



Newsletter 3

May 2008

We have just returned from a successful trip to Zambia and will be attempting in a special newsletter to let all members know of the current situation with regards to the expedition. This will be sent out as soon as I can put it together.

Leader Team:

Since the last newsletter we are pleased to welcome Eric Johnson to the leader team. Eric will be responsible for the co-ordination of Fund Raising for the expedition and has already started to arrange some fund raising events for the expedition.

The Team:

Currently we have nine young members from the Girls Brigade and ten Scouts in our party but in addition to these confirmed members we know of several young people who are interested but have as yet not confirmed their place.

Gift Aid:

We are still missing copies of the Gift Aid form from some of our members. If you, or your parent, pay tax at the normal rate, we ask you to please complete a Gift Aid form. This will allow us to claim a percentage of your payments back from the Inland Revenue which will help the overall general fund. Forms may be obtained from Doug or Barbara.



Future Payments:

You are reminded that the next instalment of £300.00 for your payment is due on, or before, **1st June 2008**. Future deposits are then due on, or before:-

1 st September 2008	£300
1 st December 2008	£300
1 st February 2009	£300
1 st May 2009	£500 Final deposit

There are a couple of members who have not yet paid their initial deposit. We have other people on the waiting list and if these deposits are not received, together with the deposit due on 1st June, before the end of this month their names will be removed from the expedition list and their places offered to another member.

Fund Raising:

Fund Raising for the expedition has now started and we would like to thank all those who helped at the coffee morning in Fulwell Methodist Church (particularly the church members who organised the event) for a marvellous start to our Fund Raising. The proceeds from the Coffee morning and the tombola raised over £500 towards the project funds. We hope you will all be inspired from this result and will be able to arrange other suitable fund raising events in your area. Please remember if you are arranging an event you must make it clear whether the proceeds are going to the main project fund or whether it is for an individual(s).

Coming Events:

We are planning some larger Fund raising events which include hopefully a Bag Pack at Marks and Spencer's in the Metro Centre. We shall require a full team of members and interested supporters for events such as these and hope we can rely on a full team turn out. We appreciate that the venue may not be as convenient to some of the team but the returns should outweigh any disadvantage.

Bank Account:

Just a reminder that our Bank Account has now been set up in the name "International Expedition 2009" and all cheques for the project should now have been cashed. Cheques may also be made payable to:- "IX09".

Training Weekends:

Details of the next training weekend will be sent within the next couple of weeks but please put the date into your diary.

4th/6th July 2008

Raven Gill Campsite, Comondale, North Yorkshire

The other booked weekend is:-

26th/28th September 2008

West Hall, South Tyneside

Criminal Records Bureau (CRB):

All members who will be 18 years, or over, at the time of the expedition must have applied for a CRB clearance. Please arrange to apply for these in plenty of time. We realise that there are a couple of members who are still only 17 but you are able to apply as soon as you are 17½ years.

Air Flights to Zambia:

The preferred air flight to Zambia is via British Airways as this may be booked via Newcastle and then a direct flight from London Heathrow. All other flights have another stop over and take more time. The added advantage is that we can obtain a larger weight limit on BA flights. However there is a problem in that the BA flights only leave on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The outgoing flight is overnight and leaves Heathrow at 19.20 which means that we shall have to catch the 14.00 flight from Newcastle. This may affect the older members of the team who are working as it will mean that they will require at least another half days holiday. Will you please let me know if this is not possible for you so that we can look at other possibilities. There is a chance that flights may change before next year.



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