unless you want to plan routes beforehand, and are able to support your own teams during the weekend which would be great). Different options for routes will be available. We will have mini buses available to take groups to starting points, or collect from finishing points. Aiming for 6 hours activity on Saturday and 4 hours activity on Sunday.

For Scouts with prior experience, they can have minimal support, but a safety team on the Chase to support if needed, so if they present back on the Sunday afternoon they could achieve their challenge badge by the end of the weekend.

For Scouts with limited walking/navigation experience we will have skilled leaders/young leaders who can support the Scouts as much as is needed and provide relevant training. We can follow groups if they aren't confident with navigation.

Please let us know when you book what the makeup of your groups might be, either experienced, not experienced or a mixture, so we can plan around this.

Scouts need to provide their own food for Saturday lunch/evening meal and Sunday breakfast, and cook at least 1 meal (hot) on an expedition style stove. The support team will provide Friday supper/Saturday breakfast and Sunday lunch.

If Troops can provide the relevant equipment (i.e. maps/compasses/stoves/tents/rucksacs if needed), that would be great but if not please let us know and we will see what we can source but can't promise we can provide equipment for all groups.

Young people will be the responsibility of their Troop leaders, unless you notify us beforehand. NAN forms should be completed per group as per any other camp. If you have no nights away permit holder let us know.

It will be planned for Scouts to be back on site by 2pm on the Sunday, to give them time to put a brief presentation.

If Troops can try and do basic navigation training with your inexperienced Scouts before the weekend this would be great, though we will run through on the Friday evening to ensure everyone has the same level of training before the walking begins on the Saturday morning.

Any questions please email [Paul.Creaser@StaffordshireScouts.org.uk](mailto:Paul.Creaser@StaffordshireScouts.org.uk)

This weekend is aimed at groups who would struggle to do the expedition challenge otherwise. We're also keen to help up skill leaders so that they gain the skills and confidence to run expeditions with their troops going forward. We are going to need lots of support from leaders for the weekend, so the more that can the better!

If you are interested please let us know so we gauge potential numbers. [Scouts@StaffordshireScouts.org.uk](mailto:Scouts@StaffordshireScouts.org.uk) – book by 10<sup>th</sup> September at the latest. This only gives us 2 weeks before the event! Cost of £20 per Scout, £10 per leader/young leader (to cover site fees and food).

We'll confirm final details for payment as soon as we can.