



GUILDFORD EAST DISTRICT EXPLORER SCOUTS

I MUST BE MAD!

Despite me keep saying "this is the last one"! We're going back to Nepal at Easter 2013.

As before the expedition will be for three weeks and comprise of three elements.

- Sightseeing in Kathmandu
- A service project, installing a clean water supply to a remote hillside village near Phaplu district of Nepal.
- A trek to Amadablam base camp in the Khumbu (Everest) region.

The expedition is open to **all active members** of the Guildford East Explorer Section. Scouts who will be joining an Explorer unit before Easter 2012 are also welcome to apply.

What am I letting myself in for? After a brief stop in Kathmandu we will fly to Phaplu and trek to the village where we will work for 5 days, with the local people, installing a clean water system. After that we pick up the old Everest approach trail and follow it up through Namche Bazaar to Pangboche and Amadablam. Our return flight will be from Lukla, voted the scariest airport in the world!

Is it for me? If you like all the mod-cons, plush hotels and a lively nightlife, this is not for you. However if you're prepared to get on with other people, willing to experience life as others have to live it, prepared to get stuck-in and want a real challenge, then come and join us.

The cost will be £1750 and includes all Travel, Food, Accommodation, Insurance and Visa costs. No specialist equipment is needed.

We hold monthly expedition meetings which you will be expected to attend and we need to raise £10,000 to finance the water project. We have several methods of doing this (eg Farmers Market, tap sponsors, sponsored walk) your participation in these is also expected.



Provisional Dates

Friday 22nd March to Saturday 13th April

This will mean getting a couple of extra days off school but most of the school head teachers. Have been supportive of our previous expeditions.

If you want to join the expedition please complete the attached form and return it to me ASAP. At this stage it is only an indication of interest. A formal parents evening will be held in early November.



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