



JP Bond Camping & Cooking Competition

25 - 27 June 2010 - Hopehill Camp Site

Entries are invited from Patrols of Scouts (10½ to 14½) and Explorer Scouts (14 to 18) for the annual Gravesham District Camping and Cooking Competition, to be held at Hopehill Campsite, Wrotham Road, Meopham. Every Troop and Unit should make a special effort to enter at least one Patrol to allow District Camping standards to be monitored and improved. Younger Scouts, in particular, are encouraged to take part as the training benefit of the camp is enormous, however, each Patrol should, have the experience and skill, together with the equipment, to be fully self sufficient during the weekend. Leaders on site will give every encouragement to Scouts developing their skills and therefore any Patrol can camp for the weekend, and pit their talents against others in the District, with the knowledge that experienced Leaders will be nearby. A Patrol should comprise a minimum of 4 and a maximum of 8 members.

Troops with Scouts that do not have enough experience to enter the Competition this year may like to come along for the weekend with a Patrol for a Training Camp with a view to them gaining experience and entering the Competition next year. Leaders intending to bring along Patrols for a Training Camp should make separate arrangements for their supervision.

The competition will be in two sections, one for Scouts competing for the JP Bond Trophy and the other for Explorer Scouts competing for the Explorer Scout Trophy.

All Patrols will be expected to demonstrate acceptable standards of campcraft, however Patrols with a high proportion of older Scouts (and/or composed primarily of PLs and APLs) will be expected to produce higher standards and will be assessed accordingly.

Patrols should bring all equipment and food for the weekend which is to be moved unaided to the allocated camp site from the car park by the Patrol after reporting in and personal inspection. No active adult or Leader assistance is permitted following personal inspection. A Menu of the Patrol's planned meals for the duration of the competition is required and a copy must be handed in on arrival. The menu items should provide an adequate, balanced diet, suitable for an active summer weekend. All judged meals are to be cooked on wood fires. No pits are to be dug and altar fires are to be used, **there are only a few serviceable altar fires available on site**. Attention must be given to the hygienic/correct disposal of waste. Camp gadgets are expected and will be judged towards the end of the camp. Guests will judge the cooking and Patrols should provide enough plates/mug/chair/food etc.

For Breakfast, Scouts are required to produce 2 courses, see Scoring and Programme sheets for details.

Any Leaders wishing to help will be very welcome, even if they are unable to stay the full weekend, but casual visitors (Leaders in Uniform please) must report to the Competition Supervisors, and should not disturb/interrupt the campers.

All Scouts are to present a completed *Permission to Camp* form on arrival.

The entry fee is £9.00 per Patrol member, payable on or before the competition closing date. Cheques should be made payable to Gravesham District Scout Association, any surplus or deficit will be paid to or taken from general funds.

Contact jpbond@graveshamscouts.org.uk for details on where to return completed application forms. Applications should be made no later than Tuesday 22nd June.

Further JP Bond details, PC Forms, suggested campsite layout, gadgets and marking schedules will be sent by email on receipt of your team entry sheet. Details will also be on the following webpage <http://www.graveshamscouts.org.uk/downloads.html>

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