



## **REMOTE CAMPING COURSE – Sep / Oct 2008 (Brecon Beacons)**

**Sunday 28th September (Local pre-meet 9.00am–1.30pm)  
Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th October – Brecon Beacons**

This course is run by GLSW and Surrey Scout County and is open to Leaders (including assistants and skill instructors) and members of the Scout Network. We may by prior agreement be able to take experienced Explorer Scouts who are over 16 and are looking to go on and lead groups

It is assumed that course participants would have some experience of lightweight camping and perhaps would already have been involved in summer expeditions (including personal expeditions). The course will involve carrying all items of kit (personal and shared) on mixed terrain over the weekend and can be physically demanding, applicants should be fit enough to sustain and enjoy a weekend's backpacking in the hills.

The programme structure will be generally flexible to try to suit individual needs, but the main aspects covered will include; navigation, equipment (personal and shared) food, route selection, party management and other basic expedition skills. Assessment for the scout authorisation scheme can also be taken over the weekend providing notification is given when the application form is returned. The Application for an Activities Permit) must also be completed and returned no later than the pre-meet, this is to ensure that the applicant is properly briefed by the assessor and arrives prepared.

Training and guidance can also be given for those wishing to make a start on the Walking Group Leader or Mountain Leader Awards.

The morning of the Sunday Pre-meet will be spent (venue to be confirmed) covering all aspects of lightweight camping in upland mountain areas. Leader responsibilities, Scout Association rules and the hillwalking authorisation scheme will also be covered. During the morning, course participants will pair up to share food, tent etc. and plans will be made for transport for the following weekend.

For the weekend itself we will travel to the Brecon Beacons on the Friday evening with Friday night being spent on an established campsite. We will set off in our groups on the Saturday morning, wild camp on the Saturday night and return around lunchtime on the Sunday. You will need to provide your own food (in your pairs) for the weekend.

The cost of the course is £40, cheques should be made payable to G.L.S.W. Scout Training Account. Applicants are advised to enquire at once of their D.C. regarding the availability of grant aid; the payment of which may be dependent upon submitting an application prior to the course.

Course applications should be made on the attached form; places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope for your booking confirmation, which will include a location map for the pre-meet.

Please contact Ian Tombleson, County Advisor Hillwalking Activities, if you have any questions.