

Writing your expedition report.

Part of your assessment for your expedition is your personal report and the basic requirements are the same for Gold, Silver or Bronze level - for Bronze aim for about one side of A4 in length. (obviously, more for Silver and even more for Gold!) . Try to write this **as soon as possible** after the trip before you forget the details and lose your route card etc. Keep your route plans, the map and if possible any photographs taken; they all help to add interest and detail. Writing your report is an opportunity for personal reflection – to look back and focus on what you have achieved.

The following headings or key points will provide a framework for your report: -

- The **date** and organisational details. e.g. we were taken by mini bus to Blackford on Friday 11th of September, leaving Dollar at 9.00 in the morning.
- The **route** –describe where you went. Include the start, the finish, campsite details, etc and mention any landmarks / hills etc. Include drawings or copies of maps if possible with your own description of the places involved.
- The **group** – name names, comment on the personalities and the way the group worked together (or not).
- The **weather** and general conditions experienced on the trip.
- Points of **interest** – animals, flowers, rivers, mountains, ruins- anything you noticed on your trip.
- The **story** of the trip – main events, significant meals, blisters or problems
- **Lessons** learned – did your gear stand up to the test? Would you take different clothes or food? Would you like to do more expeditions?

Do try to be honest and by all means express your views but remember that this is a **formal report**. It will carry your name, be read by “others” and possibly may be published by the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award as an example of a participant’s experience.

Your report can be handwritten or typed – sign it at the bottom and pass it to **Mr Fraser in D10 (along with your record book)**.

YOU MUST COMPLETE AN EXPEDITION REPORT IF YOU WISH TO COMPLETE THE EXPEDITION SECTION OF THE AWARD. ONLY THOSE WHO COMPLETE A BRONZE ASSESSMENT REPORT WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR INVOLVEMENT IN SILVER EXPEDITION WORK.