**NIMROD 2024**

**COMPETITION INFORMATION**

Dear Scout Leader

Nimrod and the Dave Barnes training competition will be held from 3.00pm on Saturday 29th June to 10.30am on Sunday 30th June 2024 based at Phasels Wood and we look forward to receiving your entries!

**Competition Summary**

Nimrod is a night hike competition with several team challenge bases to visit and clipper points to find en-route. Map co-ordinates will be given at the start of the competition to teams to allow them to plan a route. The hike will run from 6pm and teams will walk a circular route.

The competition (and scoring!) begins as the team arrives at camp to the signing-in area on Saturday afternoon. Teams should arrive together and in full smart uniform. They will be given an information pack on arrival. The competition ends when tents and breakfast is cleared away and each team’s site is clear.

**Competitive Teams**

Competitive teams should consist of 4-6 invested Scouts. If less than 4 Scouts start or complete the event they will be allowed to continue if safe to do so, but they will not be placed in the competition. There must not be more than one 14 year old in a team and competitors must be within Scout age range (ie. no older than 14.5 years).

Each team will need a DBS cleared adult hiking with them but the adult will not be allowed onto the competition camping area at all and should **not** help the teams with tents, route plotting or cooking. Leaders walking with competing teams must not intervene or help navigate unless safety is compromised. Accompanying adults should be available to help cook and serve the evening meal.

**Training Teams**

There is a separate training competition for teams of 4-6 Scouts (with a maximum of 2 Cubs on a linking activity). The aim of this competition is to enable less experienced and younger Scouts to participate in the competition for the first time with the support of a leader.

Each team will need a DBS cleared adult supporting them at all times. Training teams will have a separate camping area that their Leaders are able to access to support their teams. If required, leaders will be allowed to remain with training teams during the competition to help with tents, route-planning and cooking.

If you have Scouts that are unable to put up tents, navigate and cook their own breakfasts without help, then please do put them into the training competition ready for next year!

**Leaders**

Leaders will be provided with an evening meal at no extra cost and at least one Leader for every two teams from each Troop attending must camp for the night. Those who are camping will also be given breakfast. If you do not have an overnight licence we will cover this for you.

It is the responsibility of each Troop to gain permission to camp from their own Scouts and to have up to date details for them. Their leaders must have this information at camp. Group leaders to have in-touch arrangements in place and confirm them with the competition organisers. There will be a Leader briefing before the teams depart on the hike.

**Scoring**

Scouts will be scored throughout the competition in the categories below and any Leader or Explorer helping to run Nimrod could be scoring them at any time:

* Presentation on arrival (kit, full uniform, politeness, attitude)
* Standard of tent pitching, tidiness and teamwork
* Performance on team challenge bases and clipper points
* Standard of breakfast and clear up
* Site cleanliness and standard of striking camp
* Behaviour throughout competition on and off site.

**Entering your Teams**

Please enter at this link: <https://www.hemel-scouts.co.uk/?post_type=espresso_events&p=28581&preview=true>

The information you must provide on-line by midnight on 22nd June 2024 is:

Your Teams entry forms including Scouts names, date of birth and any dietary restrictions.

Leader names that are staying overnight, their mobile numbers and dietary restrictions.

Whether or not you are providing your own nights away licence and have completed a NAN.

Entry fee is £15 per Scout.

If you would like to take part in the competition for the first time and are not sure about anything, please email us at Pathfinders@KingsLangleyScouts.org.uk and we’ll have a chat.

Good luck!

Kerry and Jane

**Nimrod Organisers**



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 **COMPETITION TIMETABLE**

**Saturday PM**

3.00pm Scouts and Leaders meet at Phasels Wood and sign in with the competition organisers. Teams should sign in together and will be issued with their campsite location and be given their information pack for the competition. Tents to be pitched and routes to be planned.

4.30pm Flag break

4.45pm Immediately after flag break adult walkers must be on site for a briefing

5.15pm Evening Meal supplied

6.00pm Hikes begin. NB some teams may be bussed to a remote start and end point

12.00 m/n All teams must be back to their start points and finished.

**Sunday AM**

8.00am Wake up and breakfast food collected. Breakfast to be cooked by teams and wash up (you will also cook for a leader).

9.00am Strike camp. Competition scoring ends when packed away although behaviour will be noted until the end of camp.

10:00am Presentations and flag (parents welcome)

10.30am Depart