

## The Frostbite Challenge 2018 – Info for DESCs & Leaders

- **10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> February** between 1615 (4.15pm) Saturday and 1300 (1pm) Sunday.
- Foxlease, Clay Hill, Lyndhurst SO43 7DE. Phone: 02380 282638.
- The cost will be £7.50 per Explorer Scout.

**Format:** Teams will need to be completely self-sufficient with equipment and food for the event. The event will consist of 3 elements:

1. On the Saturday evening, a night hike in the forest of approximately 8 miles finishing at Foxlease with teams carrying all gear for the event.
2. A lightweight camp overnight, and
3. Challenges on the Campsite on Sunday morning – 6 bases.

**The Hike:** Each team entered will be provided with a **route** (one of 3 or 4). Start times will be between 5.15pm and 8.15pm, at 15min or 20min intervals (depending on number of routes and teams) on each route. Each team will be required to state their earliest possible arrival time (from 4.15pm) on the entry form and their nominated leader will receive their route and allocated start-time before the beginning of the week of the event.

Teams will be required to complete the timings on the route card and leave a copy at scrutineering. They will need to arrive at Foxlease 1 hour before their start time, fully prepared to go and ready for scrutineering. During this hour, the team will have their kit checked in detail, eat a snack to ensure that they are 'fuelled' for the hike and walk to their start point.

There will be a series of manned **check points** on each route. An emergency phone number will be provided to each team during scrutineering.

**Camping:** On arrival back at Foxlease, teams will report to the control where they will be met and sent off to pitch camp in an allocated area on the field. Camping standards will be monitored and marked, both on initial set-up, during breakfast time and packing up on Sunday am.

**Sunday am:** After breakfast and packing up teams will take part in a series of 6 challenges taking all their kit with them. Some of these may be related to the expedition theme, while others may involve scouting skills and knowledge, or be of a lighter nature, but teamwork will still be a focus. Then, following a refreshment break, there will be a final get together when the scores will be announced, the trophy awarded and participants sent on their way.

**Scoring:** Every element will be assessed. For the hike we will be looking at organisation on arrival at scrutineering, the start, each manned checkpoint and on the return to Foxlease, the appropriateness and adequacy of kit, the accuracy of navigation and timings (compared to the route card) and communication within the team and with leaders and other adults.

For the camping we will be looking at how well tents are positioned and erected, the tidiness of the site, safety issues, the adequacy and timeliness of breakfast, how efficiently and timely the packing up is carried out and the condition the site is left in.

For the challenges, we will be looking at teamwork and leadership, as well as the knowledge and skills brought to bear in producing the outcome.

**Entries:** Entries must be received at the County Office by **Monday 29th January** – this includes the team entry form, **and** individual permission forms for each Explorer Scout taking part. (I will also need a details form for each leader taking part – but these can be provided separately or at the event itself).

### **Help needed!!!!**

We will need a lot of help to put the plan into operation, including leaders/appropriate adults from each Unit entering. Please also Network and SAS members within your Districts if they would like to help.

Some roles to be filled include:

**All through the event:** **1.** feeding and watering our adult team and the participants on Sunday at the conclusion of the competition (and perhaps hot drinks at completion of hike if the weather is foul), **2.** maintaining the scores.

**Saturday afternoon/evening:** **1.** setting up **2.** scrutineering, **3.** manning start points, checkpoints and finish and allocating marks **4.** Manning control centre and collating scores, **5.** checking in teams arriving back at Foxlease, seeing them to their camp area and marking the set-up.

**Sun morning:** **1.** marking breakfast and pack-up, **2.** running challenge bases **3.** packing up.

*Please can you let me know who is available to help and what they would like to volunteer for?  
We can't run this event without the appropriate number of adults!!*

### **Meeting**

There will be a meeting of as many **DESCs and participating leaders** as possible to take place in January (date and venue will be circulated soon).

Yours in Scouting,

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