



Somerset DofE Information and kit list



Open Bronze 2024

Thank you for signing-up for our Open Bronze Expeditions Package. We are delighted to give you the opportunity of completing this key section of the Award.

Payment / Terms and Conditions

The cost will be £170 per person and booked and payable through the SSE Outdoors website [Home \(sseoutdoors.co.uk\)](https://www.sseoutdoors.co.uk)

Dates – we will run the Training Day and Qualifying Expedition back-to-back.

27th – 29th August 2024

Please arrive at 9am on 27th August at Kilve TA5 1EA – to meet everyone and sort kit as needed

Please collect at 5pm TBC on 29th August from Kilve TA5 1EA – participants will confirm timings on the day.

Day 1 training – days 2&3 will be the assessed qualifying expedition.

Food and Drink - each student must

Provide own breakfast for **each full** day

Provide snacks and packed lunches for **each** days.

Provide own evening meal for **each night**, This should be simple boil in the bag / pasta / rice type meals.

Water – each person must carry **1 ½ litres of water** – please bring own water bottles. These can be re filled at the campsite

[Expedition food - The Duke of Edinburgh's Award \(DofE\) Shopping](#)

SSE Staff Levels

SSE Outdoors will provide supervisors for the duration

SSE Outdoors will provide an assessor for the qualifying expedition who will do all assessor reports for the group

Transport

Participants to make their own way to Kilve and be collected from Kilve.

Kit

Please see kit list for more information on what to bring / wear / carry for the expeditions. If you have any questions, please ask.

Any personal equipment needed – can be requested by emailing DofE@somerset.gov.uk – two weeks prior to the expedition

All group kit – will be provided by SSE Outdoors

Additional points

SSE Outdoors reserve the right to cancel the expedition due to C19 concerns. We will do this 48 hours before the event. We will then look to re book at a time that suits the group in the future.

SSE may decide to use technology as an integral part of the expedition for navigation, safety, recording the event as they see fit. This may include allowing students to utilise helpful aspects of mobile phones but will not take away from the need for good solid navigation.

Due to C19, we will run the expeditions meeting #DofEWithADifference guidelines, staying at the same campsite for the duration, individuals using the same tents each night and not sharing tents with others (this decision may change as Covid-19 guidance changes) etc. This is to keep all Young People safe, but also giving them the best DofE expedition experience possible at this time. More details are available on <https://www.dofe.org/dofewithadifference/expedition-qas>

Presentation

Please submit a ppt / video / poster to DofE@somerset.gov.uk – within two weeks of the qualifier expedition. Or do a group presentation to the assessor at the end of the qualifier section. This element can then be added to eDofE.

Questions

We are here to help and support before, during and after the practice and expedition weekends. If you have any questions, please contact us as below

Tel 01278 741270 DofE@somerset.gov.uk

Kit List for All Expeditions

Please wear / bring the following in your Rucksack

1 pair of hiking boots (broken in!)	Sleeping bag
2 pairs of hiking socks	Sleeping bag liner (optional)
Jacket – waterproof and windproof	Whistle
Waterproof over trousers	Torch and spare batteries
2 fleece tops or similar	Personal first aid kit
2-3 t shirts –(thermal optional)	Expedition food including emergency ration
2 walking trousers (not jeans)	Water bottle
1 pair shorts – if appropriate	Cutlery
Underwear	Plate / bowl
Nightwear	Mug
Hat – warm or sunhat as appropriate	Box matches in waterproof container
Gloves if appropriate	Wash kit/ personal hygiene items
Gaiters – optional	Sunscreen
Rucksack	Towel
Roll Mat	Emergency money (optional)
	Notebook and pencil
	Watch
<i>Gold only – water purification tablets for wild camping night – per group TBC</i>	T -Towel / Sponge and Washing up Liquid
	Individual hand sanitiser
	Small packet of anti bacterial wipes

Group Kit

Tent - one per student	To be provided by SSE Outdoors
Trangia for cooking & Gas – two per group	To be provided by SSE Outdoors
Compass – 2 per group	To be provided by SSE Outdoors
Map – 2 per group	To be provided by SSE Outdoors

Group Kit in green will be provided by SSE Outdoors

Personal Kit in yellow – can be provided by SSE Outdoors, please let us know what you need, so we can prepare beforehand – email DofE@somerset.gov.uk if you need kit

[Expedition Aim and Requirements - The Duke of Edinburgh's Award \(dofe.org\)](http://dofe.org) The conditions that you will need to meet in order to successfully 'pass' your expedition are as per the link. SSE Outdoor staff will ensure that you understand these on the practice expedition, so that you understand what the assessor will be assessing on the qualifier weekend.