



## The Crean Challenge 2020

Dear Scout,

This Information Pack provides all of the details about the Crean Challenge Expedition 2020 including information about the participant selection process, training weekends, expedition and event booking form.

**PLEASE NOTE: This event is by selection only. You MUST read this document and complete and return the form attached as well as creating a booking through my.scouts.ie. Bookings without a completed form will not be accepted.**

### *Event Details*

The Crean Challenge is an event for Scouts who will be aged from 12-15 years in February 2020. It aims to promote the idea of working in a Patrol to achieve a common goal and to personally challenge each individual to identify goals which they hope to achieve from partaking in this unique event.

The price of the event is €800 per Scout.

The Crean Challenge Expedition is broken down into five stages:

Stage One - Application and Selection Process (July/August 2019)

Stage Two - Training and Planning Weekend (September 2019)

Stage Three - Training and Evaluation Weekend (November 2019)

Stage Four - Review and Mentoring Day (January 2020)

Stage Five - The Event Expedition (February 2020)

### ***Stage One: Application and Selection Process***

The first stage of the Expedition is the application and selection process. For this you the Scout need to fill in the accompanying application form and return it before the **application deadline of Friday 9th August 2020.**

With so many youth members wanting to attend this event and with only a limited number of places available this is your chance to demonstrate to the organisers of the event what you have achieved in Scouting and what skills and talents you can bring to the event. It is important to highlight what experience you have on other Scouting Ireland events including those at Scout Group, County, Provincial and National levels.

It is also important to clearly identify some of the goals which you aim to achieve by partaking in this event. These goals will be discussed as part of the Stage Two training and planning weekend in September 2019 and your new Mentors will assist you in achieving these goals throughout your six month expedition.





### ***Stage Two: Training and Planning, September 2019***

The second stage of the Expedition will be a planning and training weekend. This weekend will have a number of elements to it. It will be the first time all of the participants meet each other. As part of this weekend the Expedition Patrols and Expedition Mentors will be assigned. Participants will also learn of the skill levels required to complete the Expedition and how to gain a sufficient standard in these competencies.

### ***Stage Three: Training and Evaluation, November 2019***

The third training weekend comprises of a practical skills weekend where participants are tested and assisted in their route planning, navigation and hill walking skills. Other briefings on what to expect on the expedition will also be carried out including what personal gear you should bring, Icelandic weather systems and first aid.

Participants will also meet with their Mentors to discuss their progress with their Personal Challenges and preparation for the expedition.

### ***Stage Four: Review and Mentoring Day, January 2020***

This final training day provides participants with an opportunity to bring their fully packed expedition bag for review to the event team to ensure that they are fully equipped for all aspects of the expedition. Participants will also meet with their Mentors to complete a final review of their projects, logbooks and preparation for the event.

### ***Stage Five: The Expedition, February 2020***

The Expedition itself will be upon us and what a great time it promises to be. The group will depart Ireland to spend one week in Iceland with their fellow participants from the Icelandic Scout Association. Over the course of the week, participants will be challenged by the physical demands, climate and terrain. Using the training that they have completed in preparation for this expedition, they will be required to work together to overcome these challenges.

The initial few days of the trip will be a learning experience to allow participants to familiarise themselves with some of the equipment that you will use throughout your Expedition. On top of this, they will be shown how to trek in the difficult snowy terrain and will learn about the impact of adverse weather systems in Iceland.

They will then take part in a two day expedition trekking to Icelandic mountain huts, spending 2 nights in these basic lodges and returning to Reykjavik for the final mentor reviews and Awards Ceremony.

Although the six months of the Expedition process will be difficult, both mentally and physically, the Scouts will be trained to the highest standards to ensure that they are capable of achieving the expedition requirements. This expedition will introduce you to new cultures and experiences, push you to your mental and physical limits, and introduce you to friends that will last you a lifetime!





## Event Applications

In order to apply for this event please complete application form below, providing as much detail as possible and submit the form to [scouts@scouts.ie](mailto:scouts@scouts.ie), attaching your Scouting CV.

If you have any queries in relation to this event or the application process, please do not hesitate to contact us at [scouts@scouts.ie](mailto:scouts@scouts.ie).

Name:

Date of Birth

Scout Group

Yes No

Do you have experience in regular patrol/troop activities?

Have you spent at least five nights under canvas?

Have you taken part in a hiking and lightweight camping weekend?

Do you have a basic understanding of navigation?

Do you have a basic understanding of safety in the mountains?

How many day hikes have you completed?

How many day hikes over 15km have you completed?

Which awards are you currently working towards in the One Programme?

Please tick her to confirm that you commit to achieving a suitable level of fitness in preparation for this event:

**Please return this form, once completed, to [scouts@scouts.ie](mailto:scouts@scouts.ie) with your Scouting CV attached, using the subject line 'Crean Application'.**

Your Scouting CV may include:

- How long you have been in Scouting
- Your interests in Scouting
- Your experience in Scouting to date, including any camps, hikes and activities you have taken part in
- Any roles you have undertaken (for example, Sixer, Patrol Leader, County Youth Rep etc)
- Any skills you possess (for example Adventure Skills. You can also include skills outside of Scouting)

Please give as much detail as possible. Good luck with your application!

