



Colditz Challenge 2017

Dear Leader,

Thank you for your interest in Colditz Challenge 2017. This pack should contain everything you need to enter a team, including all of the paperwork.

Page 2 contains a brief overview of the event and an interest slip which can be given to each Scout showing initial interest in Colditz. Page 3 is a story for the event. Pages 4, 5 and 6 contain some additional information for you, detailing what actually happens during the event. Once you have sufficient interest, page 7 can be filled in, printed and sent back to the organisers. You will then be emailed login details to enable you to enter basic details of the team. Please print out and fill in two copies of the permission form per entrant, preferably printing on a laser printer and writing in biro. One copy of the entire team's forms should be together in an envelope ready for checkin, the other copy should be available to be put into a lanyard and kept by the Scout during the entire event.

Colditz is run by East Sussex Scouts, and uses one of their leader's camp permits. Therefore there is no need for the Scouts to have their own camping passport, or for you to stay. However, to make the event work properly we do need volunteers to help run bases in the evening. If you are able to run, or help out on a base, then we would ask that you be on site from 19:00 for a briefing at 19:30, ready for teams to arrive at your base from 20:00 onwards. The event finishes at 00:00, after which there are hot drinks and biscuits available at the camp site. There is the option for you to stay overnight if you wish. If you think you may be able to help, then please email helpers@colditzchallenge.org.uk.

Yours In Scouting,

The Colditz Team

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Where: Broadstone Warren.

When: 1.30 pm Saturday 1st to 11.00 am Sunday 2nd July 2017

Who: Teams of 4 Scouts with minimum age of 11 years and under 14 ½ years on the day of the event. The total age of the team must be a minimum of 46 years and a maximum of 54 years.



Teams will be required to be self-sufficient in camping and cooking. They will have to bring and pitch their own tents, provide cooking equipment and cook their own food. They can choose to cook on hiking stoves or gas burners. This year all food that the Scouts require will be provided centrally, this will include a two course evening meal and a cooked breakfast. A comprehensive kit list will be provided with the final instructions.

*For further information please see the Colditz Challenge website:
www.colditzchallenge.org.uk*

Closing date for registration is 23rd June 2017



My child is interested in taking part in the Colditz Challenge on July 1st / 2nd 2017.

Signed parent / guardian

Please return this slip to your troop leader



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It is 1943 and whilst flying over Germany on a top secret mission you and your unit were shot down. All survived, however, you were captured. After interrogation you were imprisoned in the Colditz prisoner of war camp. Whilst in Colditz you have been contacted by a member of the local resistance unit who have supplied a plan for you and your unit to escape.

This is the plan:

Every member of your team will be given a passport. You will require this to track the items you have obtained, and in case you are found by the guard patrols.

Firstly, you must escape from your cells (walk to the game zone).

In the barracks around Colditz you have to find local members of the resistance to obtain the items that you will need to escape from the fenced off area. In this area there are guards attempting to re-capture you. If a member of your unit is captured then their passport will be marked.

Once you have got all of the required items you may make your way to the checkpoint. This will not open until 10:30pm. From this time onwards, guards will be patrolling the area in a regular pattern. Learn this pattern to slip past the guards.

Register with the resistance contact once you have gone through the checkpoint.

From here you will be directed to another area in the forest where you can pick up the supplies you will need to complete your escape. These can be found with resistance members, who will be constantly on the move. You must visit both resistance members. You will receive one item from each member. You cannot re-visit any resistance members in this area, as they do not have sufficient supplies, and obtaining more will cause them to be discovered by the guards.

Once you have seen all of the resistance members you will have all of the supplies that you need, and should head to the final checkpoint. The head of the resistance will meet you here, and lead you to freedom.

You **must** stay together as a unit. Any incomplete unit found by the guards will automatically be taken back to their cells (base camp). If your unit is discovered by the guards, they will mark one of your passports. If you have lost your passport then you should return to your cells to obtain a new one. Any team member found by a guard without a passport, or failing to hand over a passport will be escorted back to the cells.

From Zone 1 you will need to collect 8 items. Each resistance member will give you one item just for finding them, however you can gain extra points by completing their activity. Some of the resistance members will only be able to provide a specific item (ie the ladder), some will be able to provide you with whatever you need. You will need to work out which resistance member has which item. The items are:

- Rope
- Ladder
- Uniform
- Spade
- Dog food
- Local currency
- Map to safe houses
- Grappling hooks

From Zone 2 you will need to collect 4 items, two from each resistance member. These are:

- Food
- Money
- Travel documents
- List of safe houses

Finally, good luck!



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- What:** The actual Colditz Challenge is a set of activity bases joined by a Scouting theme.
- Where:** Broadstone Warren.
- When:** 1.30pm Saturday 1st to 11.00am Sunday 2nd July 2017 (Individual check-in times for each team will be included with the final instructions.)
- Who:** Teams of 4 Scouts with minimum age of 11 years and under 14 ½ years on the day of the event. The total age of the team must be a minimum of 46 years and a maximum of 54 years.
If a troop cannot make-up complete teams then please let the organisers know. We will do our best to help put teams together. Any non-complete teams must be prepared to be split between other teams and should have individual food and equipment.
- Cooking:** Teams can choose to cook on hiking stoves or gas burners.
- Food:** This year the team's food will be provided centrally and the evening meal will be marked. For dinner there will be three options for the main: minced beef; sausages and a vegetarian option. For pudding there will be a sponge cake with fruit and custard. Breakfast will consist of eggs, bacon and bread or a vegetarian option. Exactly what the teams decide to cook will be up to them.
- Awards:** The winning team of the night exercise will receive the "Colditz Challenge Trophy". A separate skills trophy (the Timu Rafiki trophy) will be awarded to the team who wins the Saturday afternoon skills challenge. Both trophies will be held for one year.
- Fee:** £12.50 per Scout (Cheques payable to ESCSC).
- Registration:** Completed registration form, together with fee to be sent to – Colditz Challenge, c/o 16 Nevill Road, Uckfield, East Sussex, TN22 1PF by Friday 23rd June. Any registration forms received late or without fees will not be accepted.
Each troop can book 2 teams on initial registration, but can request additional places should there be space.
- Booking:** Username and password will be emailed to you upon receipt of the registration form for the online booking system. This enables leaders to add/amend scout names ages and parent contact details up to 11pm on 30th June.

Any enquiries to Chris Weller 07799 410405 or email info@colditzchallenge.org.uk

IN ALL CASES THE ORGANISERS DECISION IS FINAL

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Guidance Notes

The Skill's Trophy for the team that does best during the afternoon "Scouting Skills" Challenge. It is a team-based event that this year requires no prior preparation although teams may want to practice and plan ahead.

Ready Steady Cook Skills – Saturday afternoon.

Using ingredients supplied by the organisers and equipment supplied by yourselves, prepare and present a 2 course meal (main and desert).

See main team kit list for required equipment.

Patrols are to supply their own cooking oil and personal drinks.

Patrols may bring no more than TWO additional raw ingredients to compliment their meal.*

Patrols may bring no more than TWO portions of condiments (herbs, spices or sauces) to compliment their meal (pre-packaged cooking sauces will be allowed).*

Patrols will be cooking on their own cookers (see footnote regarding cookers**) although an open fire will be available for those that want to 'backwoods' cook (bring your own foil if you're planning to do this and expect that this may get crowded).

Patrols will be given a start time and a specific presentation time (for both main and desert). At these times, they are to present a portion of their main and desert for scoring, before eating. After presentation, they will have up to 90 minutes to eat, wash up and clear away. Washing up must be done near the cooking area using their own washing up bowls. Teams must not wash up under the taps on site.

Teams will be supplied with ingredients that will include (for a team of 4):

- Sausages OR mince (vegetarian option available)
- Potatoes
- 2x eggs
- Fruit
- 2x types of seasonal veg
- Sponge cake mix
- Custard powder

Teams will be scored on:

- Safety
- Teamwork
- Presentation
- Taste
- Timekeeping
- Hygiene
- Preparation
- Menu (to be displayed before cooking)
- Equipment (use of and cleanliness at the end)
- Creativity (menu and cooking style)

Additionally, patrols will be supplied ingredients for a cooked breakfast on Sunday morning, although this will not be scored.

Footnotes:

*Allergies – If your additional raw ingredients or condiments contain nuts or shellfish they must be 'declared' prior to being opened. All raw ingredients and condiments must be presented prior to being used.

**Cookers – Scout leaders must check their cookers are safe to use, prior to issuing to a patrol and must sign that their Scouts are knowledgeable of the correct and safe use of their cookers.

The organisers have a **strong** preference that any gas cookers have a hose between the burner and canister so the cooker can be turned off without getting closer to the burner.

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The Colditz Trophy for the team that gains the most points during the evening exercise. The challenge is to escape from 'Colditz' having collected all the items necessary to aide escape and gained as many points as possible by visiting bases and completing the incidents set. All this without being captured by the Explorer 'Guards' and therefore losing some of the points gained.

The scoring for the Colditz Trophy is kept as simple as possible. There are points for visiting bases (marks for finding the base and marks for completing the activity), and points for getting through to zone 2 and finding the resistance members. For each time a team is found by the guards, they lose 1 point. There are occasionally variations, such as one year where due to the weather many teams' cards were too wet to identify – therefore we gave points for handing in legible cards.

Key points for the Colditz Trophy Activity

Emergencies: Each team will be given instructions of what to do in an emergency.

Team Card: Each team member will carry a team card and these must be handed in at each base for the staff to fill in; they must be collected as the team leaves the base.

Meeting Other Teams: When a team meets another team they should not discuss where they have been or what they have done, as this may give the other team an advantage.

Bases: Teams will be awarded points for their manners and the way that they tackle the incident. Team members should work together as points will be awarded for teamwork.

Guards: Teams will have points deducted if the guards catch them, however they will be able to continue and perhaps earn the points back. All the bases are safety zones and teams cannot be captured whilst completing an incident. However, teams cannot wait on a base if there is no room for them.



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Registration Form - Closing Date 23rd June 2017

_____ Scout Troop of _____ District wishes to register

_____ team(s) (max of 2) for the Colditz Challenge and request an additional _____ team(s) if there is space.

I enclose the entry fee of £_____ (£12.50 per scout – cheques payable to ESCSC)

Name _____ Scout Leader

Signed _____ Scout Leader

Date _____

Telephone(s) _____

Email _____

Home Contact (name) _____

Home Contact (telephone) _____

Food Choice (no. of teams) Mince Beef _____ Sausages _____ Vegetarian _____

I certify that the cooking equipment is fit for use and that the Scouts have been trained in it's correct and safe operation. _____ (leader's signature)

This year we are asking for a home contact for each team for the weekend. In the unlikely event of an incident we will contact the home contact and ask that they pass any message on to the parents of any involved Scouts. The home contact should have all of the contact details required for each Scout from your troop involved in Colditz.

Username and password will be emailed to you upon receipt of this registration form for the online booking system. This enables leaders to add/amend scout names, ages and parent contact details up until 11pm on 30th June.

The past and future success of the Colditz competition depends upon the volunteers who run activity bases for Scouts during the evening. All activities, both modern and traditional are welcomed although we do our best to co-ordinate bases to provide a balanced range of skills. Ideally, each District in East Sussex will be able to provide 2 bases. If you can help, please contact Daraius preferably by email - helpers@colditzchallenge.org.uk.

Please return this form with your cheque to:

Colditz Challenge, c/o Chris Weller, 16 Nevill Road, Uckfield, East Sussex, TN22 1PF

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Kit List

All kit must be with the scouts at check-in

Each Scout will require the following:

- Sleeping bag and mat or blanket
- Suitable, warm clothing, for an outdoor, night activity, in a woodland environment
- Mug, plate & bowl, knife fork & spoon
- Torch – ideally a head torch with spare batteries
- Whistle
- Pencil and notebook
- Watch

Each team will require the following:

- Two copies of each team members consent form. One copy of each together in an envelope, the other ready to be placed into a lanyard for each Scout. Ideally printed on a laser printer, filled in in biro and **NOT** laminated
- A menu to be handed in when asked
- Tentage for 4 people (Separate tents will be required for mixed teams) ** (see below)
- Stove, fuel and matches***
- Fire bucket
- A patrol box containing as a minimum
 - 2 large containers for cooking (dixies, dutch oven etc)
 - 1 container for boiling water (billie, kettle etc)
 - Frying pan (or skillet)
 - 2x chopping boards, colander, grater, tin opener, mixing bowls, measuring jugs, spatulas, large serving spoon, tea/table/desert spoons, tongs, wooden spoon, knives,
 - Washing up bowl, tea towels, washing up liquid, dish clothes, brillo pads or scourers, matches
 - Gloves, 1st aid kit with blue plasters, 2x bin bags
 - Salt & pepper, cooking oil
- Cutlery and items to present the meal with (plate / bowl)
- Water Container
- First aid kit (to be kept with the team at all times) containing as a minimum
 - Triangular bandage
 - Plasters (minimum of 10, various sizes)
 - 1 medium dressing

No Knives (except pen knives with a blade less than 7cm) or electronic equipment such as, Mobile Phones, Hand-held electronic games, MP3 players, are to be brought to this camp.

All Scouts will be expected to carry their own and team equipment for at least ½ mile; no adults will be permitted past the check-in. Please pack accordingly.

**Leaders, please ensure your Scouts are practised in the pitching of the tentage provided and that the tent has the correct number of poles and pegs.

***Safety: Scouts should know the safety precautions for cooking on whatever stove they choose to use.



HEALTH & INFORMATION CONSENT FORM

The parent/guardian should complete all parts of the form **legibly in black ink** and return to the Leader

Event Name & Location	Colditz 2017 / Broadstone Warren Camp Site	Event Date	1 st - 2 nd July 2017
Personal Information		Medical	
Full Name		National Health No	
Scout Group		Date of last tetanus	
Date of birth		Doctors name	
Home address		Doctors address	
Post code		Doctors telephone number	
In the event of an emergency during the event– contact details		Has your child been in contact with any infectious diseases in the last three months?	Yes / No
Contact name		Please give details:	
Relationship			
Address		Is your child receiving any medication / medical treatment at the moment?	Yes / No
		Please give details:	
Telephone number day		Does your child have any existing injuries or illness?	Yes / No
Telephone number evening		Please give details:	
Contact name			
Relationship		Does your child have any allergies?	Yes / No
Address		Please give details:	
		Does your child have any specific dietary requirements?	Yes / No
Telephone number day		Please give details:	
Telephone number evening			
Note: The medical profession takes the view that the parent’s consent to medical treatment cannot be delegated. This view is explicit in the Children Act 1989. Thus medical consent forms have no legal status and a doctor/nurse insisting on the consent of a parent to a particular treatment has the right to do so. For this reason, we do not recommend that Leaders insist on parents signing the statement above. However, it can be a comfort to medical staff to have general consent in advance from parents or to have a Leader on hand able to sign forms required by medical authorities.			
All activities will be run in accordance with The Scout Association’s safety rules. No responsibility for the personal equipment/clothing and effects can be accepted by the trip organisers and The Scout Association does not provide automatic insurance cover in respect to such items.			
I understand that the Trip Leader reserves the right to send any participants home if necessary			
I give permission for my child to attend this event	Yes / No	I authorise any leader to give permission to the doctor to undertake whatever treatment is considered necessary for my child	Yes / No
Should it be required, my child may be given Paracetamol / Ibuprofen / Antihistamine at the dose stated for their age. Delete as necessary			
Signed:			
Date:			

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<http://members.scouts.org.uk/newsandviews/module/31/943/safety-warning-aerosol-gas-stoves/cat/428>

Safety warning: aerosol gas stoves

Aerosol camping stoves are cheap and popular with all sorts of campers. However, The Scout Association has recently been made aware of several reports of the aerosols in these stoves exploding.

In at least one case, the incident involved initial problems with the locking lever and gas control dial. Later the gas canister exploded. At this stage we cannot be certain of the exact cause but have learned that this type of equipment has been banned in certain parts of Australia. The apparent reason is overheating resulting in explosion.

Some tips to follow when using this type of stove:

- Explain to adults and young people about the potential hazards and how to deal with them.
- Ensure the collar of the canister is properly aligned and seated before using the locking lever.
- Discard the stove if it cannot be properly aligned and locked without effort.
- Have a bucket of water on hand to cool-down the stove and extinguish flames.
- Turn the stove off safely if you hear irregular hissing.
- Vacate the area in the event of a leak.
- Don't use this type of stove for cooking for long periods.
- Never leave a working stove unattended.
- Never attempt to turn off an over-flaming stove without protection to hands, arms and eyes.
- Don't use this type of stove (indeed any gas stove) in a confined area where gas cannot escape freely.

We strongly advise you to take extra caution when using these types of stoves on camp or during Scouting activities, and to always follow the manufacturer's guidelines. If you've recently experienced issues with these stoves, please let the Safety Team at UK HQ know, by emailing safety@scouts.org.uk