



Activity Summary

The Venture Scout Challenge is the challenge of a lifetime that is available to Venture Scouts aged over 15 on the day of departure and under 18 on the 11th July of the year of departure. It is a chance to undertake an expedition over five to six days that brings a real understanding of Ireland, our citizens and our way of life.

Rationale

Venture Challenge is designed to help Venture Scouts develop a real understanding of the environment by traveling through the countryside, working as a small team to complete a series of projects, and, most importantly, by meeting local people.

It culminates with an assessment process where each team of two are assessed by a team of trained assessors to ensure the team have met the minimum standard laid out in the criteria.

Details

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| Event: | Venture Scout Challenge | | |
| Venue: | Somewhere in Ireland | | |
| Date: | Expedition: | 2 nd – 11 th July 2019 | |
| | Training Weekend: | Easter Weekend | |
| Accommodation: | You find this yourself! | | |
| Fee: | €390 per person | | |

Registration

Register for the activity through the my.scouts.ie portal. Registration and deposit must be received by **Friday 22nd February 2019**. Registration is not finalised until the activity deposit is paid through my.scouts.ie Please note if you are paying by cheque your payment needs to be in National Office by the **21st of February**.

Please put your partners name in the section for Support Dietary requirements.

Places on this event are limited to 20 Teams (40 participants), this is to ensure a smooth and safe running event, this however can lead to some people being disappointed. The system we use if oversubscribed is to take priority to teams who would not have a chance to take part in challenge next year (last year of Ventures) accompanied by a first come first served basis. Deposits are the only way to secure bookings as a first come first serve and deposits are non-refundable unless we are unable to facilitate your team.





The cost for the activity is €390 per person. A breakdown of what this fee includes is outlined below.

- Fuel for Sweep Cars on both training weekend and expedition
- Accommodation at Base Camps on training weekend and expedition

- Food at Base Camps on training weekend expedition
- Budget for when team is on the road
- Apparel for the team
- Programme at base camp
- Maps

Payment Schedule:

| Payment | Amount | Date Due |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------------------------------|
| Deposit (Non-Refundable) | €100 | 22 nd February 2019 |
| Second Payment | €100 | 3 rd May 2019 |
| Final Payment | €190 | 7 th June 2019 |

Information nights for parents will be allocated to location when booking are in, this is in an attempt to Make the information nights easily accessible to all teams. Booking will assist us in picking locations for these information nights.

Activity Components

The basic elements of the Scouting Ireland Venture Scout Challenge Expedition are as follows:

1. Five to six days of traveling covering a minimum of 100 km of countryside through towns and villages.
2. Keeping a log of your journey and experiences.
3. Completing a number of Prescribed Projects assigned to you by the Expedition Team.
4. Living on a limited budget.

The way in which you carry out these challenges is as important as completing them. Over the course of the Venture Scout Challenge Expedition you and your teammate must do your personal best and demonstrate that you have done so through the Scouting Method and in line with the Scout Law & Scout Promise.

In order to help participants, prepare for this expedition, there is a training weekend where participants will walk a much smaller distance as well as completing a handful of projects. They will be assessed following this training weekend and will also be taken through how they should prepare for the expedition in full. **The training weekend is compulsory. This is non-negotiable.**

The Venture Scout Criteria document is the literature which governs how Challenge operates and how it is accessed. Prospective participants should familiarise themselves with this document fully.

**Equipment**

A complete list of equipment needed will be sent out to participants on booking. Standard equipment for lightweight camping and eating will be required.

Environmental Impact & Leave no Trace

Participants find camping accommodation along the route they choose. This is generally in the back gardens of families that they meet along the way. Participants should ensure the camping area they use is left in perfect condition when they leave it. All participants throughout the activity should adhere to the principles of Leave No Trace.

Link to Fiontar (Suas & Trasna)**Physical: Balanced diet**

SUAS: Understand the importance of a balanced diet for an active lifestyle

TRASNA: Develop a balanced diet for an active lifestyle and plan appropriate menus for Challenge

Physical: Understand the impact your choices have on your life

SUAS: Develop the skills and abilities to successfully participate in Challenge.

TRASNA: Progress in the skills and abilities to successfully participate in Challenge, and commit to maintain these skills and abilities

Character: The courage to reach for your goals

SUAS: Participate in Challenge to develop your personal capabilities and to make progress in adventure skills

TRASNA: Plan an active programme around the Challenge activities to advance your personal capabilities and to further your progress in adventure skills

Emotional: Confidence to deal with all that life can throw at you

SUAS: Explore how you can cope with the challenges presented during physical activities on the hills

TRASNA: Try to improve your capabilities for dealing with challenges