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# Chiltern Challenge

## 2020



## 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](mailto:info@chilternchallenge.co.uk)**

**See you there!**

**The Chiltern Challenge Team**

Note: The Chiltern Challenge 2020 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 2020?

Chiltern Challenge 2020 is probably the most challenging 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. Chiltern Challenge 2020 is organised by Scout Networks from across Hertfordshire with support from the Active Support Units. The challenge is run every year for Explorer Scouts in Hertfordshire.

## Who can enter Chiltern Challenge 2020 and how many people are in a team?

Chiltern Challenge 2020 is open to any member of the Scout Association or Girlguiding so long as they are invested member over the age of 12 and under the age of 18 (on 7 March 2020)

There are two types of teams which can enter:

- Challenge Teams: Teams must be over the age of 14 and under the age of 18, consisting of 4 or 5 team members.
- Training Teams: Teams must be over the age of 12 and under the age of 18, consisting of 4 or 5 team members. (Note: Training Teams must be made from one youth section: i.e. Explorer Scouts or Scouts). Training teams must have an Adult walker who is a full member of the Scout Association or Girlguiding (as appropriate).

Note: Training teams do not compete for the main challenge trophies but the highest scoring Training Team will be awarded a prize. Training teams will be placed in the final results table along with competitive teams.

## How much does it cost?

Chiltern Challenge 2020 costs £115 per team to enter. This fee covers 4 or 5 competitors and one adult supporter. If additional supporters will be attending, then there is an extra entry fee of £15 per person. Where else could you find such a good value event? There is limited indoor accommodation available for leaders. This will cost £6 per person in addition to the above costs. Indoor accommodation can be booked through the online booking portal, [phaselswood.cinolla.com/phaselswood/courses/event-accommodation](https://phaselswood.cinolla.com/phaselswood/courses/event-accommodation)

## How can we pay?

All bookings should be made through our booking portal, [phaselswood.cinolla.com/phaselswood/courses/chiltern-challenge](https://phaselswood.cinolla.com/phaselswood/courses/chiltern-challenge).

To book, please click on the date in the calendar, then when the drop down box appears 'Young Person' and 'Team' to add these items to your basket.

At the checkout, please make sure there is a 'Young Person' added to your basket for EACH team member and then also add the 'Team' item to your basket (all will become clear!). You can enter one adult at £0.00 per team, for any additional adults please select 'Additional Adult' at £15.00 each.

Once you proceed to the 'Guest Details' page, you will need to provide your Team Name and District in the very top line (your Team Name in the 'First Name' field and your District in the 'Surname' field – see the example here: <https://imgur.com/VJ5uDI6>). Then please add Team individuals from the second line downwards.

The contact details provided at Step 3 (the Billing Address etc.) will be used as the Team's contact

information. Please note that the name provided at Step 3 will be considered as the Leader connected the Team.

Payment is then made by either credit or debit card.

If you would prefer to send a cheque, or pay online via bank transfer, please send a completed copy of the team summary sheet to [info@chilternchallenge.co.uk](mailto:info@chilternchallenge.co.uk) and an invoice will be sent across for payment.

### **When is the closing date for entries to Chiltern Challenge 2020?**

The closing date for completed entries to Chiltern Challenge 2020 is 5pm on **Friday 31 January 2020**. We are unable to accept any entries after this date. All the forms you need to enter are available on the website ([www.chilternchallenge.co.uk](http://www.chilternchallenge.co.uk))

### **Where does the entry fee need to be sent?**

The entry fee needs to be sent to the address below:

*Chiltern Challenge, Phasels Wood Activity Centre, Rucklers Lane, Kings Langley, Hertfordshire, WD4 9NA*

### **What Equipment will we need?**

A kit list has been produced showing the equipment required for the challenge. This is available on the website ([www.chilternchallenge.co.uk](http://www.chilternchallenge.co.uk)).

We will again 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
- Breakfast will be cooked on the Sunday morning for your team and supporter.

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, but you are welcome to bring more!

Only adults with a valid Scouting or Guiding membership are involved in the event. Details of all adult's DBS 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 DBS will not be allowed to attend Chiltern Challenge 2020.

### **What do the leaders do during the weekend?**

Each team brings an Adult along to help us run the competition. You will run the bases during the day and night guided by one of the *Chiltern Challenge* team. In return we will provide you with hot drinks throughout the weekend along with Saturday lunch, Saturday evening meal and Sunday breakfast.

### **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 on the website. This must be sent to your home District Commissioner by the 22 February 2020 (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, 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 2020* being held?**

*Chiltern Challenge 2020* is held every year at Phasels Wood Scout Camp. Grid Reference: TL 051041

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](http://www.phaselswood.org.uk)

### **How are the points scored?**

1000 Points will be available for the following activities: Camping Area, Day Challenges, Night Challenges. A breakdown of the points available can be found in the challenge rules.

### **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 and personal / team equipment. Sites will be adjoining on up to 3 sides. Sites will only be separated by a line of barrier tape, sisal or spray-paint.

### **What time do teams arrive Saturday morning?**

When the teams arrive on Saturday morning usually between 09:00 and 10:00 they report as a team to the Reception area where they will be checked in and shown to the camping area. They will then need to pitch their tent in the allocated area before heading off for the opening ceremony

### **Can we arrive on the Friday evening?**

Teams can arrive on the Friday evening however this must be booked as a separate booking with Phasels Wood Activity Centre and their normal camp fees will apply. Please note that there will be no access to the Chiltern Challenge camp area until Saturday morning at 09:00.

### **What time does the challenge finish on Sunday Morning?**

On Sunday morning teams will be provided with breakfast before they strike camp and put on their uniform ready for the closing ceremony where the winners are announced. The competition usually finishes around 10:30 and parents / guardians are welcome to join us.

### **What are the Rules?**

The rule sheet for Chiltern Challenge 2020 is available from the website ([www.chilternchallenge.co.uk](http://www.chilternchallenge.co.uk)). Please make sure your team and supporters are aware of the rules before attending the event.

### **GDPR & Privacy**

Chiltern Challenge as an event organised by Hertfordshire Scouts abides by and operates the Hertfordshire Scouts Fair Processing Notice. This can be found at <https://www.hertfordshirescouts.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Hertfordshire-County-Scout-Council-Fair-Processing-Notice.pdf>

### **What if I have more questions?**

If you have more questions, queries or clarifications you can contact us via email at [info@chilternchallenge.co.uk](mailto:info@chilternchallenge.co.uk). If your question is urgent, you can phone Phasels Wood on 01442 252851

**Good luck and see you there!**