

TEAM SUPERVISOR'S INFO



**Please ensure each youth has the mandatory kit and is in a full team with a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 4 members – check, check and double check the kit!!
TEAMS WITHOUT THE MANDATORY ITEMS COULD BE REFUSED AT THE START LINE**

EVENT OBJECTIVES

- Giving teenagers (14-18 olds) an opportunity to take part in a weekend challenge involving (and enjoying!) the great outdoors, related outdoor skills (navigation, map reading, camping, clothing), communication, teamwork and environmental aspects. Other activities will be available on Saturday evening which vary each year, but have included archery and WOW balling in the past.
- Being based at Badaguish, the event provides those taking part with an insight into the work done here particularly that people with special needs enjoy outdoor activities very much too and that '*all abilities*' integration is important and fun
- Raising sponsorship money for the Centre (£60 min per team); recent events have raised an average of £1500 which has bought much needed items of special equipment for the Centre
- Great fun and achievement for all with good public relations possible for everyone (kids, schools, all abilities integration policy and Badaguish)

FORMAT

- Teams of three/four are given a pre-marked map (different each day) with a number of control points, route info, safety info and some questions marked on. They are set off at three-minute intervals and basically have to navigate themselves around the course staying in their teams. There is a time deadline to be back for which is achievable for all levels of competitor. Points are awarded for finding/collecting the control points (using an orienteering type clipper and card) and prizes given for the quickest team over the two days, the team which collects most sponsorship and a number of special endeavour awards. (Everyone gets a prize of some sort). Although there will always be a competitive side, the event is very much about taking part and enjoying regardless of 'final position'
- Teams must have one adult Team Supervisor per team who, as well as supervising the teams at the Centre, helps with marshalling/stewarding on the route
- Teams have to camp and cook for themselves at the Centre on the Saturday evening. Teams are also most welcome to arrive and camp on Friday evening too (most do). There are plenty of toilets and showers, washing facilities and a residential warden on site 24 hours. Teams enjoy various games and facilities on site (covered sports hall, indoor games room) and make new friends. On Saturday evening there are free supervised activities to try out
- Teams must have/bring all their own equipment including camping gear, food and drinks etc. Detailed lists are sent with the entry forms and can be downloaded from www.youthoutdoorchallenge.org
- Each day there is a brief around 9am and teams are normally back well before 4pm. There is a prize presentation and free BBQ on Sunday afternoon around 3pm.

SAFETY

- Full Risk Assessments, qualified and experienced staff and instructors, medical/first aid and contingency plans, supervision and other event safety procedures are fully prepared and documented with copies available

TEAM SUPERVISORS

- One adult per team needed who are responsible for their teams over the weekend.
- They help with marshalling and stewarding on the event and will need suitable outdoor clothing and packed lunches too
- One supervisor must camp with their team(s). For the others, there is wigwam/lodge accommodation available on a first come/first served basis. In the past supervisors have joined together and catered for themselves or there will be meals available at Sandy's Bothy (these must be prebooked)
- They get a separate brief each day and are provided with all relevant information
- They are the point of contact for teams to give their Entry Forms, entry fees and sponsorship to and to liase with the Events Team at Badaguish who will post all the relevant info to Team Supervisors and liase directly with you and not with parents or competitors; this way there are no communication breakdowns or mix ups

RULES

To be eligible for an Award all team members will:

- Camp out and cook their own food

While out on the Course all team members will:

- Visit all control points and return control card with all punches
- Complete the course before the cut off time
- Carry their individual and team mandatory safety kit at all times
- Be in visual and audible contact at all times
- Wear team numbers clearly visible at all times

Substitution (injury or illness) must be agreed in advance with the organiser.