

Final Instructions for Competitors and Supporters 2017

This document provides details on the following:

1. Transport of fuel and other equipment
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Please read this in conjunction with the General Information, Kit List and the Competition Instruction documents.

1. Transport of fuel and other equipment

1.1 Fuel

Team fuel - small quantities of gas – 230g self-sealing gas canisters should be packed inside rucksacs

Gas bottles for Base Camp use cannot be carried on coaches. These must be taken to the Central Transport point, separated from other kit (i.e. not packed in boxes), labelled securely and indelibly with Unit name and handed to the transport staff (see 1.4).

1.2 Boxed Equipment. Any Unit may send equipment to site via the Central Transport facility (see 1.4). This must be packed in appropriate containers (e.g. plastic removal crates) and must be capable of being carried a significant distance by two Explorers. There is no charge for this service as it is intended to make loading the coaches easier.

1.3 Units with 3 or more teams competing (or Units sharing base facilities with a combined entry of 3 or more teams) may take a mess tent up to 12' x 12'. Each part of the tent must be capable of being carried a significant distance by two Explorers. This must be transported centrally (see 1.4)

1.4 Central Transport of Equipment. Kit for central transport must be delivered to one of the collection points at times detailed below. It would be helpful if you can contact Peter Makewell (☎ 07931 543185) in advance to make the necessary arrangements and to detail what you want transported.

1.4.1 Collection Points:

A) Summit House, Summit Road, Potters Bar, EN6 3ER

The warehouse is open **08.00 to 17.00 Mon – Friday**.

All Kit must be delivered by 17:00 Friday 6th October (as the lorry leaves early on Monday)

If these times prove unworkable then contact Peter as there may be other times the site is open.

Directions to the warehouse are as follows: Just after the Furzefield Leisure Centre when heading towards Potters Bar Town Centre, turn left onto Cranborne Road. Follow the Road and go straight ahead at the mini roundabout, and take the turning on your right opposite the car garage, which is Summit Road. It is a steep hill and once at the top as it starts to level out on the right, there are three shutters and a large grey bell push on the wall between them. The shutters may be open, if not push the bell.

B) Phasels Wood Activity Centre.

Kit can be delivered during site office opening hours. (Mon – Sat 8:45 – 21:30. Sun 8:45 – 17:15)

All Kit must be delivered by 21:30 on Saturday 7th October (as the lorry leaves early on Monday)

1.5 District Transport of Heavy Equipment

It is recognised that some Districts are co-ordinating their Units entries and this involves a significant number of teams with one support team, with the attendant equipment that this entails. To assist with this the following provisions have been made:

Each District, at its own cost, can take one Car or Van with a trailer to transport its own heavy equipment. With the following provisos:

- The vehicle must have two people travelling to and from the event, preferably both able to drive the vehicle.
- Access to site is limited and kit may need to be unloaded from the vehicle and transported to camping location with the assistance of HPA staff (if available). Trailers will be towed to your camping location.
- Support teams will not be allowed on site before **21:00** on Friday evening.
- Only mess tents / event shelters can be pitched. Competitors must pitch their own tents on arrival.
- Vehicles must be removed from site prior to the coaches arriving.
- Vehicles will not be allowed to leave site until after the coaches have departed on Sunday.
- If the vehicle arrives late and coaches are being unloaded you will need to wait.

If your District wishes to make use of this option please inform the Registrar. (Fees will be adjusted accordingly)

2 Personal equipment / Kit List Update

Each person should have a rucksack packed for the competition. A separate **small** hold-all or bag should contain all the other gear you wish to take. This is to be left with your support team. Please do not attach 'Roll Mats' to bags as it makes packing the coach difficult and wastes valuable space. **All items of luggage** should be labelled with your **name** and **Unit**. Team equipment should also be clearly marked.

KIT LIST UPDATE - For Senior Teams there has been a modification to the kit list. Lighter/Matches only need to be carried if a stove is being carried. Hot drink requirement has been reduced to 1.5 litres per team. **An updated kit list can be found on the website.**

3 Coach Travel

The details of the coach departure point are sent by email to the Unit/Team Contact. Unless specified, the departure point will provide reasonably secure parking for cars left there for the weekend. Please remember vehicles are left at the owner's risk. If you leave a car, please ensure that you give the registration number to the Departure Marshal before you board your coach.

3.1 Loading:

It is important that **everybody** obeys the instructions of the Departure Marshals and Coach Marshals. Only park where requested and if you are asked to move yourselves, your kit or your vehicles please do so as quickly as possible. **Please make this clear to anybody 'dropping off' or 'picking up'**

3.2 Outward Journey: The coach will make a stop at a service station en-route. Whilst there should be facilities for refreshment it is suggested that passengers do not rely on this for their evening meal.

3.3 Return Journey: Can you ask parents / relatives etc **not** to call the departure points (e.g. Phasels Wood) on Sunday. They will not know when the coaches are due. Please make arrangements to either call from the services or use mobile communications.

All muddy footwear must be removed before boarding the coaches and placed in plastic bags (please can you arrange to supply your team(s) with bags).

3.4 Code of conduct

- **Competitors and Supports should be reminded to refrain from publishing on any social media the details of any events that would cause upset or distress to anyone either on the event or at home.** In the event of an incident of any nature, all communications will be managed by the Peak Assault Organisation Team.
- Supporters are responsible for their teams on the coach.
- It is not necessary to wear uniform. Unit Polos / Hoodies and Unit Scarf are acceptable.

- **No** alcoholic drinks should be consumed on the coach – this is a legal requirement.
- **No** smoking is allowed on the coaches at any time
- **No** unruly behaviour will be tolerated; any infringement may result in the team being disqualified.
- **No** large patrol or frame tents, gas bottles, wooden/plastic crates, tables or chairs etc are allowed on the coaches or in the luggage holds. Facilities to transport heavy items are detailed in section 1.

3.5. Arrival

Please remain on the coach until asked to disembark. If you have any 'late' Health Forms please ensure these are handed to the Registrar before disembarking.

Prepare your team(s) to carry their kit to Base Camp. This could be several hundred metres and may not be floodlit the entire way. There will be Campsite Staff to direct you to where you are camping.

4 Information for Supporters

4.1 The role of the supporter includes the following tasks:

- Ensure all personnel and kit is unloaded from the coach and transported to the base camp
- Provide an A4 size waterproof sheet displaying team number(s) at base camp
- Help erect tents and get the team(s) to bed
- Get up before the team(s) and prepare a hot breakfast for them.
- Help take down and pack competitors tents
- Check competitors kit is complete and packed before kit check report time
- Be on hand to remedy any kit deficiencies from spare equipment they have brought for this purpose
- To assist if the team or any members retire from the competition.
- Have a hot meal ready at the end of the competition on Sunday morning
- Pack up and clear site ready for departure
- Ensure all personnel and kit is transported from the base camp and loaded onto the coach

4.2 Kit Check Supporters must not accompany their teams beyond Kit Check. Once teams have completed Kit Check they are deemed to have started the competition.

4.3 Alcohol / Smoking There is a policy of "No Alcohol" on Base Camp except between Midday and Midnight on Saturday. Anyone who has responsibility for anyone under the age of 18 must not drink.

Nobody is allowed to smoke in front of anyone under the age of 18.

The Alcohol and Smoking guidance of the Scout Association must be adhered to at all times.

4.4 Supporters Day Excursion

A coach will leave the base Camp at approximately 10:30hrs on Saturday morning (listen for announcements or visit the Base Camp Office), and will leave the town to return to the Base Camp at around 16:00hrs.

5. Base Camp

5.1 Base Camp Facilities

The Base Camp Office is the main point of contact for any queries.

Toilet facilities will be provided on Base Camp and the Overnight Site. Base Camp is a greenfield site. Please remind all members of your party that, as Base Camp maybe located on or close to farmland, extra care should be taken with personal hygiene and the handling of food. It is recommended that units bring antibacterial hand sanitising gel and encourage its use.

Only take water from the designated supply points.

5.2 Leaving Base Camp

Once the Competition has started supporters may leave the Base Camp. They are not permitted to walk on the hills in the area of the competition. All Supporters wishing to leave the Base camp must report to the Base Camp Office before leaving and on returning to the site.

6. Saturday night

Full details of the program for Saturday evening will be posted on site. A provisional timetable is as follows:

Base Camp

From 15:00 – Tea and Cake available

Dinner from 18:30

Bar opens 19:00

Celebrations from 20:00

Overnight Site

On arrival – Cake and a drink

18:00 Adult Walking Leaders - Dinner

19:00 All competitors - Evening Event and Hog-Roast (Alternative food will be available. Please notify the Registrar with any particular dietary requirements for Explorers / Scouts)

HPA History

If you have any photographs from previous events that you are able to send electronically to the Registrar (hpa@hertfordshirescouts.org.uk) then they would be most welcome. Please supply as much information as you can with them. (Year / location / names of individuals etc.) It is hoped to display some of the history of Peak Assault.

7. The Competition

7.1 Maps. Maps of the competition area will be provided during the start procedure. These are A3 size. 1:25,000 (for the competition) on one side and 1:50,000 on the other (for safety reasons).

7.2 Time. For Day 1 the competition time will be eight hours from your start time. The Day 2 competition will last for four hours.

On Day 2 there will be a 'latest finish time' by which all teams will need to be back at base camp. Teams that do not start at their allocated time (which will be notified at the end of Day 1) risk incurring penalties and will have less time on the course.

7.3 Walking Leader / Team Kit. The tent and sleeping bag for the Walking Leader will be transported to the Over Night Site with the other defined items on the Kit List.

It is the responsibility of the team to carry its own equipment. The Walking Leader must not carry any of the team's equipment.

7.4 Evening Meal – Saturday. Teams / Walking Leaders must provide their own food for the whole weekend, which, for the competitors, must include hot breakfasts for both Saturday and Sunday as well as a hot meal for Saturday evening. (Whilst there will be hot food provided at Overnight Site, Teams are still required to prepare and eat their own meal. This will be checked by Staff on site. Walking Leaders must carry the ingredients for a hot meal as a safety requirement)

7.5 Water. Only take water from where it is clearly marked to do so. Stream water must always be boiled accordingly. If you wish to, bring purifying facilities with you. It would be useful for each explorer team to have a portable water carrier for use at Overnight Site.

7.6 Safety Check. There may be an inspection of personal and team equipment at a checkpoint on Sunday morning. Anything missing from the list will result in disqualification.

7.7 Results. These will be announced and trophies presented at base camp, or at a venue on the journey home. All teams and supporters are required to attend. The results will be posted on the HPA website as soon after the event as practically possible.

Any queries relating to the results or disqualification should be referred to the Competition Organiser whose decision on all matters will be final

Every team completing their respective course will receive a certificate signed by the County Commissioner and a record of their timing and checkpoint activity. Each competitor and supporter will receive an event badge which can be worn on uniform for six months after the event. Individual certificates will be emailed to the Team Contact after the event.

7.8 Trophies.

Trophies will be presented as follows:

Forest and Foothill	First Place	Second Place
Scout	Commemorative Trophy	Commemorative Trophy
Explorer	Commemorative Trophy	Commemorative Trophy
Network	Commemorative Trophy	Commemorative Trophy
Senior	Commemorative Trophy	Commemorative Trophy

Hill and Mountain	First Place	Second Place	Visitor
Explorer	Alan Frater Cup + Commemorative Trophy	Melville's Crook + Commemorative Trophy	Visitors Trophy + Commemorative Trophy
Explorer Training	Commemorative Trophy	Commemorative Trophy	Commemorative Trophy
Network	Lydia Jack + Commemorative Trophy	Jane's Salver + Commemorative Trophy	Network Visitors Trophy + Commemorative Trophy
Senior	Alan Rees Trophy + Commemorative Trophy	Fellowship Trophy + Commemorative Trophy	Senior Visitors Trophy + Commemorative Trophy

8. Home Contact / weather advice

Home Contact for the event is: Peter Desborough (☎01438 832432)

If exceptional weather sets in on the day of departure to Peak Assault and you are in any doubt as to whether the event will take place, get in touch with the Home Contact. Prior to the day of departure please contact the Registrar.

Should anyone wish to know the location of Peak Assault they should visit the Hertfordshire Scouts Website (<http://www.hertfordshirescouts.org.uk>) on Saturday morning.

It is planned that there will be posts on social media (Twitter/Facebook) during the weekend.

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