



1st Shipley Scout Group (Windhill)



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Dear Parents,

13 January 2015

From all of the leadership team at 1st Shipley we hope you had a great Christmas and welcome you to 2015 – the year 1st Shipley goes to Kandersteg!

There are a few items relating to Kandersteg that I would like to share with you in this letter

Passports

We are currently looking into the possibility of obtaining a Collective Passport for the group to travel on. This would mean that nobody needed to obtain a new passport or bring an existing passport on the trip, saving some people the cost of renewing/getting a passport (c£70) or the worry of a passport going missing. At this stage we still have a few unanswered questions regarding it but I wanted to mention it to stop anyone rushing out and obtaining a new passport. I will be in contact soon to advise further on this.

Equipment

The programme for the trip will be booked at the start of March but our initial plans would mean that everyone attending should have a pair of sturdy, ankle high walking boots. KISC rules for many of the activities state that anyone without walking boots will not be able to take part. It is therefore really important that between now and the end of the summer term, you source a pair of suitable walking boots. At the last meeting before we break up I will be asking all those attending to bring along their walking boots so I can be sure that everyone is suitably equipped. I will of course be sending a full kit list closer to our departure. If you are purchasing new boot, I suggest getting them by May so you have a chance to break them in over the following months.

KISC also highly recommend that trousers for walking are not jeans. Gooutdoors are currently selling kids walking trousers for £15 and a pair would be a worthwhile investment.

Spending Money

Once we have confirmed the programme we will be in touch with a maximum spending money amount but this figure will depend on what activities we are able to do.

So that we can get the best exchange rate we'll be asking all to submit their spending money to the group bank no later than 31 July. We will then run a camp bank, allowing the money to be securely stored centrally.

Spending money can however be 'banked' with the group at anytime between now and departure so if you'd like to begin to build up your spending money, please hand it in to your section leader who will log it with our accounts.

Money and Grants

In my previous letter I shared with you the criteria for obtaining a Scout Grant for overseas travel. I've attached to this letter that criteria again as any applications would need to be submitted soon. Please get in contact with me should you wish to apply. Any information shared with me or the Scout Association is done so in confidence.



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The payment plan we laid out at the start of this trip means that you should have paid £340.00 by now with a further £150.00 due by 31 Jan 2015 and a final payment of £110 by 31 March 2015. Your current balance (including fundraising) is;

£

Thank you to those who are up to date with payment and to those who need to make further payments, could I please ask that you make these ASAP as costs are starting to come in to the group.

As always, if you have any problems in making payments as per the schedule, please contact me to discuss.

Parent meeting

On 12 May I will be hosting a parents meeting at the Windhill Community Centre from 8pm where we will be able to share with you the plans for the week and answer any questions you have.

In the mean time, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above number/email.

Yours in Scouting

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Scout Association International Grant Funds

The International fund is a grant-giving fund to enable young people in hardship to travel abroad and access activities to support the global program within Scouting. The International Fund is made up of donations and bequests from corporate partners and other sources of funding. The International Fund ensures that cost is not a barrier to young people in accessing these transformational projects.

Who can apply?

Any member of The Scout Association with a particular financial need can apply (defined as the difference between what it costs to attend and what the applicant can afford to pay). Priority will be given to individuals who fulfil one or more of the criteria below:

- Young Carers
- Child/young person in care
- Recent death of parent (within 12 months)
- Parent/Carer in receipt of Job Seeker's Allowance/Benefits
- Convalescence after illness
- In receipt of Free School Meals
- Physical/mental health issues (applicant's own)
- Recent redundancy (within 12 months)
- Total household income level below £23,000
- Young person in part time work (less time to fundraise)
- Young person in need of additional support in the form of a carer whilst abroad.

The funding is limited and in high demand with 18,000 from the UK Scouts travelling abroad every year. It is not guaranteed but could be available for up to 50% of the total cost of the trip, which could be a significant reduction in cost, should the application be successful. All applications are made in the strictest of confidence by the Group and Scout Association International Team. If you or your child qualifies for any of the above, please get in touch as soon as possible so we can discuss the possibility of making an application.



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