**Somerset DofE**



**Information and kit list**

**Open Gold 2024 – Practice or Qualifier Only**

Thank you for signing-up for our Gold 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 £200 per person and payable through the SSE Outdoors website [Home (sseoutdoors.co.uk)](https://sseoutdoors.co.uk/)

**Dates – we will run one expedition – so you need to have done training at your DofE centre if just doing a practice on these dates. If doing the qualifier, you need to have done a practice expedition, before coming to Kilve.**

**Qualifier Expedition – 24th – 28th July 2024**

Please arrive at 2pm on 24th July at Kilve TA5 1EA – to sort kit as needed and do route cards

Please collect at 5pm TBC on 28th July from Kilve TA5 1EA

Note - We will transport you to/from Dartmoor for your expedition. All Young

people will do the same dates, regardless of Gold Practice or Gold Qualifier

**Food and Drink - each student must**

Provide own breakfast for **each full** day

Provide snacks and packed lunches for **each** day

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

**School Staff / SSE Staff Levels**

SSE Outdoors will provide supervisors for the duration of the expedition

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.

SSE Outdoors will take the young people to Dartmoor for their qualifier and be responsible for transport to and from Kilve for this. Young people to confirm pick up time with parents on the last day.

**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/ Weather or other major 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.

**Presentation**

Please submit a ppt / video toDofE@somerset.gov.uk– within two weeks of the qualifier expedition. This element can then be added to eDofE, shared with the assessor. This is crucial for Gold and needed before you are signed off

We aren’t planning a wild camp this year on the gold expedition P or Q – as this is no longer a requirement at Gold [FAQs for the Expedition Section - The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (dofe.org)](https://www.dofe.org/run/expedition-faqs/), therefore water purification tablets and a spade aren’t needed. Having seen a wildfire one year in the height of summer, we have chosen to stick to campsites, to ensure that all participants are kept safe, but our staff will be camping away from the group – so they get the independence required.

**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

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| 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 shrits –(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 |
| Gold only – water purification tablets for wild camping night – per group TBC | T -Towel / Sponge and Washing up Liquid |
|  | Individual hand sanitiser |
|  | Small packet of anti bacterial wipes |

**Group Kit**

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| 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 |
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**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-1.pdf (dofe.org)](https://www.dofe.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Expedition-Aim-and-Requirements-1.pdf)

To successfully ‘pass’ your expedition requirements 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.