



Project Africa - Information Sheet 2

Project Africa Information Sheet 2 should be read in conjunction with:
Project Africa Information Sheet 1;
Project Africa leaflet;
and the *Project Africa web pages* www.berkshirescouts.org.uk/projectafrica

Registrations of interest & Applications

We are pleased to report interest in travelling to Uganda in 2011 to take part in delivering community projects has been very high indeed. The majority of the registrations of interest have converted to confirmed applications (approximately 100). We are now close to our maximum numbers for Uganda 2011 and regretfully have removed the facility for further registrations of interest.

We will consider a few more applications from those that have already registered interest. However, this facility is only available for until the end of June 2010 due to the need to book flights.

Opportunities for Leaders to join the Leader Team will remain open.



April (2010) Open Camp

Outdoor discussion for fundraising ideas

Approximately 50 young people enjoyed the experience of this Open Camp and taster session for Project Africa and Uganda 2011. The programme included a wide range of activities and skills to introduce potential participants to the different style of camping and living required in an African country.

Key points from participant & parent Briefings (held 12 June)

The following is a reminder of the key points covered at the recent participant and parent Briefings:

Travelling to Uganda

If you have not already done so, can you please confirm which 3-week period is your preference for travelling to Uganda. This information is required before the end of June.

Training & Briefings

For pictures of the April Open Camp and June Training Day, please visit the Berkshire Scouts web Gallery at:

<http://www.berkshirescouts.org.uk/gallery.php?galcat=11&view=all>

The next training weekend takes place 11-12 September. Details will be posted on the web site soon. In the meantime, please keep this date available in your diary. With only two other training weekends it is important for all participants to attend.

There is much to learn and to prepare before travelling to Uganda!



June (2010) Training Day

Back to basics

Basic Scouting skills were refreshed and practiced at the June Training Day held at Earleywood Camp Site. The various skills bases included cooking and baking for large numbers; wood fires; knives; axes; etc. The Training Day also included the first Briefing for participants travelling to Uganda.

Dates of flights (Heathrow - Entebbe - Heathrow)

British Airways have not yet published their direct flights to Entebbe for the summer of 2011. Our desired and published dates remain provisional and may not be available. It is important to keep some flexibility around the published dates.

The various flights to and return from Entebbe will have to be booked over a period of time and so it will be some weeks before all flights are confirmed.

Vaccinations

Organising the necessary vaccinations and malaria tablets for travelling to Uganda is the responsibility of parents and those individuals over the age of 18 years. Consultation with your medical practice is recommended at an early stage to allow for some vaccinations being prescribed over several months. Costs for vaccinations and malaria tablets are to be met by participants, ie: they are not included in the Uganda 2011 fee.

Whilst the Project Africa team will not offer specific advice on vaccinations, etc, we thought it appropriate to share the following that has been sent to us. Please discuss the following with your medical practice:

The current national guidance in the UK recommends BCG vaccination against tuberculosis is only required for travel purposes if you are under the age of sixteen and going to stay in a high risk country for TB for more than three months. Therefore it is not required for the above trip.*

Tuberculosis is quite difficult to catch and usually requires prolonged close contact or repeated contact with a person with infectious TB, such as living in the same household. Many cases of TB are not infectious.

If you or your child would still like to be vaccinated you will not be able to get it via the NHS but can go to a private clinic.

(Oxford Travel - 01865 767 150; Doctor Now - 0870 850 8565).

** Department of Health - Immunisations against infectious disease 2006*

[Source of above information: Department of Respiratory Medicine, Royal Berkshire Hospital]

Support for community project costs

The total community project costs for Project Africa are approximately £27,000 of which £6,200 is already available. This total will provide for building a chicken house and school kitchen at the Bukeka Children's Centre (Mityana); 1,000 chickens for the chicken house; refurbishment of classrooms at the Kavule School for the Deaf (Mbale); and camping equipment to be used by the participants and left in Uganda for local Scouting.

It is hoped all participants, parents, Scout Groups and Sections, will support the project by meeting the fundraising target. See also *Fundraising* below.

Want to go trekking in Mount Elgon National Park?

Please let us know if you wish to take part in trekking in Mount Elgon National Park. This is to help with the planning of the additional training sessions.

Simply send an email to projectafrica@berkshirescouts.org.uk indicating your interest.

Also, please let us know if you would like to take part in the training but still unsure of trekking in Uganda. Priority places will be given to those that definitely want to go trekking in Mount Elgon National Park.

The Leader of the additional training is Bill Evans and he will make direct contact with those that express an interest in the training.



June Training Day

Too many cooks . . .

A key feature of the June Training Day was preparing, cooking, and baking food for large numbers. It is planned that participants will be involved in cooking at the schools in Uganda to provide joint meals for the school children as well as for our participants.

Large-scale cooking was practiced at Earleywood so parents attending their Briefing at the end of the Training Day could enjoy a three-course meal (with selections). Many parents were pleasantly surprised at the high quality of the culinary skills!

Next (2nd) stage payment

The next stage payment (£200) is due by 31 July. Cheques (payable to *Berkshire County Scout Council* with name on the back of the cheque) should be sent to the County Administrator (details in *Information Sheet 1*).

Recce 2010

A team of 8 Leaders will be taking part in a recce to Uganda starting 3 July 2010. The recce team will be visiting the schools at Mityana and Mbale as well as visiting the activity areas at Jinja and Mount Elgon National Park. The recce will also check all internal travel arrangements.

Global Awareness Programme (GAP) 2010-11

GAP is an educational programme to enable all Scout Sections in Berkshire to become engaged in Project Africa. Programme resources; information sheets; and fundraising ideas are available at:

http://www.berkshirescouts.org.uk/global_awareness.php

Project Africa is very much an educational programme and it is hoped that young people within Berkshire Scouts will want to know and understand the lives of their peers in an African country. The World Cup is giving us all a window to see the extremes of living in Africa and Project Africa is an opportunity to get close to two school communities and to provide for those not so privileged.

Fundraising

The past few months have been focussed on establishing participants and Leaders that will be taking part in Uganda 2011.

The focus in the coming months will shift to the fundraising required for the community projects. Further details available on the Project Africa web site.

Sponsorship forms

Separate sponsorship forms for individual and for community project fundraising are now available for downloading from the Project Africa web page.

It is important when engaged in fundraising that it is clear if the money being raised is for individual support or for supporting the community projects.

Money for the community projects should be sent to the County Administrator with the cheque payable to *Berkshire County Scout Council*. Please write on the back of the cheque that the money is for the community projects and also indicate if it is to be donated specifically for buildings or chickens.

External support

Project Africa is looking for external support to help fund the community projects. The project team will be very grateful for any corporate leads.

Facebook (Project Africa)

A Facebook site is now available for informal exchange, etc.

Please note that all official information will be via *Information Sheets* and the Project Africa web pages (not Facebook!). Whilst there are three Administrators to the Facebook site (Nick Green; Mark Elliott; and Mick Stocks) the Project Team cannot be held responsible for any misleading or incorrect information published on Facebook.

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 (GAP) for all Scout Sections in Berkshire.

The main aim of Project Africa is supporting and delivering community projects to two Schools in Uganda: the Bukeka Childrens Centre (Mityana) and the Kavule School for the Deaf (Mbale).

Further information

Email: projectafrica@berkshirescouts.org.uk

Web: www.berkshirescouts.org.uk/projectafrica

Links

www.berkshirescouts.org.uk

www.buildingbrighterfutures.co.uk/meetus.html

www.bsel.org.uk/

Support

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

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