



7th BANBURY SCOUT GROUP

Registered Charity No. 304421



Tom Haley
Assistant Scout Leader
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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your son has expressed an interest in participating in the Winter Challenge Hike on Saturday 27th February 2016.

The Winter Challenge is a fundraising event run by members of Oxfordshire Scouting. It is a hike along the Ridgeway in the South of Oxfordshire that is open to all 5 Scouting sections, leaders and parents. There are 2 distances open to participants - 9 miles for the beavers and cubs, and the full 18 miles for the rest. Your son will be walking the full 18 miles. The hike also counts as one Hike Away, and will go towards other badge work.

The hike starts at Foxhill and the 18 mile finish is at West Ilsley near to the A34. Transport there/back will be arranged when we have an idea of numbers. The start time will be confirmed nearer the date, but I would expect scouts will need to be at Foxhill by 8am, and will finish the hike at West Ilsley 2-4pm (depending of course on how fast they walk!).

The cost will be £6, and each participant gets a badge and a certificate for taking part. Teams are formed of 4-7 scouts/leaders, and their leaders will be on hand to support the scouts as they make their way around. 3 of our leaders (including myself) have walked the hike before, so we know what

The booking deadline for team entry is a few weeks after we return from our Christmas break, and so we require a reply to this letter on or before **Tuesday 12th January** so that we can assemble teams, and then submit them before the deadline. A further letter with more information will be sent out shortly after the deadline, once we have assembled and entered the teams. The £6 will be payable then.

Lunch is not provided for teams so they need to bring their own pack lunches, snacks and drinks for the hike. At a couple of the check points there will be a tuck shop available, and 2 checkpoints will be selling bacon butties/burgers and hot drinks.

Please fill out and return the slip below to confirm that your son is able to participate by **Tuesday 12th January**. If we do not get a reply by or on that date, it will be assumed that your son cannot participate.

Yours in Scouting,

Tom Haley - Assistant Scout Leader

My son _____

Is willing to be a part of a team to take on the Winter Challenge on Saturday 27th February 2016.