

District Expedition to Lochearnhead **7/8th August – 22nd August 2020**

Hopefully you have now heard about our amazing expedition to Scotland next Summer!

Here is some more detailed information about the expedition and the booking form.

About the expedition

During the two weeks, Scouts and Explorers will rotate round a variety of activities – either trying them for the first time or developing skills in activities they've tried before.

Activities will include a mixture of climbing, hiking, sailing, mountain biking, canoeing / kayaking, archery, orienteering, shelter building, white water rafting, bushcraft, horse riding and curling. Participants will have a degree of choice over some of the activities.

Depending on age and ability, at least one night will be spent on an overnight expedition, carrying all the kit needed for a night in the Scottish hills. An overnight canoe/kayak expedition on an Island the other side of Loch Earn is also looking likely.

Additionally there may be an opportunity to visit a Highland Games or one of the local towns/cities for the day.

Accommodation and catering

Whilst we're away, everyone sleeps in cabins (around 18 Scouts/Explorers to a room, split between two shelf bunk beds) or tents. Each Scout/Explorer will need their sleeping bag.

Food for up to 90 hungry, active Scouts/Explorers and leaders will be provided by a catering team each day – including a gala dinner with haggis on one evening.

About Lochearnhead Scout Station

Lochearnhead is a converted railway station that is situated about 30 miles north of Stirling, which features bunk accommodation for up to 90 people and access to the finest walking country in central Scotland. Within five miles of the Station there are more than 120 hills that are over 600 metres. The area surrounding Lochearnhead can provide both an introduction to the hills for the beginner and a serious challenge to the experienced walker, which makes Lochearnhead an ideal location for activities for all ages.

The views over Loch Earn give a tantalising glimpse of water based activities such as sailing and canoeing. Nearby is a Sustrans national cycle route that follows the upper railway line from Calendar through to Killin and beyond. It climbs through Glen Ogle giving superb views to Ben Vorlich before the hair-raising descent to Killin.

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The organising team

The team for this expedition comes from all parts of our district and many of our team have lots of experience at Lochearnhead and similar activities elsewhere in the country.

The core team is Rich Hiron, Russ Dyble & Helen Bassett who have all led a number of district expeditions for 100+ people over the past few years.

They will be joined by a number of scout and explorer leaders from other groups/units in Hemel Hempstead and advised by the activities team at Hertfordshire Scouts. Adults running adventurous activities (climbing, sailing, hillwalking etc) will all have been trained and assessed under the Scout Association's adventurous activities permit scheme. Some activities may be run by an appropriate third party provider in line with the Association's rules.

Adults will be in various teams, according to their skills and experience to support activities, first aid, welfare, catering and transport etc.

Expedition costs

The cost of the expedition is £650 per Scout, Explorer or Network member.

There are three ways in which you can pay:

- Monthly (8 x £75 and 1 x £50)
- Half-termly (£130 in Oct, Dec, Feb, Apr, June)
- Full payment – (to be paid on confirmation of your place)

To assist with the admin of payments, half-termly/monthly payments will be by direct debit.

Financial help is also available to enable participation - for more information contact Russ Dyble in confidence: 07790 296378 or dc@hemel-scouts.co.uk

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 (all included within the price):

- A training day where everyone meets each other and has advice on kit etc
- A training camp for everyone to get to know each other

Participants will also get preferential booking for sailing and climbing sessions run by the district in Spring/Summer 2020.

We will also hold a meeting for parents at the training day and training camp, with a final briefing for participants and parents just before we depart.

DON'T MISS OUT - SIGN UP BY 22ND OCTOBER!

Hemel Hempstead District Scouts

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District Expedition to Lochearnhead – August 2020

I would like to book a place on the district expedition to Lochearnhead as a Scout, Explorer or Network.

Full Name (as it appears on the passport) _____

Known as name (if different): _____

Address _____

Postcode _____ Date of Birth _____

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

Scout Troop/Explorer/Network Unit _____

Parent's Email Address _____

Scout/Explorer/Network's Email: _____

Home phone number: _____

Parent's Mobile 1: _____ Parent's Mobile 2: _____

I would like to pay for this trip:	Tick as appropriate
Monthly (8 x £75 and 1 x £50)	_____
Half-termly (£130 in Oct, Dec, Feb, Apr, June)	_____
Full payment – (to be enclosed with this form)	_____

Cheques payable to "HHDS – Lochearnhead"

When your place is confirmed, you will receive a link by email to set up a direct debit for your chosen payment timetable.

Please note that any payments made will become non-refundable as soon as they are made as we have to pay for the accommodation, travel, insurance and some activities quite a way in advance.

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 by 22nd October**