
Chiltern Challenge

2012



Information Pack

To help you prepare for the event we have put together this information pack.
The contents of this pack will guide you through the event.

If this pack does not answer all your questions, please contact us at:

info@chilternchallenge.co.uk

See you there!

The Chiltern Challenge Team

Note: The Chiltern Challenge 2012 team, as Hertfordshire Scouts, or as individuals, cannot take responsibility for any loss / damage to equipment or personal property which may occur during the course of the weekend.

What is Chiltern Challenge 2012 ?

Chiltern Challenge 2012 is probably the best all round Explorer Scout competition, ever. During the day and night, each team will pit their wits and skills against a series of challenges designed to show their ingenuity and team skills.

Who runs Chiltern Challenge 2012 ?

Chiltern Challenge 2012 is organised by Hemel Hempstead Scout Network with support from the other Hertfordshire Scout Networks. The challenge is run every year for Explorer Scouts in Hertfordshire.

Who can enter Chiltern Challenge 2012 and how many people are in a team?

Chiltern Challenge 2012 is open to any member of the Scout Association or Girl Guiding UK so long as they are invested member between the age of 10 and 18 (on 3rd March 2012)

There are two types of teams which can enter:

- Challenge Teams:- Teams must be between 14 to 18 years old, consisting of 5 team members.
- Training Teams:- Teams must be between 10 to 18 years old, consisting of 5 team members. (Note : Training Teams should be made from one youth section : ie Explorer Scouts or Scouts). Training teams must have an Adult walker who is a full member of the Scout Association or Girl Guiding UK (as appropriate).

Note : Training teams do not compete for the main challenge trophies but the highest scoring Training Team will be awarded a prize (Two prizes will be awarded, one for ages 10-14, one for ages 14-18). Training teams will be placed in the final results table along with competitive teams.

How much does it cost?

Chiltern Challenge 2012 costs £100 per team to enter. This includes all the events, camp fees and Saturday evening and Sunday morning food. Where else could you find such a good value event? That works out at £20 per team member of a competitive 5 person team and their support going free! All cheques should be made payable to **Hertfordshire Scouts** . All entry fees must be received by the closing date. If more than one adult wants to support the team, then this will cost an extra £20 per person.

When is the closing date for entries to Chiltern Challenge 2012 ?

The closing date for completed entries to Chiltern Challenge 2012 is 5pm on **Saturday 28th January 2012**. We are unable to accept any entries after this date. All the forms you need to enter are available in the downloads section of the website (www.chilternchallenge.co.uk)

Where do the forms and entry fee need to be sent?

The completed forms and entry fee need to be sent to the address below:

Chiltern Challenge
234 Fennycroft Road
Hemel Hempstead
Herts
HP1 3NP

What Equipment will we need?

A kit list has been produced showing the equipment required for the challenge. This is available in the downloads section of the website (www.chilternchallenge.co.uk).

This year we will be running a kit check before the teams leave site for the night exercise. This is to ensure that teams have suitable equipment for the challenge. They will be deducted points for anything missing. Specific items being looked at will be boots, waterproofs and hi-vis jackets - if these are not present then you will not be allowed to walk. The contents of the night activities kit list must be carried between all members of the team

Will food be provided?

Yes! Teams do not have to supply any food for the duration of the competition, except a packed lunch for Saturday Lunchtime.

- An evening meal will be cooked for your team on the Saturday evening, This will be provided before they go out on the night exercise
- The ingredients for a cooked breakfast are supplied on the Sunday morning for your team and adult.

Teams should make their own arrangements for lunch Sunday, as the competition should be finished before midday 12:00 Sunday.

To assist us, please make clear any special dietary requirements prior to the event.

Can any adult help?

Each team must provide an adult supporter. Groups submitting more than one team do not need to supply more than one supporter, (but are welcome to bring more!).

Only adults with a valid Scouting or Guiding membership are involved in the event. Details of all adult's CRB and membership numbers must be provided by the entry closing date.

To find out your membership number please contact the Scout information centre on 0845 300 1818.

We ask that all adults not walking with a team help to run the event. Any adults without a valid Scouting or Guiding membership and CRB will not be allowed to attend *Chiltern Challenge 2012*.

If more than one adult wants to support a team, then this will cost an extra £20 per person.

What about Nights away notifications (NAN)?

All Scout and Explorer Scout teams are responsible for completing and returning their own nights away notifications. Either an adult with an appropriate permit or an Explorer with an event passport must be present for each team. To help you there is a part completed NAN form in the downloads section of the website. This must be sent to your home District Commissioner by the 19th February 2012 (2 weeks before the event). Guides must follow the rules of their own organization.

What happens if the weather is bad?

Unfortunately we cannot guarantee the weather conditions in March, we have experienced sun, rain and even snow on previous *Chiltern Challenges*, so please make sure you read the kit-list carefully to make sure you are prepared for the weekend.

Where is Chiltern Challenge 2012 being held?

Chiltern Challenge 2012 will be held at Phasels Wood Scout Camp.

To get there follow these directions:

From the M25 junction 20, travel along the A41 towards Aylesbury and Hemel Hempstead. Just before the second layby the entrance to the site is sign posted "Scout Camp Access via Layby".

Go into the Layby and enter the site at the far end. Please note this entrance is locked every night by 10.00pm and opened by 9.00am the following day. Please do not use the Rucklers Lane entrance.

More information about Phasels Wood can be found at www.phaselswood.org.uk .

OS Map : (Sheet 166) Grid Reference: TL 051041

How are the points scored?

Points will be award for the following activities:

- Site Setup - Once you have set up your camp, a member of the Chiltern Challenge 2012 team will mark your site for: correctly pitched tents, adequate and safe cooking area
- Day Challenges – You will be provided with details of the day challenges when you register.
- Night Challenges - This comprises three elements:
 1. Kit Check – This year we will be running a kit check before the teams leave site for the night exercise. Points will be deducted for anything missing. Specific items being looked at will be boots, HiVis reflective jackets and waterproofs - if these are not present then you will not be allowed to walk. The contents of the night activities team kit list must be carried between all members of the team
 2. Night Incident Hike – Across the course, there will be 'Night Bases' which will test your team's physical and mental attributes as well as your ability to work together.
 3. Orienteering Check-Points – These may be spread across the course. These can be collected in addition to attending the Night Bases. Check-Points are worth varied amounts, this will be brought to your attention at the beginning of the exercise
- Sunday Breakfast - On Sunday you will be provided with the ingredients to cook a breakfast. A member of the Chiltern Challenge 2012 team will mark your effort.

How much camping space will there be?

On arrival, teams will be allocated a camping area. These will measure 6m x 6m and will need to accommodate the young people's tent, personal / team equipment and a food preparation area.

Some considerations - Sites will be adjoining on up to 3 sides. The cooking area must be accessible from the main walkways. Sites will only be separated by a line of barrier tape, sisal or spraypaint.

What are the Rules?

The rule sheet for Chiltern Challenge 2012 is available to download from the website (www.chilternchallenge.co.uk). Please make sure your team and supporters are aware of the rules before attending the event.

Good luck and see you there!