



Berkshire Scouts



Project Africa - Information Sheet 1

Project Africa Information Sheet 1 should be read in conjunction with:
Project Africa leaflet
Project Africa web page www.berkshirescouts.org.uk/projectafrica

Project Africa

Project Africa is an international experience delivering community projects and activities in Uganda (in partnership with the charity Building Brighter Futures). The project includes a global awareness programme for all Scout Sections in Berkshire.

The main aim of Project Africa is supporting and delivering community projects in Uganda.

Global Awareness Programme 2010-11

This is a programme for all Sections in Berkshire, eg: programme resources (web-based); fundraising for chicken house; chickens; school kitchen; materials and library books for schools; etc, plus camping equipment. The global awareness programme will be provided in two phases:

Phase 1 - Easter 2010 onwards:
Programme resources; fundraising for chicken house and chickens.

Phase 2 - September 2010 onwards (following the recce):
School library books; camping equipment; and possibly provision for hearing tests.

Uganda 2011

Recce 2010

A team of eight Leaders will be taking part in a recce during July 2010. The recce will include meeting already established contacts and visiting the project and activity areas.

Dates and criteria

Uganda 2011 offers two linked 3-week periods with the option to stay in the country for the full 6 weeks.

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Dates and criteria cont

Period 1: 18 July to 7 August 2011 (3 weeks)

Period 2: 8 to 28 August 2011 (3 weeks)

(above subject to confirmation/flights)

A short overlap period may be introduced. Members of the organising team will need to hold a discussion with parents/guardians of participants under 16 years wanting to stay for the full 6 weeks.

Criteria to participate in Uganda 2011

Participants must:

be 14 years of age or over at time of departure;

have experience in outdoor activities (supported by the training programme);

be reasonably fit;

have appropriate vaccinations/medication prescribed by own family medical practice;

attend most training activities and briefings.

Training and Briefings

There will be a training programme to build skills and knowledge (some activities open to all Scouts). The cost of training days/weekends are not inclusive in the Uganda 2011 fee but costs will be kept to a minimum.

Evening Briefing sessions will be free of charge.

The first Open Camp will take place during the weekend of 17-18 April (in Berkshire). Details available shortly. This Camp is open to all interested in Project Africa.

Some additional training in the UK will be required for those wishing to take part in trekking in the Mount Elgon National Park.

Equipment

Personal equipment is to be provided by individual participants. Advice on appropriate clothing and equipment will form part of the training programme and briefings.

Fundraising will take place to purchase new tents, etc, for use by participants. It is planned to purchase the equipment in Uganda and this will remain in that country for use by local Scouts.

Projects and activities

All participants will have the opportunity to work at each project school (Mityana and Mbale). Some other smaller projects may be introduced (depending on total number of participants), eg: Bulingara Disables Association.

The main project will be at the Bukeka Children's Centre in Mityana. Building a chicken house (for sponsored chickens) and school kitchen.

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Projects and activities cont

Work at the Kavule School for the Deaf, and the Bulingara Disables Association, will include maintenance, refurbishment, and working with the young people.

Each participant will have time away from projects doing activities (eg: white water rafting on River Nile in Jinja area). Option for mountain activities and trekking in Mount Elgon National Park will require additional UK-based training.

Each participant will have the opportunity to see the country (visiting game reserves is not included in the cost).

Applications and stage deposits

A completed and signed application form for Uganda 2011 with first deposit must be received by 31 May 2010.

After 31 May 2010 there is no guarantee that flight seats will be available for booking at the 'group rate'. With only one direct flight to Entebbe a day (and not every day) there is no guarantee that seats will be available even at a higher commercial rate.

Costs not included in the Uganda 2011 fee: training weekends (cost will be kept to a minimum); required vaccinations and medication; and transport to/from central meeting point for departure/arrival.

Stage payments (deposits):

First deposit with application: £250 (by 31 May 2010 to secure group travel rates) (includes deposit for air ticket; and insurance)

Stage 2: £200 (31 July 2010)

Stage 3: £200 (30 September)

Stage 4: £200 (30 November)

Stage 5: £200 (28 February 2011)

Stage 6: £450 (30 April) - includes balance for air ticket

Balance: approx £120 (30 June)

plus approx additional £300 for six-week period (if appropriate).

Cheques payable to: *Berkshire County Scout Council*.

Non-refundable deposits

£100 is non-refundable (includes insurance and fixed costs).

Air ticket deposit is non-refundable (approx additional £130) unless the seat can be offered to a new participant up to 8 weeks prior to departure (at which point travellers have to be named).

Full air ticket is non-refundable within 8 weeks of travel (approx £650) plus the £100 above.

General information

Support

Project Africa is grateful for the support of *Berkshire County Scout Council*, *Building Brighter Futures* and *Berkshire Scout Enterprises Ltd (BSEL)*.

Links:

www.berkshirescouts.org.uk

www.buildingbrighterfutures.co.uk/meetus.html

www.bsel.org.uk/

Project Africa is looking for other support to help fund the community projects. The organising team will be grateful for any fundraising that can be undertaken by Sections, Scout Groups, Scout Districts, etc.

Any leads to external support from local companies will also be appreciated.

Further information

Further information is available from:

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www.berkshirescouts.org.uk/projectafrica