

# Gold BITZ 2024

Scouts East Sussex 

Dear Leader,

Thank you for your interest in the 49<sup>th</sup> year of the GoldBitz Challenge! This pack should contain everything you need to enter a team, including all the paperwork.

Page 2 contains brief details about the event. Page 3 contains additional details about each part of the event, with page 4 being the application form (to reduce costs we would much prefer to accept payment via bank transfer). Page 5 contains a kit list for both personal and team equipment and page 6 contains the consent form – the personal kit list and a consent form is also included in the individual information pack.

Once you have sufficient interest please fill in the Google form at <https://forms.gle/YF61bYvTocpx84Sa6> or email the form further down to [goldbitz@eastsussexscouts.org.uk](mailto:goldbitz@eastsussexscouts.org.uk). Once payment is received you will be emailed login details to enable you to enter basic details of the team. Please print out and fill in one copy of the permission form per entrant, preferably printing on a laser printer and writing in biro. Please DO NOT laminate any of the paperwork.

GoldBitz is run by East Sussex Scouts, and uses one of their leader's camp permits. Therefore there is no need for the Scouts to have their own camping passport, or for you to stay. However, to make the event work properly we do need volunteers to help run bases in the evening. If you are able to run, or help out on a base, then we would ask that you be on site from 19:00, for a briefing at 19:30 ready for teams to arrive at your base from 20:00 onwards. The event finishes at 00:00, after which there are hot drinks and biscuits available at the camp site. There is the option for you to stay overnight if you wish. If you think you may be able to help, then please email [goldbitzhelpers@eastsussexscouts.org.uk](mailto:goldbitzhelpers@eastsussexscouts.org.uk).

Yours In Scouting,

The GoldBitz Team

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"The GoldBitz Challenge" is a County event that aims to provide an exciting and fun night activity for Scouts, that also tests their Scouting skills; it is not designed to be an event that requires any additional training than that given at normal Scout meetings.

- What:** The actual GoldBitz Challenge is a set of activity bases joined by a Scouting theme.
- Where:** Broadstone Warren.
- When:** 1.00pm Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> to 11.00am Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2024 (Individual check-in times for each team will be included with the final instructions.)
- Who:** Teams of 4 Scouts with minimum age of 10 ½ years and under 14 ½ years on the day of the event. The total age of the team must be a minimum of 46 years and a maximum of 52 years (using whole years of age only).  
If a troop cannot make-up complete teams then please let the organisers know and send them along anyway. We will help to put teams together, although any non-complete teams must be prepared to be split between other teams and should have individual food and equipment as far as possible.
- Cooking:** Teams can choose to cook on hiking stoves or gas burners.
- Food:** The team's menu and food presentation will be marked with each team expected to produce a cooked two course evening meal (main course & sweet) on the Saturday and a hot breakfast on the Sunday. Both meals should include a hot drink.
- Awards:** The winning team of the night exercise will receive the "GoldBitz Challenge Trophy". A separate "Skills Trophy" will be awarded to the team who wins the Saturday afternoon skills challenge. Both trophies will be held for one year.
- Fee:** £12.50 per Scout (Cheques payable to ESCSC or via bank transfer).
- Registration:** The registration form can be filled in at <https://forms.gle/YF61bYvTocpx84Sa6>. The fee should be transferred to the East Sussex County Scout Council (Sort code: 20-49-80, Acc. No: 80092754, Reference 'GoldTroopName' ie `Gold4thLewes`). Any registration forms received late or without fees being paid shortly thereafter will not be accepted.  
If you wish to enter more than 2 teams then we would ask for at least 1 leader to help on a base for the evening (additional volunteers are always welcome).
- Booking:** Username and password will be emailed to you upon receipt of the registration form for the online booking system. This enables leaders to add/amend Scout names ages and parent contact details up to 11pm on 5<sup>th</sup> July.

Any enquiries to Chris Weller 07799 410405 or email [goldbitz@eastsussexscouts.org.uk](mailto:goldbitz@eastsussexscouts.org.uk)

**IN ALL CASES THE ORGANISERS DECISION IS FINAL**

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## Guidance Notes – Activities

There are two trophies up for grabs over the course of the weekend.

**The Skill's Trophy** for the team that does best during the afternoon "Scouting Skills" Challenge. It is a team-based event that this year does not require teams to bring anything additional along.

As part of the skills trophy the food preparation and menu will be marked (we won't be tasting the food!). Also, during the afternoon at some point all teams will be asked to do 4 minutes of CPR.

**The GoldBitz Trophy** for the team that gains the most points during the evening exercise. The challenge is to escape from 'GoldBitz' having collected all the items necessary to aide escape and gained as many points as possible by visiting bases and completing the incidents set. All this without being captured by the Explorer 'Guards' and therefore losing some of the points gained.

The scoring for the GoldBitz Trophy is kept as simple as possible. There are points for visiting bases (marks for finding the base and marks for completing the activity), and points for getting through to zone 2 and finding the resistance members. For each time a team is found by the guards, they lose 1 point. There are occasionally variations, such as one year where due to the weather many teams' cards were too wet to identify – therefore we gave points for handing in legible cards.

### ***Key points for the GoldBitz Trophy Activity***

**Emergencies:** Each team will be given instructions of what to do in an emergency.

**Team Card:** Each team member will carry a team card and these must be handed in at each base for the staff to fill in; they must be collected as the team leaves the base.

**Meeting Other Teams:** When a team meets another team they should not discuss where they have been or what they have done, as this may give the other team an advantage.

**Bases:** Teams will be awarded points for their manners and the way that they tackle the incident. Team members should work together as points will be awarded for teamwork.

**Guards:** Teams will have points deducted if the guards catch them, however they will be able to continue and perhaps earn the points back. All the bases are safety zones and teams cannot be captured whilst completing an incident. However, teams cannot wait on a base if there is no room for them.

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## Registration Form - Closing Date 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024

\_\_\_\_\_ Scout Troop of \_\_\_\_\_ District wishes to register \_\_\_\_\_ Team(s) for the GoldBitz Challenge.

I have arranged the entry fee of £\_\_\_\_\_ (£12.50 per scout) to be transferred to East Sussex County Scout Council (Sort code: 20-49-80, Acc. No: 80092754, Reference 'GoldTroopName' ie `Gold4thLewes`).

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Scout Leader

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Scout Leader

Telephone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Do we have consent for photos to be used for all young people? Yes / No

- ✓ Username and password will be emailed to you upon receipt of this registration form for the online booking system. This enables leaders to add/amend scout names, ages and parent contact details up to 11pm on 5<sup>th</sup> July.
- ✓ The past and future success of the GoldBitz competition depends upon the volunteers who run activity bases for Scouts during the evening. All activities, both modern and traditional are welcomed although we do our best to co-ordinate bases to provide a balanced range of skills.
- ✓ Ideally, each District in East Sussex will be able to provide 2 bases. If you can help, please contact Daraius ideally by email - [goldbitzhelpers@eastsussexscouts.org.uk](mailto:goldbitzhelpers@eastsussexscouts.org.uk).  
**Groups that provide help on bases will be given team place priority, however all teams are welcome even without a leader.**

Please return this form electronically and email to [goldbitz@eastsussexscouts.org.uk](mailto:goldbitz@eastsussexscouts.org.uk)

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## Kit List

All kit must be with the scouts at check-in

### Each Scout will require the following:

- Sleeping bag and mat or blanket
- Suitable, warm clothing, for an outdoor, night activity, in a woodland environment
- Mug, plate & bowl, knife fork & spoon
- Torch – ideally a head torch with spare batteries
- Whistle
- Pencil and notebook
- Watch

### Each team will require the following:

- One copy of each team member's consent form together in an envelope. Ideally these should be printed on a laser printer, filled in in biro and **not** laminated
- Food for weekend\*(see below) – including a menu to be handed in when asked
- Tentage for the whole team \*\* (see below)
- Stove, fuel and matches. There must be a hose between the burner and gas canister. \*\*\*
- Fire bucket
- A patrol box containing as a minimum:
  - 2 large containers for cooking (dixies, dutch oven etc)
  - 1 container for boiling water (billie, kettle etc), frying pan (or skillet)
  - 2 chopping boards, colander, grater, tin opener, mixing bowls, measuring jugs, spatulas, large serving spoon, tea/table/dessert spoons, tongs, wooden spoons, kitchen knives
  - Washing up bowl, tea towels, washing up liquid, dish clothes, brillo pads or scourers, matches
  - Gloves, 1<sup>st</sup> aid kit with blue plasters, 2 bin bags
  - Salt & pepper, cooking oil
- Water Container
- First Aid Kit (to be kept with the team at all times) containing as a minimum:
  - Triangular bandage
  - Plasters (minimum of 10, various sizes)
  - 1 medium dressing
- Black sacks for rubbish (to be taken home afterwards)

**No penknives or other knives (except kitchen knives) or electronic equipment such as, Mobile Phones, Hand-held electronic games, are to be brought to this camp.**

All Scouts will be expected to carry their own and team equipment for at least ½ mile; no adults will be permitted past the check-in. Please pack accordingly.

\* The team will be marked on having a cooked two course evening meal (main course & sweet) on the Saturday and a hot breakfast on the Sunday. Both meals should include a hot drink. Scouts should know how to use the cooker and cook their intended meal.

\*\*Leaders, please ensure your Scouts are practised in the pitching of the tentage provided and that the tent has the correct number of poles and pegs.

\*\*\*Safety: Scouts should know the correct use and safety precautions for the stove they are using.

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Event Name	GoldBitz 2024	Event Date	6 <sup>th</sup> / 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2024
<b>Personal Information</b>		<b>Medical</b>	
Surname		Is Scout up to date with childhood immunisations?	
First Names		Doctor's Name	
Date of Birth		Doctor's Practice	
Home Address		Has your child been in contact with any infectious diseases in the last three months?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Postcode		If yes please give details:	
<b>In the event of an emergency during the event contact details</b>			
Contact name			
Relationship		Is your child receiving any medical treatment at the moment?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Address			
		If yes please give details:	
Telephone number day			
Telephone number evening		Does your child have any specific dietary requirements?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Contact name			
Relationship		If yes please give details:	
Address			
		Does your child have any allergies?	
Telephone number day		If yes please give details:	
Telephone number evening			
<b>Emergency Permission</b>			
By ticking this box I authorise any leader to give permission to the doctor to undertake whatever treatment is considered necessary for my child. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Signed:			
Date:			
<p>Note: The medical profession takes the view that the parent's consent to medical treatment cannot be delegated. This view is explicit in the Children Act 1989. Thus medical consent forms have no legal status and a doctor/nurse insisting on the consent of a parent to a particular treatment has the right to do so. For this reason, we do not recommend that Leaders insist on parents signing the statement above. However, it can be a comfort to medical staff to have general consent in advance from parents or to have a Leader on hand able to sign forms required by medical authorities.</p>			
<p>All activities will be run in accordance with The Scout Association's safety rules. No responsibility for the personal equipment/clothing and effects can be accepted by the trip organisers and The Scout Association does not provide automatic insurance cover in respect to such items. I understand that the Trip Leader reserves the right to send any participants home if necessary</p>			
By ticking this box I give permission for my child to attend this event <input type="checkbox"/>			
Signed:		Date	
Photos will be taken at this event and used for Scouting purposes.			