



Newsletter 4

July 2008

We are now just about one year away from our expedition. To some of you this may seem to be a long time but the next few months will fly by and it we shall soon thinking of packing our bags for the trip.

Deposits

Most of you have now paid your second deposit but if this is still outstanding please arrange to get it to Barbara as soon as possible. The third deposit of £300.00 is due on 1st September 2008.

Air Flights:

At the end of August / early September we shall be looking at booking our air flights to Zambia next year. Before we do this you will have received a form to confirm your place on the expedition. This form must be returned to Doug Corbin as soon as possible or your flight may not be booked and if it has to be booked later there may be an extra administration charge. After your flight has been booked your first £400.00 will be non returnable unless we can recover the cost either from our insurance or we can refill your place.

Training Weekend:

Following our successful training weekend At Raven Gill on behalf of the Campsite Committee I would like to thank all our members for the valuable work that they put in over the weekend. Not only was this useful practice for our expedition to Africa but it also was valuable work needed by the site.

Fund Raising:

If you have any ideas for raising funds for the expedition please let one of the main committee know so that the idea may be progressed. You will be notified of details for Bag Packs, in both the north and south of our area, as soon as they are available. Similarly with any other major events.

Web Site:

Dave Russell has now set up a web site on which we shall be posting details of the expedition including all the newsletters which you may have missed. If you have any interesting article or information for the web site please contact Dave. The address of the web site is: <http://www.ix09.co.uk>

Alcohol:

After discussion and consultation with The Scout Association and Girls Brigade rules it has been decided that there will be a no alcohol policy at all training weekends and while in Africa alcohol (no spirits) will only be available on limited occasions and only for members over the age of 18 years.

Poloshirts etc:

A final reminder that if you require any poloshirts, T-shirts or sweatshirts your order must be with Doug **BEFORE** the end of July.



Gift Aid Forms:

We are still short of some Gift Aid Forms. If you have not completed and returned yours please do so as soon as possible as this will enable us to reclaim a substantial amount from the Inland Revenue.

Recycle4charity.co.uk:

Sam Cree has organised a recycle scheme for ink cartridges and mobile phones. All you have to do is to put your old phone or ink cartridge into a provided envelope and send it off free of charge. We shall then receive money in return for the IX09 project. Envelopes and further details can be obtained from Sam. Her e-mail is samcree@blueyonder.co.uk

Zambia Scout Badges:

In May while we were in Zambia we discovered that their National Scout Headquarters did not have any copies of their National badge so we have arranged to have some of these manufactured as part of our commitment to Zambia. It has been suggested that we shall wear one of these badges on our uniform as an expedition badge but this has yet to be confirmed. We have had a donation of £130 from the International Badgers Club towards the cost of production of these badges.



Training Weekend:

Following our last successful training weekend you are reminded that our next meeting is over the weekend 26th/26th September at West Hall Durham. Further details will be sent separately.

Junior Great North Run:

If you are fit, and under 16 years, why not consider taking part in the Junior Great North Run. It will be a great opportunity to publicise the expedition as well as raising some funds. Danielle Falcus has the full details and if you are interested in joining her please contact her direct on danielle200@hotmail.co.uk

Future Training Weekends:

Most of you may not as yet have your 2009 diary but please make a note of the proposed dates for further training weekends. 9th/11th January (indoors); 20th/22nd March and 29th/31st May. These dates will be confirmed when the venue has been agreed. There may be other dates (possibly only day meetings) arranged, particularly nearer our departure time.



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