



Expedition to The Gambia - Hampshire Scouts

Three weeks August 2023

WHERE? You guessed it.. to **The Gambia**. A small country on the west coast of Africa. From the capital Banjul on the Atlantic coast we take the bus 200 miles up country to **SOMA**, a dusty fly blown town at the junction of the two main (only) roads and stay at **KAIRA KONKO** Scout Lodge..

WHAT? Help improve the Kaira Konko Scout centre, repair school classrooms, repair local homes in Soma... take paper, books and pencils to the primary school... improve the vegetable garden in the village .. Friday night is Scout night and we will be there sharing ideas... help at the schools. PLUS shopping at the market. Visit the village chief.. go on expeditions out of Soma in small groups with the Gambian Scouts.. and LOADS MORE!!!!



COST £2,000 TBC once flights are booked

WHEN? 3 weeks departing around Tuesday 8th August 2023 return about Wed 30 August 2023 (dates tbc depending on flights).

WHY?...WHY NOT? This is an amazing chance to experience the real Africa with your mates. It is excellent value. Try it out.. meet new friends check out some ideas for your GAP year, get something really impressive on your CV.

WHO?? Fantastic leaders, you, your friends, any Explorer/ Network aged who is prepared to give it a go (if they are not already a Scout then they had better join soon)

HOW? Lots of fund raising... for example, sponsored cycle, charity events, car washing ... and exciting training so that you are ready for an adventure in Africa

Small print warning this trip could seriously change your outlook on life



Kaira Konko

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FUNDRAISING is an important part of the expedition

Fundraise a minimum of £1000, then either pay the remainder or fundraise as much as you can

PAYMENT approx £2,000 TBC

Deposit £200 then eleven monthly payments

Includes flights accommodation, food, travel, visits, loads of laughs, masses of hard work, lots of sunshine and a few surprises, training, a polo shirt and international necker

Excludes vaccinations and anti-malarial tablets (full details will be provided about what you need nearer the time).

You will need to have a full course COVID-19 vaccinations appropriate for your age.

TRAINING

Please note this is a Scout Expedition. It is not a holiday. It will be challenging but very rewarding. The training is an important part of the expedition package and Explorers should prioritise it and make every effort to attend the training events.

- **June** 2022 Introduction Day
- **Sept** 2022 Cardboard box camp
- **Jan** 2023 Training Weekend
- **April** 2023 Training Weekend
- **July** 2023 Training weekend & Parents Evening - Pre-departure meeting

For more information contact the Explorer Scout Leaders.

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I would like to come on The Gambia Expedition. August 2023

Full Name as on passport

Passport numberand expiry date.....

Date of birth Age on 31st August 2023

Explorer's email address

Parents' / guardian email addresses.....

Your Unit and District.....

Dietary requirements (inc vegetarian)

I confirm permission for photographs and video to be taken ☐

I enclose in an envelope marked with Explorer Name, Amount and 'Gambia Deposit' (delete as appropriate)

A deposit of £50 to reserve a place and we will send a further £150 ASAP

OR I enclose £200

Cheques payable to Magellan Explorer Scouts

Please tell us why you want to go and what you would like to get from the expedition?

What do we need to know about you? Tell us a bit about you (school, hobbies, etc).

Please tell us briefly about anything that may affect our ability to keep you safe in the Gambia eg additional needs, allergies, chronic conditions, medication or anything else.

Return to an Explorer Leader. Places allocated on a first come basis.

Signed by parent or guardian.....

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