

Explorer Belt 2018

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| Booking Code: | 18-NA-29 |
| Dates: | Friday 29th June/Saturday 30th to Saturday 14th/Sunday 15 th July 2018 |
| Venue: | The Netherlands |
| Cost: | €950 per participant |
| Booking: | Closing date for bookings is 30th January 2018 . Bookings can be completed by visiting: https://my.scouts.ie |

The Scouting Ireland 2018 Explorer Belt will be based in The Netherlands. The aim of the Explorer Belt is to explore different cultures through interactions with the people you meet as well as being a physical, mental and personal challenge.

The basic elements of the 2018 Explorer Belt are as follows:

- ❖ Ten to twelve days of travelling, covering a minimum of 290km of countryside through towns and villages to reach Base Camp.
- ❖ 200km must be completed on foot.
- ❖ An additional 90-100km must be travelled using public transport.
- ❖ The destination of Base Camp is The Netherlands, specific locations will remain unspecified until the event.
- ❖ Interact with local people and communities.
- ❖ Keeping a log of your journey and experiences.
- ❖ Completing a number of compulsory projects assigned to you by the Expedition Team.
- ❖ Living on a limited budget, while maintaining a record of both your diet and spending.
- ❖ Work as a team with your Belt partner
- ❖ Demonstrate that you have completed all parts of the Belt through using the Scout Method and in line with the Scout Law and Promise

Information Meeting

Information Meetings will be held in the week commencing 5th February 2018. Venues will be confirmed following the closing date for applications.

Participants and a home contact/family member are required to attend Information Meetings. The Expedition Team will go through the structure and organisation of the expedition, with a particular emphasis on health and safety measures that must be exercised during the event.

Training

The compulsory training weekend will take place from Thursday evening the 29th March – Monday 2nd April 2018 (failure to partake will result in you not being permitted to take part in the expedition).

You will also be required to keep the Expedition Team up to date on your progress and preparation in the lead up to leaving for the event.

Communication

Prior to the expedition

Regular contact will be made through email correspondence prior to departure. All information will be communicated to the email address provided at the time of registration.

During the expedition

Following the day of departure, a nominated family contact will be sent a detailed email giving details of Base Camp and the route overview, along with contact numbers at which the Expedition Team can be contacted.

For the safety of all involved there will be regular contact between the teams and the Expedition Team Staff, further information regarding this will be provided at the Information Meetings.

Payment Schedule

The cost of the expedition will be € 950.00/£840.00 per participant. All payments must be made in accordance with the payment schedule, failure to do so may result in you losing your place.

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| a) | € 250.00/£240.00 | Deposit | 30.01.2018 | Deposit is non refundable |
| b) | € 250.00/£200.00 | Instalment | 28.02.2018 | |
| c) | € 250.00/£200.00 | Instalment | 06.04.2018 | |
| d) | € 200.00/£200.00 | Instalment | 04.05.2018 | |

Both the online application and the deposit must be received by the 30th January 2018.

Cheques or drafts can be made out to 'Scouting Ireland' and sent to:

Explorer Belt 2018
Scouting Ireland
National Office
Larch Hill
Dublin 16

If you have any queries about the event, please email the Expedition Team at explorerbelt@scouts.ie.

Stipulations

1. You and your partner must be 18 at the time of the Explorer Belt's departure.
2. You and your partner must be 25 or under on the 31st August 2018.
3. You and your partner must be an active and registered member of Scouting Ireland at the time of the application.
4. You and your partner must have experience of camping and serious walking.
5. You both must be comfortable with spending ten to twelve days on the road as a team.
6. You will have to carry all you need on your back, plan your own route to Base Camp and provide for yourselves from your limited budget.
7. Single applications are welcome and the Expedition Team will endeavour to pair you with a suitable partner, however, this cannot be guaranteed and in the event of the Expedition Team being unable to find you a partner your deposit will be refunded on or before 29th March 2018.
8. Mixed gender teams entered or formed are done so in line with Scouting Ireland policy.