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Parker Bowles Explorer Scout Unit

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Dear Parents/Explorer,

In this pack you will find the following forms;

- Programme of activities
- Unit Subscription Letter
- Gilwell Trophy Nights Away Form (3-5th October)
- Expedition kit list (for Gilwell Trophy and D of E Expeditions)
- District Quasar (12th November)
- Shooting form (3rd December)
- Camping Ideas for 2009

The new programme for the period September through to December is now available. This and all letters/forms can be found on the website at www.pbesu.org.uk.

Attendance

I have noticed that some explorers only attend the more social activities. I would like to see a more regular attendance by some, and where we may have limited places these will go first to those who attend regularly.

Gilwell Trophy

This hiking, camping and skills competition is on the weekend of 3-5th October. We already have one team, and so if you want to take part in this prestigious competition (which is also ideal for D of E practice) please complete the Nights Away form and return to me as soon as possible.

Fund-raising

As a unit we need to think of ideas for fund-raising. This would help towards reducing the cost of activities and camps. The costs I have put against camps for next year are the pre-fundraising costs and can be reduced if we do some fund-raising activities. Therefore can you please think about some ideas and we'll discuss as a group. Ideas so far have included bag-packing; raffles and quiz night.

Subs

If you are a member of the unit you have to pay subs.

Subs are collected 3 times a year and used to fund the running of the unit, and include such things as paying for the use of premises; running unit nights; buying equipment; paying for the van; mileage and fuel; pre-booking events and activities, etc. Please ensure that subs are forwarded to me by the due date. A form is also available on the website.

If you intend paying on a weekly basis you need to return the form indicating this – otherwise I will ask for the full term amount at the end of September.

Make cheque for £30 made payable to 'Parker Bowles Explorer Scout Unit'.

Thanks
Mike