

# Kenya Expedition 2026 Frequently Asked Questions

*These are based on testing the info on some leaders, explorers and parents*

## Fundraising/finance

### How does the fundraising work?

Everyone is fundraising for their own personal target, but we'll be working together as much as we possibly can. Every individual attending is responsible for their personal share of the expedition's overall budget, including the leader team.

### When should we pay fundraising money in?

Please pay in any funds you raise as soon as you can with a reference of the young person's name and "KENYA" – so "DANKENYA" for example. We will be careful to attribute your funds to you in our accounting, it is essential that you don't hang on to money raised because all of the expenditure for the expedition is coming out of the Hatters bank account. Not paying money raised in promptly can result in the unit being unable to make payments and put the whole expedition at risk.

### What happens if someone has big fundraising plans is behind when a payment is due?

If we take the March 2025 target as an example:

		Fundraising Target for the end of each payment period	Maximum Payments Due	Running Payments Total	Total amount per person
Deposit	Oct-24	£0.00	£150.00	£150	£150
	Mar-25	£250.00	£250.00	£400	£650

Person x has raised £60, the target for the end of March 2025 is a minimum of £250 and £500 if they don't want to pay anything towards the expedition and raise it all.

At the beginning of March, I (Dan) will send an email saying "just to let you know, you've raised £60 so far and this is where you should be. Are you planning to increase the fundraising? Is there a big event you're doing that will raise you a lot further down the line?"

I'll explain all the options and whatever they say will be logged.

So, Person x might say, yes, I know I am only on £60 at the moment but my mum has organised this and that, I don't want to pay more than about £800 towards this and raise the rest. I was thinking of doing y at Christmas and think I can raise £xxxx. If they do, I'll reply and say "okay, that's fine, but I will keep checking in on you to make sure your plans don't change, and you fall a long way behind. In June I'll send a follow up to see how everything is going.

It isn't going to be militant; it is just a way of getting everyone to take responsibility for their share. I'll be sending those emails at the start of the month and payments due at the end of it so



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we can talk through things before the payment deadline. I won't be saying "it's March, you're not raising above and beyond the minimum, pay £250 now". It will never be like that.

**What happens if someone can raise half the amount or just over as required but doesn't have time to attend more fundraising events, do anymore and the family cannot afford instalments of the remaining £1,500?**

There is money available that we can apply for to help individuals towards. We would urge anyone who does qualify for any grants we can request to help us in doing that so we can reduce the amount. That doesn't mean that you must stop fundraising because the more we all raise the better. If people are trying hard to raise as much as they can within their means and making reasonable adjustments for those who need it, your place on this expedition is safe.

Everyone needs to take ownership of their share and be accountable, but we recognise that everyone's circumstances are different, and we will be sympathetic to that.

**What happens to funds raised at a group event?**

If it is a ticketed event like a unit quiz night then tickets you sell (after costs) for the event will be attributed to your total and those who volunteer to run the event with us will receive a share of the surplus made on the night through means other than personal tickets sales (bar sales, raffles, ticket sales not attributed to an individual. We'll be really clear with the events that we organise, so you know what you're doing and how it is going towards your target.

If the event is something like a bag packing where we are receiving money from the general public, then the money taken will simply be attributed fairly to everyone who supported based the event.

**What happens to the money raised that can't be attributed to individuals like a grant to the unit/expedition, a corporate donation etc?**

The leader team - and hopefully everyone else - will be seeking to take advantage of any donation, grant or sponsorship we can and a lot of this won't be attributable to individuals. Ultimately, this money is for all of us.

We will keep you all completely up to date of 1) how much you've raised 2) how much has been raised that can't go towards individuals and 3) the total amount we have raised and total amount paid so that you can see the overall picture.

**Will I be able to fit in all of this fundraising when I have exams and how much will I be expected to do/attend?**

There will always be things that come before scouts - be that a Monday night meeting, a camp or a fundraising event. Nobody has to be at every event we organise; some of you may choose to use alternative methods of raising money to group events (your own sponsored event, making and selling items to friends and family and all the other ideas in our shared google drive), some of you may choose not to raise anything above the minimum we've set.

Even if you want to raise the whole amount and not pay anything towards the trip – you will want to factor in your exams to your fundraising plan; that could mean attending lots of events and working really hard on your own fundraising in quiet times so that when your school world is really intense you can take a back seat with unit fundraising.

I have to tell you – in 2011, 2014, 2018, 2023, and 2024 - it was often the well organised explorers who performed well at school that fundraised the most, revised the most and found the most time for enjoying themselves outside of this. It tends to be procrastinating that hinders everything...

We expect you to be present and willing to help **when you can**. You're not expected to be at everything and put this before school. But you will probably have to make sacrifices over the next two years and that's because this is an amazing opportunity, and they tend to come with sacrifice.

## What you need for the Expedition

### Vaccinations

There are some advised vaccinations and others that are entirely down to you. We cannot advise on comprehensively on this and it is against Scout policy for us to do so. You should consult your GP/travel nurse and if you choose to, a travel clinic or similar. We're not medically trained, and we don't have your medical history. You may wish to check the information yourselves here [Kenya - Fit for Travel](#).

### Visas

We will be paying the cost of visas as part of the overall cost of the expedition but will require your assistance. This won't be covered in detail until further down the line.

### Weather

Around 10 at night, around 25 in the day. Dry.

### Kit

We're going to spend a lot more time in this next year in presentations and training days, but I know that some of you will be thinking about it.

You **don't need to go and spend loads of money on stuff**, you might not have to go out and spend money on anything specific if you don't want to!

Bags – my advice is always that if you're going to spend on something, make it this but don't just buy a bag for the expedition, think about what else you want to do. Do you want to do your DofE Gold? If you do, you need a big rucksack for that so get one for this and that. If you don't ever intend to walk for days and days with a bag on your back then maybe a large rucksack isn't the option for you – there are large duffel bags, holdalls with backstraps and wheels and all sorts of options. Talk to us individually!

Clothing – we'll talk about it nearer the time. Loose, light, covering the body comfortably.

Sleeping bags – we're camping in weather that drops to around 10C, so a thin summer sleeping bag on its own won't cut it but we can talk through options like liners and mats to keep you warmer without spending loads on a new sleeping bag.

### **Spending Money**

We're going to talk to you about suggested amounts nearer the time. The likely advice will be to take some US\$ and we will find somewhere to change up both US\$ and £ into Kenyan Shillings. Nobody will miss out on any part of the trip due to a lack of spending money – we never let that happen. I've lent or given money out on trips, and we can use some unit funds where necessary, but you will all want something to buy the odd drink/snack/souvenir etc.

### **Political Stability, travel safety**

We will continually review the information that you can find here - [Kenya travel advice - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk).

### **Patrols**

Don't worry about this... we always work ridiculously hard to ensure that you are at least with one or two good friends in a patrol because we recognise the importance of this. You will also be split carefully to make sure that we have well balanced patrols that will look after some of the younger/more vulnerable on the expedition and ensure that everyone is comfortable and happy. Each patrol will be paired with a member of the leader team so there will be not just an experienced patrol leader but also a member of the team working together.

Patrols are for your safety and wellbeing. We will use patrols primarily for ensuring that everyone is well looked after and for control when we are travelling and in busy areas. It is impossible for me to keep an eye on everyone but it is very possible for a patrol leader to keep an eye on their whole patrol and keep the leader team informed. There will be a lot more on this over the next two years.