

# Spelthorne District Night Exercise 2010

Chobham Common 27<sup>th</sup> March - Arrive by 6.15 PM

Meet point is the Staple Hill Car Park. Recommended team size is 6 scouts, maximum of 9, minimum of 4. The event finish time will be 12.30 am with the intention of having everybody off the common by 1.00 am.

All participants can sleep overnight at 1st Laleham where the results will be announced and certificates presented at 9.30 am on Sunday Morning.

Teams are expected to carry out the exercise without Adult / Young Leader / Explorer supervision, so giving them an appreciation of organising themselves, helping each other and working as a team. The event follows a tried and tested formula that uses roving marshals and monitors the progress of each team using Surrey Scout Radio Team support, thus enabling lost teams to be readily located.

Groups with particularly young and/or inexperienced scouts may participate with a leader or adult accompanying - these teams will be marked but will not figure in the results.

Participants need to be suitably clothed for the time of year – warm clothing/wet weather gear, and boots – no trainers as the common can be very muddy. Group scarves are to be worn. Those returning to 1st Laleham to sleep should bring sleeping bags etc – these do not need to be carried on the exercise.

Cost is £3.00 per person if returning to 1<sup>st</sup> Laleham to cover entry and breakfast, or £1.00 per person for entry only, if not staying over at 1<sup>st</sup> Laleham.

As in previous years, teams will need to have knowledge of map reading and symbols using OS 1:25000 maps, use of a compass including simple plotting/taking bearings, and reading/marking 6 figure map references to/from the map. Maps and compasses will be provided. One of the bases may involve plotting grid references and recognizing symbols on a 1:50000 map.

The event is limited to a maximum of 14 teams and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Groups may enter 2 teams initially, but this may be restricted to one team per group, depending on numbers entering.

**Each Group entering is requested to provide at least 2 adults to help run bases. Groups can offer to devise, organise and run their own base if they wish. The base should take not more than 10 mins maximum to complete – outline details to be provided by e-mail to Howard Weetch ASAP and confirmed on the entry form to ensure there are no duplications.**

Entry is by attached Form 1 to be submitted by e-mail to Howard Weetch. Form 2 is to be completed for each entered team and provided at the event, together with the entry fees. Entry fee (cash please) should be in a sealed envelope marked with the group name, number of entrants and amount.

Groups are to provide and retain their own parental consents and home contact details for the event.

For any queries please contact:

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**Closing date for entries is 1st March 2010  
(subject to unfilled places still being available)**

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## BRIEFING NOTES

*To the leader responsible for the team(s) – please brief your teams using these notes as part of your preparation for the event, and again before departing to Chobham Common on the evening.*

Chobham Common is the largest National Nature Reserve in the south-east of England and one of the finest remaining examples of lowland heath in the world. Heathlands are one of the most ancient and characteristic British landscapes, originally created by prehistoric farmers.

The District is able to use the common by kind permission of the Surrey Wildlife Trust and the Warden. We are able to do this as a concession because we have demonstrated in previous years that scouts taking part in this event act responsibly and respect the wild life on the common. All participants are to act responsibly by walking only on the footpaths, leaving no litter and not making any unnecessary noise. We will then be welcome to use the common again in future years.

1. Teams are only to use recognisable footpaths and bridleways in moving from base to base. If the track disappears teams are to re-trace their steps to the main path and seek a new route. There are 3 reasons for this:-
  - a. All footpaths can be seen and recognised over the whole route of the exercise.
  - b. There are nesting birds on the common which must not be disturbed.
  - c. There are some areas, off the paths, that are very boggy that you can sink into and get very wet legs and feet.
2. Please do not leave any litter on the common - crisp packets, sweet wrappers etc are to be put in the bag that will be provided at the start and returned to the control at the end of the event. Teams not returning their rubbish will be penalised.
3. All team members must have boots, warm clothes, wet weather gear and are to wear group scarves.
4. Each team is to carry at least one personal first aid kit.
5. The route is split between 2 areas known North and South as in previous years.
6. The route between the two areas involves passing through a subway under the M3 motorway, which will be shown on the map. Two tarmac roads also need to be crossed, one south and one north of the motorway. Bases S1 and N1 are at these roads and are marked on the map. Teams are only permitted to cross roads at these two points and under the supervision of the base personnel. **NO OTHER ROADS ARE TO BE CROSSED.**
7. On the South side, you will see Electricity Transmission Lines and Pylons. Teams are not to cross under the transmission lines – all bases and footpaths that need to be used are north of the lines.
8. In the unlikely event that a team member becomes unwell or is injured between bases and unable to continue, use the distress whistle to summon help. If this is not heard, half the team should remain with that unwell scout, and the remainder should seek help. No one should go alone to seek help. It is recommended that those seeking help should backtrack to the last base visited unless you know exactly where you are and are sure the distance to the next base is shorter.
9. Bases are to be visited in ascending order, e.g. if your start base is N3, you visit bases in the following order: - N4, N5, N6, (N1 – Road Crossing only), S1, S2, S3, S4, S5, S6, S7, (S1 Road Crossing only), N1, N2, N3.
10. Compasses and maps are to be returned to the RVP at the end of the event, not to the leaders at your finish base.



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## ENTRY FORM 2 – TEAM DETAILS

Scout Group:	
Adult Contact Name :	
Mobile:	
Team No:	Team 1 / Team 2 (delete)
Staying at 1 <sup>st</sup> Laleham	Yes /No (delete)

### Team members

NAME	DATE OF BIRTH

Entry fee of £3.00/ £1.00 per person is provided herewith.

Total amount: .....

(Cash to 8<sup>th</sup> Ashford Scout Group in a sealed envelope marked with team name, amount and number of entrants)

### I confirm:

1. I am holding parental consent and home contact details for all team members and will be the focal point if parent/guardian of a team member team needs to be contacted.
2. All team members are wearing group scarves.
3. The team is carrying at least one personal first aid kit.
4. the team has been briefed using the briefing notes provided

Signed .....

Date .....

**Please arrive at Staple Hill Car Park, Chobham Common, 6.15 pm at the latest**