



About the Exped

The Midwinter Expedition is a walking holiday for Wiltshire Scouts, Explorer Scouts, Scout Network, Young Leaders and Leaders.

The week away is an adventure where you get to scale new heights (literally!!), see spectacular sights, meet new friends and overall have fun!

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The walking will be in some of the highest and most adventurous areas of the UK, with an experienced and qualified leader team keeping everything under control.

If luck is smiling down on us, we may be blessed with snow. This allows us to learn how to use technical equipment like ice axes and crampons!

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The Evenings are just as fun as the daytimes, with an unparalleled entertainment programme, and a great menu.



The Wiltshire Midwinter Expedition has been going strong for 60 years and we would like you to be a part of it for years to come.

Important Details

Dates: 27th December 2022 to 1st January 2023 inc.

6 days of the best fun you've had in your boots!

Venue: TOP SECRET.

Many years ago the destination of the expedition was Weymouth. This was never achieved. So who knows!!!

Accommodation: Indoor

Hill Day: The hill day is essential for all new to the Midwinter and will be on Sunday 6th November 2022

Training: There will be a training day on Sunday 4th December 2022. The details of the training will be sent to you nearer the time.

Cost: Total £250.

This includes all the cost of Accommodation, Transport and Food on the expedition itself, plus the training day and any specialist equipment.

How to pay: £45 with the application (this is a non-returnable deposit).

On receipt of your application a payment Schedule will be sent out.

All cheques payable to "WILTSHIRE SCOUT COUNCIL".

Age: You need to be 14 years or over on the 31st August 2022.

Application: All applications should be sent to:

The Expedition Administrator,

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18 Hollis Way,

Southwick

Trowbridge

Wilts. BA 14 9PH.

Queries to: Neil Wills (01225) 768757

Or John Wyeth (01985) 850325.

Closing Date: APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 10TH OCTOBER 2022.

(Places may be limited, avoid the delay – apply today!)



Essential Kit

This kit is a must for all participants:

Stout 4 Season (leather) walking boots. B:1 crampon compatible (ideal)

A good pair of walking boots, which provide protection all around the foot and provide support when wet are essential.

Good boots can appear a bit pricey but will provide better foot protection, are longer lasting and can be sold on—should you grow out of them.

Makes that offer this type of boot include:

Scarpa eg. SL, Manta, & Meindl eg. Burma Pro,

The following items are essential but do not have to break the bank or be made from the latest space age material.

Waterproof Coat:

- Coats with fixed large hoods with storm flaps over the zip should be fine.
- Need to be able to fit a fleece or two underneath without them sticking out
- DofE recommended jackets by Craghoppers fit the bill nicely.

Waterproof Trousers:

- Storm flaps over the zips
- Long zips on the legs, to put them on over the B:1 boots.
- Trousers to look for include Berghaus Downpour pants—normally reasonably priced.

Head Torch

- as a Scout these are invaluable – all year round.

All the equipment above is generally available through more specialist retailers eg. BCH Camping (Trowbridge and Bath), Cotswold Outdoors (Swindon and Salisbury) or Blacks.



To Apply Send this portion back straight away.

Please reserve me place on the 62nd Midwinter Expedition - 27th December 2022 – 1st January 2023inc.

I understand that this is a walking-based expedition, and to be eligible I must be 14 years old or over on the 31st August 2022 and remain a member of the Scout Association until the end of the expedition.

Places will be reserved for both young people and leaders alike on a first come, first served basis (these may have to be limited), on receipt of £45, (non-refundable deposit unless a doctor's note is provided, or the place can be sold). Cheques payable to **“Wiltshire Scout Council”**.

It should be understood that winter hill walking places demands on equipment over and above that normally experienced in summer conditions.

Because this activity is based on foot, it must be stressed that as a minimum a stout pair of leather, 4 season or equivalent walking boots should be used. If buying new boots you should seek to obtain a 4 season/B:1 crampon compatible boot.

For information on what we get up to, find us on Facebook  Wiltshire Scouts Midwinter Expedition

Data Protection & GDPR: The Wiltshire Scouts Midwinter Expedition will hold the information provided within this application form for 12 months from the close of the 62nd Midwinter Expedition. As a member of the Wiltshire Scouts Midwinter Expedition this information is held to enable the Expedition Leader Team to invite you to join the next year’s expedition only, should you remain eligible. It will not be transferred to any other organisation or used for marketing.

Name: DoB: Age:

Address:

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..... Post Code:

Tel (inc Std code):

e-mail:

Unit Name, Group/District:

Appointment if held:

Applicant’s Signature:

Parental Awareness

Parents or legal guardians must sign for those under the age of 18 years at the time of application.

Name:Signature:

To confirm your membership of the Association, applicants are required to obtain the signature of their GSL/DESC/Network Co-ordinator.

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Signature: District:

British Mountaineering Council: Participation Statement

“Parents and young participants should be aware that climbing, hill walking and mountaineering are activities with a danger of personal injury or death. Parents and participants in these activities should be aware of and accept these risks and be responsible for their own actions and involvement.