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Dear Team Woodside participants,

NORTH HERTS DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD BRONZE TRAINING WEEKENDS: SUNDAY 8th and 22nd March 2026

Dear participant,

Please find attached (overleaf) the timetable for your forthcoming expedition training weekends.

You will be put into groups on arrival. Both Sundays will be held at Hitchin Girls' School. Registration each day is at 9.40am prompt in the old gym. On the first week you should organise to be collected at 4.00pm and on the second at 3.30pm.

You will need to bring with you the following:

- A packed lunch including any snacks / drinks that you may require (no nuts).
- Something to write with and a notebook.
- Warm clothes as some activities will take place outside.
- An alert mind as you will be given a lot of information in a short space of time!!

Please don't arrive for your training expecting anything other than hard work. You will be learning many new skills that you will need if you are to be successful on your expeditions and you need to remember that all instructors are volunteers who are giving up their time to help you. You must respect them at all times and be expected to work hard.

If you are unable to attend for any unforeseen reason on the Sunday morning, please make an effort to let one of your friends know so that they can let me know or failing that send me an email.

If you have any queries you must email Mrs Edwards as soon as possible: sara.edwards@hgs.herts.sch.uk.

Be sure to check google classroom as there will be some training exercises to do in preparation for the first weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Edwards
HGS DofE Award Coordinator



BRONZE TRAINING Mar 2026

DAY 1 (8th March)

9.40 - 10.00	Registration / Introduction
11.30 - 11.45	Break
1.15 - 1.45	Lunch

	GROUP 1	GROUP 2	GROUP 3
10.00 – 11.30	TENTS & CAMPING	STOVES & COOKING	MAP & COMPASS
11.45 – 1.15	MAP & COMPASS	TENTS & CAMPING	STOVES & COOKING
1.45 – 3.15	STOVES & COOKING	MAP & COMPASS	TENTS & CAMPING
3.15 – 4.00	EMERGENCY PROCEDURE & COUNTRY CODE	EMERGENCY PROCEDURE & COUNTRY CODE	EMERGENCY PROCEDURE & COUNTRY CODE

DAY 2 (22nd March)

9.40 - 10.00	Registration / Introduction
11.30 - 11.45	Break
1.15 - 1.45	Lunch

	GROUP 1	GROUP 2	GROUP 3
10.00 – 11.30	EQUIPMENT	1ST AID	ROUTE PLANNING
11.45 – 1.15	ROUTE PLANNING	EQUIPMENT	1ST AID
1.45 – 3.15	1ST AID	ROUTE PLANNING	EQUIPMENT
3.15 – 3.30	QUESTIONS	QUESTIONS	QUESTIONS