

District Expedition to Holland – August 2013

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Hopefully you have now heard about our amazing Expedition to Holland in the summer of 2013.

Here is some more detailed information about the expedition and, the all-important, booking form.

The Expedition

Our Expedition begins on the morning of 1st August with us all meeting locally to board our coaches that will take us to Holland. We will travel by coach, taking the Dover/Calais ferry and then driving through France, Belgium and into Holland. There will be stops along the way for snacks and services. We hope to arrive during the afternoon at our campsite at Buitenzorg near Amsterdam where we will set up our tents and equipment.

For the next 8 days there will be a range of activities for our young people depending on their ages and abilities. These activities will include:

- Two 'Big Activity' days with activities that may include water skiing, wakeboarding, surfing, a canoe expedition, high ropes course and cycling.
- Two cultural days, one in Amsterdam which may include a trip on the 'Pancake Boat' visits to museums such as the Van Gogh or Anne Frank museums, a science centre, a meal in a local restaurant and trips on Amsterdam's tram and boat network. The other day will be in Rotterdam with a chance to go on the 'Splash Tour' and visit the Euro Tower as well as experience the restaurants and cafes.
- A two day expedition staying out overnight in tents or bivouacs and travelling on foot or by bike.
- A day on site enjoying a rest or taking part in a workshop which might include leathercraft, clog painting or archery. The day will end with a trip to the beach and a barbecue
- A day at an amazing Dutch theme park

(this is not an exhaustive list and may be subject to change)

Our Expedition comes to an end on 10th August when we pack up and return to the UK. All is not over as we will be stopping off in Brugge in Belgium to sample the culture and particularly the delicious Belgian chocolate!

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The Organising Team

The organising team for this expedition comes from all parts of our District and many of our team have lots of international experience:

Expedition Leader	Russ Dyble
Deputy Expedition Leader	Andy Glass

Team members

Geoff Angell	Helen Bassett	Lorna Glass	Joanna Hartley
Jo Haynes	Richard Haynes	Richard Hirons	Jan Maddern
Karen Moxom	Maureen Shelley	Dee Willmore	

This team will be joined by a number of leaders from other Scout Groups in Hemel Hempstead and supported throughout by the International Adviser from Hertfordshire Scouts.

The Expedition Costs

The cost of the Expedition is £450 per participant. There are a number of ways in which you can pay for this:

- One payment of £450 by 26th October
- Four installments of £100 by 31st December, 28th February, 30th April and 30th June
- Monthly installments of £50 starting with a deposit by 26th October and then by the end of each month until 30th June.

To help with the cost of the Expedition Hemel Hempstead District Scouts have already subsidised the activity by up to £4,000 to make it accessible to as many of our young people and adults as possible.

To help further with the costs of the Expedition we will be running some fundraising events where the money raised is deducted from the fees of those who support the fundraising event.

The Pre-Expedition Experience

As with all Scouting Expeditions it is important that our young people and leaders have the opportunity to work together before we go. To ensure there are the opportunities for this we will be some pre-expedition training events:

16 th March 2013	a one day event for participants and their parents
11 th – 12 th May 2013	a training camp on 11/12 May.

We will also hold a final briefing for participants and parents just before we depart.

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I would like to book a place on the Hemel Hempstead District Expedition to Holland

Name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____ Tel. No _____

Date of Birth _____

Scout Troop/Explorer Unit _____

Email _____

I am a: Scout Explorer Scout Network Leader (please circle)

I enclose: (Please tick)
a deposit of £50 _____
full payment of £450 _____

I would like to pay for this trip:
Monthly (£50 per month) _____
Half-termly (£100 at the end of Dec. Feb. Apr and June) _____
Full payment – (to be enclosed with this form) _____

(cheques payable to “Hemel Hempstead District Scouts”)

I understand that my deposit will become non-refundable as soon as I am notified that I have a place on this Expedition.

Parent's Name _____ Parent's signature _____

Your need to get your Scout/Explorer Scout Leader to approve your application

Scout/Explorer Leader's signature _____

**Please return this form to the Expedition Administrator, Maureen Shelley
C/o 1 Crossfell Rd. Hemel Hempstead, HP3 8RB as soon as possible**

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