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Hemel Hempstead District Scouts

NIMROD '13'

To All Scout Leaders,

This popular competition is now only a few weeks away (13th & 14th July). To help us make this a success for all Hemel Hempstead Scouts, we need your support and help. We want to encourage every Scout Troop in the District to put in one or more teams for one of the best events for Scouts in Hemel Hempstead. We are trying to make the paperwork as simple as possible for your and our ease. Following requests from last year we are providing the data electronically but hard copy can be requested by e-mailing frank@hemelexplorers.or.uk quoting the number of copies of each letter/form required.

- Copies of letters for Scout/Parents.
- Troop entry form.
- *Permission to camp/health forms*
- Kit lists

The majority of the information is contained in the letter to parents however; here is some more detailed information for you:

The Nimrod competition is an activity hike, camping, cooking, and is a fun competition, with a variety of challenges along the way. This competition is for teams of Scouts across all ages, in teams of four or five. They will encounter a number of activities on a circular hike route. The competition is based at Phasels Wood.

This year there is a **maximum of 2 scouts over 13 in every team, no more than 1 Scout who is over 14. However, they must be below 15 and not attending Explorer Scouts.** A team must have 4 or 5 **invested** members (a maximum of 1 cub on a linking activity is allowed). If a full team starts the competition, but has 1 or more member(s) drop out during the event reducing the number to below 4, the remainder may carry on (if safe to do so) but will no longer be eligible to compete in the event.

Also you can enter training teams of up to 6 Scouts of any age group or ability. These teams can have as much Leader input as necessary but will not be eligible to win the main competition. The aim is to enable Scouts to experience the competition, and to enjoy themselves whilst engaging in a learning experience, under the safe keeping of their own Leaders. Training teams will have a separate camping area because adults (other than Explorer Leaders) will not be allowed access to the main competition site, other than for the duration of the hike. Therefore competition teams should be mature and must be able to camp un-supervised. However, safety, behaviour etc, will be monitored by the Explorer Scouts.

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This year both evening supper and Breakfast will be provided by Phasels Wood.

What we need you to do now.

Please give out the letters to all your Scouts, collect the replies and cheques and arrange your teams and issue the kit Lists and Health Forms. (Make cheques payable to Hemel Hempstead District Explorer Scouts)
Return your Troop entry form to Maureen Shelley, 1 Crossfell Road, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead, HP3 8RB by 8th July. As we have outside catering facilities we are sorry but no late entries can be accepted this year.

Make sure you have one CRB cleared adult for each team entered (due to the age of these young people, adults walk with their own teams). No adult will mean the team cannot take part; please contact us if you have a team but cannot find adult support, we may be able to assist you in locating someone.

Note: Leaders can come and go during the competition as is suitable for their team(s). Leaders are welcome to camp, likewise they are welcome to join us for meals, but must book this in advance. If Scouts are to be left at the competition without any Leaders present for any period of time, a home contact must be made available when booking in the team at the start of the competition.

Timetable for the competition

SAT PM	3.00-4.00pm	Scouts and any adults meet at Phasels wood, team lists and Permission to camp/health forms handed in by Scout leading team (at control point) overnight tents pitched.
	5.00pm	Flag break and site judgement and inspection
	5:30 pm	Adult walkers must be on site for a briefing
	5.30pm	Evening Meal supplied
	6.15pm	Teams to first bases and hike starts (scarf to be worn)
	6.30pm	Hike starts
	12.00am	All teams must finish (this is likely to be closer to 11.00pm)
SUN AM	7:30am	Wake Up
	8:15 am	Breakfast
	10:00-10.30am	Presentations

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Scoring

- Presentation on arrival (kit and top half uniform)
- Tent Pitching teamwork while tent pitching/hike preparation
- Activity Bases
 - Task
 - Teamwork
 - Behaviour at each base
- Map work
 - Route planning before leaving base
 - Orienteering points
- Behaviour on site at all times.
- Cooking and clearing away breakfast.
- Clearing tent and site.

Much of the marking for this event will be done by the Explorer Scout Section who will award the trophy.

If you have any questions please E-mail - nimrod@hemeexplorers.org.uk

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