



# Newsletter 1

January 2008

IX09 is an International Expedition being run by the Northumberland & Durham Girls Brigade in conjunction with Cleveland and Sunderland Scouts. It is mainly aimed at young members between the ages of 16 years and 20 years supervised by a team of leaders from both the Girls Brigade and the Scout Association.

## Leader Team:

The Chairman and Expedition Leader will be Doug Corbin (Cleveland Scouts) and the Treasurer is Barbara Russell (Girls Brigade). The Administrator for the expedition is to be confirmed and the balance of the Steering Committee will be made up by members from each Association as required.

## When:

The proposed dates are 18<sup>th</sup> July until 8<sup>th</sup> August 2008 depending on school holidays and the availability of air flights.

## Venue:

The venue for the expedition will be Africa and at this stage the proposal is to travel to Zambia.

## Name and Logo:

The name for the expedition has been proposed as 'IX09' and a suggestion for the logo is as shown at the top of this newsletter.

## Project:

The expedition will take the form of a Community Development project working in a rural community for the benefit of young people in Africa. It is hoped to have the local community and young people from the Girls Brigade and Scout Association working alongside our party.

## Commitment:

Expedition members must be an active member of the Girls Brigade or the Scout Association and must show a commitment to the expedition. This will involve fund raising and any training required. No previous experience is required.

## Applications:

Applications are required, together with a £100.00 non returnable deposit, on, or before, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2008 to guarantee a place. Applications after this date will be considered if there are places available.

## Cost:

The maximum cost has been set at £1,800.00 which is inclusive of Travel and Transport; Insurance; Food and Equipment required during the time of the expedition. It will also include a relaxation period at the end of the expedition. The nature of this relaxation period has yet to be confirmed but if there are several options members opting for a more expensive choice may be asked to pay any difference in cost.



### **Fund Raising:**

Various forms of fund raising will be considered and any help, or ideas, will be appreciated. Any application to local firms, or grant giving organisations must be cleared with the steering committee before any contact is made. Depending on the success of the fund raising the figure of £1,800.00 will be reduced accordingly. We intend to apply for a Gift Aid refund on part of the money received and if this is successful the final payment may not be required in full.

### **Bank Account:**

It is proposed to set up a Bank Account in the name International Expedition 2009. It is hoped that cheques will be able to be made payable to:- IX09.

### **Exclusions:**

A detailed budget has been prepared for the expedition but excluded from this are the following costs:- Training Weekends; Pocket Money; Personal Inoculations and Medication required for Africa; Personal Equipment and any excess incurred from the choice of a more expensive Relaxation Period.

### **Uniform:**

As both groups are a Uniformed Organisation the appropriate uniform will be worn for the expedition. It is proposed to provide an expedition polo shirt for each member that can be worn on less formal occasions.

### **Training Weekends:**

1st/2nd March 2008 at Fulwell Methodist Church 09.00 on the Saturday until 10.00 on the Sunday.

4<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> July 2008 Venue to be confirmed

26<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> September 2008 Venue to be confirmed

Other days, or weekend, will be added to the list as required.

### **Future Payments:**

1<sup>st</sup> March 2008 £100 Initial deposit

1<sup>st</sup> June 2008 £300

1<sup>st</sup> September 2008 £300

1<sup>st</sup> December 2008 £300

1<sup>st</sup> February 2009 £300

1<sup>st</sup> May 2009 £500 Final deposit (may not be required in full)

With the exception of the initial deposit any monies paid will be refundable less previously notified to the individual by the steering committee (i.e. payment for air flights etc.) or the cancelled place can be recovered from Insurance or refilled.

### **Further Details:**

These may be obtained from either:-

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