



BOLTON SOUTH with FARNWORTH
DISTRICT SCOUTS
18th ANNUAL PIKE HIKE WEEKEND 2019

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Dear Scouter

In April 2018, the 17th Pike View Hike was held with around 80 teams taking part in the competition – again a huge number of teams.

We're pleased to announce that our 18th annual event will be held over the weekend of 26th April – 28th April 2019!

Due to the success of the event in previous years resulting in the event being oversubscribed, booking enquiries will be held for a maximum of 14 days pending receipt of full payment. Any unpaid bookings after this period will be forfeit; we hope that you can understand the reasons for this policy. This year payment may be made by either card or cheque; card payments are the preferred payment option and may be made online at the time of booking. To ensure the organising team have enough time to setup the card payment system, bookings will open from Monday 26th November 2018.

If you haven't joined in these events before, here's a brief description:

The three events are aimed at Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Brownies, Guides and Rangers, and allow a young person to compete from the ages of 8 up to nearly 18. Each event consists of teams of 4 competitors, with a defined age range per event, and a combined maximum total age per team.

Three events are run as follows:

- Pip Hartley Memorial Trophy (ages 8-10 years); expected distance 14km
- Pike View Hike (10-14½ years); expected distance up to 20km
- Bibby's Farm Yomp (14-18 years); expected distance up to 25km; the maximum competitor age in this event is 17 years and 364 days.

For full details of the age restrictions on each event, please refer to the event rules for further information.

"Pike View Hike" and "Bibby's Farm Yomp" teams must camp on both Friday and Saturday evenings. On Friday evening, the team check in desk will open from 18:30; please check in as soon as possible after this time and preferably prioritise check in over setting up camp to ensure that all teams have checked in prior to the safety briefing. A safety briefing for Team Leaders in the Pike View Hike and Bibby's Farm Yomp will take place on-site on Friday 26th April 2019 at 22:00, followed by an Adult Leader's safety briefing at 22:30.

"Pip Hartley Memorial" teams will camp only on Saturday evening - unless distances travelled would make this impractical. Pip Hartley Memorial teams will be advised of their time to arrive on site in the weeks prior to the event – normally around 08:00 – 08:30 in the morning. The safety briefing for Pip Hartley Memorial teams will take place on-site on the Saturday morning.

As you know, we take safety very seriously, and we hope that these briefings will enhance your understanding of the safety precautions in place.

Every team has its kit checked over by Bolton Mountain Rescue Team before they are allowed to start, and teams then plot a preset route (unassisted) which is issued in the same format as a Scout Association Route Card. (Fact sheet FS120409)

At various checkpoints en-route, the team will be asked to perform a range of challenges, in addition to completing the “ongoing incident” which begins as soon as they depart on their hike. The format of all events is the same, but the distances walked are longer, and the tasks performed are more taxing as they progress through the age ranges. Staffing of the checkpoints, control teams, etc. is thanks to the goodwill of our volunteers; if any team has adults/leaders free on the day who are willing to help then please get in touch with the event organisers.

The 2019 events will take place over the weekend of the 26th – 28th April 2019 at Bibby’s Farm Scout Campsite & Activity Centre.

The entry fee for the 2019 event has a small price increase over 2018 of £1, where previously the fee had remained the same for the 2017 and 2018 events; the entry fee is therefore - £66 per team for all teams where payment is received before the 11th March 2019. We will accept entries up until the 12th April 2019 (subject to availability); however the price for teams where payment is received on or after the 11th March 2019 will be £76. The closing date for entries received this year will be again by strictly adhered to – quite simply because the organizers have been doing far too much running around, chasing entries before the events! The entry fee covers camping fees (for 4 competitors and one adult), event running costs, medals, prize money and emergency safety cover/vehicles.

All bookings this year will be handled electronically via our website, which will open for bookings by Friday 9th November 2018. Card payments are new for 2018 and can be made at the time of booking via the website; if possible please pay by card as this simplifies the booking process and ensures that payments are received in a timely manner. For teams unable to pay by card then the legacy method of cheque payment is available by post to the postal address stated at the time of booking on our website.

On receiving the correct fee, we will provide you with access to our website which will allow you to submit the details of your teams.

We will require you to submit details of all competitors via our website by the 12th April 2019. Due to the amount of work required this deadline must be adhered to!

For further details, visit our website at www.pikeviewhike.co.uk, or contact me via email or on the telephone number below.

We would be most grateful if you could circulate this information within your respective Scout/Guide communities. Also if you are able to assist with the running of checkpoints and the provision of minibuses and drivers, this would be greatly appreciated.

Finally, as the aim of these events is to allow as many young people as possible to compete, if you have any “spare” prospective competitors but you are unable to make up a team of 4, then via our website you’ll be able to communicate directly with other leaders across the country in order to make up a mixed team – these teams have traditionally done quite well! This feature called the “Swop Shop” will once again be operated this year and will open around the 7th January 2019.

Yours in Scouting

Chairman, Pike View Hike
(A subcommittee of the Bolton South with Farnworth Scout District Executive)