



JP Bond Camping & Cooking Competition

1st - 3rd July 2016 - 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 is encouraged to enter at least one Patrol to allow Camping standards to be assessed and if necessary advise and coaching offered. 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 and use the weekend as a Training Camp with a view to them gaining experience and entering the Competition next year. Should these patrols wish they can be marked and the results used to indicate the areas needed for development. If Training patrols are marked they will not be eligible for either of the trophies. Leaders intending to bring along Patrols for a Training Camp should be aware that they are responsible for their supervision at all times.

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 gateway of the 5 acre field 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. 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/mugs/chairs/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. Any leader visiting whether from a troop/unit entering a team or not is expected to wear the top half of their uniform and must report to the Event Leaders Team on arrival. Should any visiting leader have a team in the competition then they must not disturb/interrupt or otherwise offer assistance to their team(s).

Additional Information:

- 1) No vehicle will be allowed across the activity field at any time either prior to the event or during the event unless specific permission has been given by the site warden. The site

wardens decision will be final with no recourse to appeal to the event organisers. The only exception to this condition will be emergency vehicles.

- 2) Hopehill Trolleys are only to be used for moving equipment to the camping area at the start and finish of the event. After the equipment has been moved to the camping area they must be returned to the designated storage area. They are not to be used for wood collection.
- 3) No vehicle or trailer of any description will be allowed into the 5 acre field.
- 4) Glade allocation will be determined by the size of the team entered/type of tents to be used. Should no suitable glade be available then an area will be allocated in the open area at the far end of the 5 acre field.
- 5) Guest judges for meals will need to be escorted from the Leader camping area before each meal.

All Scouts/Explorers are to present a completed *Permission to Camp* form on arrival. To ensure conformity only the *Permission to Camp* Form that has been supplied with this information is to be used. It is essential that the *Leader Section* is completed. If this section is not completed prior to booking in it is likely that that person will not be able to take part in the competition until this section has been signed by the Troop/Unit Leader.

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 Council, any surplus or deficit will be paid into or taken from general funds as appropriate..

Individual *Permission to Camp* forms can be handed in when booking in, however a completed Team Entry Form should be sent to: adcscouts@graveshamscouts.org.uk no later than Saturday 25th June.

<http://www.graveshamscouts.org.uk/downloads.html>

Further information contact adcscouts@graveshamscouts.org.uk