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Dear Parent,

SILVER DofE EXPEDITION – 25-27 AUG 18 – CHILTERNNS

The Squadron has arranged for a Silver Duke of Edinburgh's (DofE) Award expedition to place over the Bank Holiday weekend of 25-27 August 2018. The camp will act as a 'Practice' expedition for those registered with the DofE Award but have not completed a practice expedition previously, while for those that completed the Silver practice expedition during this year's Easter Camp, this will be their 'Qualifying' expedition.

The camp will take place in the Chilterns, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), and the two separate Silver groups will navigate a pre-determined route on foot over 3-days while self-sufficient and using commercial camp sites.

Only civilian expedition wear will be required as outlined in the camp kit list. Cadets will be required to Parade at the SHQ at 0630hrs on Sat 25 Aug, and will travel down to the start point of the expedition by minibus departing at 0700hrs. On completion on the expedition, cadets will return to the Squadron HQ by late afternoon on Mon 27 Aug.

The cost of the camp is £30-00 and includes the cost of transport (minibus hire), campsite fees and use of equipment. However, the teams will be required to provide and prepare all of their own meals during the expedition, as is the requirement of the DofE Award scheme. This will be explained in full prior to the camp itself taking place.

In cases of emergency, or should you need to contact me during the camp by telephone number is 07812 125 253. Please do refrain from contacting your son/daughter directly as part of the DofE Award's aim is to give participants a sense of remoteness during their expedition phase. Likewise, your son/daughter will be advised that mobile phones are to only be used for the purpose of taking photos and in the event of an emergency.

Please complete and return a completed TG21 Form (and TG23 Form if applicable) on behalf of your son/daughter by Fri 24 Aug 18.

Should you have any questions regarding the camp, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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For more information on the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme see: www.dofe.org