

Introduction

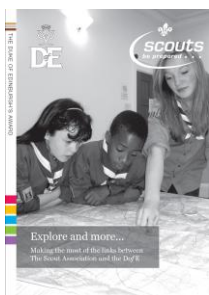
Well it's been a busy summer for us all, up and down the country you've been working hard to support expeditions, roll out eDofE and prepare for the full implementation of the EAAS next year. The DofE in Scouting is growing and so I'm sure we'll keep you busy in the coming months too.

A new addition...

Many of you will already have come across Dorota, she joined the team in May and is specifically focussing on supporting DofE Training. You will also meet Dorota as we are out and about around the Country and if you phone or email with any queries. Please use the dofe@scouts.org.uk email address so that we can pick up the emails in the most timely fashion.

Updated Resources

Since we last emailed we've published the latest update to the Perfect Match flyer, it is now the new DofE brand with updated content. These are still available from the Info Centre free of charge, you just pay the postage. The flyer is also available for download from both our website and the DofE website.



Order these online or over the phone quoting: LT120310 DofE Award - Explore and more Leaflet

Annual Statistics

Lets start with some great news, this years annual statistics moved us up the national ranking. We're doing really well and are well above the national average for growth rates on both registrations and completions. Keep up the good work.

Expedition Assessments

As you will all be aware, from the 1st January 2011 all DofE qualifying expeditions must be assessed by an appropriate DofE Accredited Expedition Assessor. We know that lots of people are in the system and are waiting for their cards to come through, these delays are with the DofE and we have been assured that they are working hard to get through this in the next few months. Some of these people will be awaiting supported assessments, please do your best to help them find suitable opportunities.

Supported Assessments

Supported Assessments are conducted by Supervising Assessors, people who are accredited assessors, with a reasonable amount of experience in conducting DofE assessments and are also suitable to mentor adults.

The appointment of supervising assessors lies with the County. At the current time this is an informal process of the County identifying the people who are capable of fulfilling the role as detailed above.

The DofE will from time to time supply us with reports from their system identifying those who have attended EAAS courses and those who have completed accreditation. When we get this info we will pass it onto Counties for your information. This information will help you to identify those who require support in completing the process and finding a suitable assessment opportunity.

Train the Trainer

We are running a Train the Trainer course on the 28th November in Illam Hall, Derbyshire. If you know of any Accredited Assessors who would be interested please point them in our direction.

Those who attend will need to hold DofE Expedition Assessor Accreditation and also be competent trainers.

This is a one day course resulting in those who attend joining our National DofE Training SAS Unit to help deliver DofE Training across England.

Trainers Conference

We are gathering our 70 DofE Trainers together on Saturday 27th November at Illam Hall, Derbyshire for a Trainers Conference where we will be providing updates as well as planning out the 2011 training programme.

The conference will also prepare our training team to deliver the Expedition Supervisors Course which we will be launching as an optional module in 2011.

Please also remind any DofE Trainers in your County that they need to book to attend this event.

Training Dates

So far this year we have delivered 8 Intro courses, 16 EAAS and 2 Train the Trainer Courses, these courses have had a varied number of participants and some courses additional courses were cancelled due to lack of bookings.

We have a number of training courses coming up, please promote them in your area so that we have enough participants to run the course.

Intro to the DofE:

- 19th Sep & 13th Oct - Hampshire
- 9th Oct – Leicestershire
- 16th Oct – Norfolk
- 7th Nov – Hertfordshire
- 5th Dec - GLSW

Expedition Assessor Accreditation Scheme

- 9th Oct – North Yorkshire
- 10th Oct – Leicestershire
- 17th Oct – Norfolk
- 4th Dec – Cambridgeshire
- 5th Dec – Suffolk
- 5th Dec - Hertfordshire

Please note that the courses which have taken place this year or which are planned to take place cover the whole of England, so don't panic if there is not one in your area.

Training Needs

At the Trainers Conference we will be mapping out the programme of training for 2011, this will include Intro, EAAS and Expedition Supervisor Training. If you feel that there is a need for this training within your county please contact us letting us know the best time of your for your county as well as the potential number of people who may attend.

Welcome Packs

Hopefully everyone is now out of stock of Record Books, we do have a few pleas for help so if you are looking for some Record Books to use in the next few months please contact me and I will put you in contact with those who still have stocks.

Please also remember to let me know how many Welcome Packs you have ordered within your county between Sept 2009 and Jan 2010. Once I have this info I can then allocate these on the eDofE system.

eDofE

eDofE roll out is well under way with five briefings having taken place to County Advisers and many more phone conversations. Hopefully you are all getting to grips with the system and have added your Groups and Leaders. From January we would like to have any new young people registering being given access to the system, if you are having any issues with this please contact me so that we can work through a solution with you.

If you have not yet received your login details you need to contact me to arrange a catch up before you can be given access, this should smooth your transition onto the system and help with your initial set up.

Online shop

Don't forget that once you are using eDofE you can order items from the DofE shop online, this system seems to be working well with a speedy response to orders placed. Your eDofE account can also be linked to your credit account (if you have one) allowing you to order without payment up front.

Gold Award Completions

Please remember that the form to submit along with the Gold book is the GA6 form which can be downloaded from the DofE website. This form is the most up to date and reflects the changes which were made to the GAP's with respect to adult representatives.

Gold Award Presentations

As I mentioned in the last few newsletters the process of inviting adult guests to the GAP's has changed this round. Young people now completing will not be able to nominate an adult representative from their group, only a personal guest.

Adults still have the opportunity of attending but will need to make an application direct to the DofE. We will email the information about each presentation along with application forms and a list of Scout award holders to County Advisers closer to the events.

The dates for the Autumn round are:

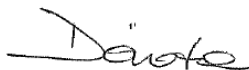
- 20th October 2010 – Duke of Edinburgh
 - 2nd November 2010 – Duke of Edinburgh
 - 30th November 2010 – Duke of Edinburgh
 - 13th December 2010 – Earl of Wessex
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And Finally...

Thank you for reading this DofE Update. If you have any questions about any of the contents of this update, please do not hesitate to contact us.



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