

MAIDENHEAD DISTRICT EXPLORER SCOUTS



Holland 2009 Explorer Belt Expedition – August 2009

17-07-09

Participants Parents

Dear Parents

Most of you have now paid the balance of £350 but if you have not please do so ASAP.

The good news is that there is a cheque for £50 on it's way to each of the scouts from a Trust they all wrote to some time ago. This money does not need to be passed on to the District but is for you and the participants to fight over.

The scouts will need to send a postcard from Holland to the Widow of the person whose name the Trust was set up in. I will see that this is done.

Ref. Bikes

I have arranged 2 evening sessions to look at the bikes the scouts are taking as I need to see what type of pannier rack each needs. At the same time I will try to see what repair skills the scouts may have.

Would you please also make sure their bikes are roadworthy (we will carry some tools and spares).

Each scout must (scout rules) wear a helmet whilst cycling so please ensure they have one.

Phones

If the scouts take mobile phones they need to be told that if they phone each other the calls will be routed through the UK and will be expensive; a text is cheaper, it would be a good idea if they were to take a spare charged battery, also if they bring a car type charger we will try to recharge them from one of the support vehicles.

Contacting us

The address for the base camp site is

Maidenhead Scouts

Scout Centre Rotterdam

's Gravenweg 101

2902 Le Capelle aan den IJssel

The Netherlands

Tel 0031 10 4505358

My mobile is 07803891674

Please feel free to write or send food parcels but only phone if necessary.

In the event of any incident all contacts **must** be made through the home contact here in the UK , not the leaders or the participants as they will need to focus on the incident.

Home Contact is Bill Carter 01628 826609

Passports

Please make sure your scouts passport is up to date I will need a copy of it so could you please send me a copy with the attached health form.

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EHIC (was E111) health card

please make sure each scout has one of these and a copy of this is also needed by me.

Kit list is on www.scoutexp.co.uk

Please refer to our dedicated web site for the suggested kit list I will hand out the 60 litre panniers for the scouts to practice packing them, their tent can be fixed on top. In the group of 4, there will be two 2 man tents and 2 Trangia cook-sets so either your scout will have a tent or Trangia to carry. We may need to issue baskets for the front of the bikes as stated before we do not want the scouts carrying anything on their backs larger than a day bag.

Regards
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