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The Annington Challenge

The Annington Trust has joined forces with The Outward Bound Trust to launch an exciting new initiative for children of Armed Forces personnel living in Service communities.

The Annington Challenge gives up to 30 young people aged between 14 and 18 years old the chance to take part in an 8-day Outward Bound® Serious Adventure course at one of The Outward Bound Trust's inspiring locations in the Lake District, Snowdonia or the Scottish Highlands. The course is not only an amazing opportunity to discover spectacular new places with new friends, it's also a great way to develop a host of new skills whilst experiencing real challenge and adventure.

Background

The Annington Trust was set up in 1996, at the time of the purchase of the Married Quarters Estate by Annington Homes. The Trust is committed to enriching the lives of families living in Service communities by supporting a range of community projects.

Annington's Trustees, who include former military personnel and the respective chairman of each Services' Families Federation, are eager to develop projects and activities that make life better for young people living in service accommodation, for whom the cost of an opportunity such as this would ordinarily be beyond their means.

To have the chance to take part in the Annington Challenge, young people should demonstrate a real motivation to participate and evidence of self-help and fundraising activities. These activities should be detailed in the application form overleaf – remember, the more information you provide, the more likely you are to succeed!

The Annington Challenge also requests the support of key personnel working with young people across the UK's Service communities to help identify applicants for this opportunity, and to set out the terms and conditions of the initiative.

Funding

The Annington Trust will meet the costs of the course but requires a small personal contribution of £50 from the applicant to be raised through fundraising activities.

Please note applicants are responsible for their own transport arrangements to and from the centre.

Outward Bound Serious Adventure course

The Outward Bound Serious Adventure course dates and locations open to Annington Challenge applicants are detailed in Annex A.

Running Saturday to Saturday, the course offers participants the chance to take part in a wide range of adventurous and challenging activities, including climbing, kayaking and gorge walking in a real wilderness environment. Participants need not have any previous experience of outdoor adventure.

We recommend that applicants take the time to read the fact sheet provided in Annex C, to ensure that they are aware of the requirements and commitments of the Serious Adventure course. Further information on The Outward Bound Trust is also available at outwardbound.org.uk.

Selection Criteria

There are a number of criteria for the selection of suitable candidates, to ensure the spirit of the Annington Challenge is fulfilled. Applicants should:

- Be children whose parent(s) are serving in any of the Armed Forces and who live in Services Communities
 - Be between 14 years and 18 years at the start date of the course
 - Be prepared to write a short report on their experiences
 - Complete a short questionnaire demonstrating why they want to take part in the Annington Challenge and how they will benefit from it.
 - Provide contact details of a suitable adult referee such as a Community Development Worker, teacher, parent/guardian or Commanding Officer.
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Application Process

Application forms are included in Annex B and should be completed online, sent by post or emailed to Haidee Trowsdale at The Annington Trust by **28 February 2012**.

Haidee Trowsdale
The Annington Trust
1 James Street
London
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Email: information@anningtontrust.org

Selection Process

A shortlist of the strongest candidates will be drawn up by Trustees of The Annington Trust following the deadline on 28 February 2012. The applicant's personal statement and the referee's recommendation will be important factors in this process.

The final selection of 2012 Annington Challenge participants will be chosen by the Annington Trust's Chairman, Air Vice Marshal Sandy Hunter and James Hopkins, Trustee and Chief Executive of Annington.

Successful applicants will be informed before the end of March whether or not they have been awarded a course place or nominated as a reserve. **Those allocated a course place will be required to pay their personal contribution of £50 by 30 April 2012 to confirm their**

acceptance of the course place.

Travel, Clothing and Equipment

Participants are responsible for their travel arrangements to and from the centre. However, The Outward Bound Trust can provide a coach transfer service, which can meet or drop participants at our designated meeting points. Further details will be provided for successful applicants.

All specialist clothing and equipment will be supplied by The Outward Bound Trust. A welcome pack with a full set of course joining instructions will be issued by The Outward Bound Trust by May 2012, which will include a course kit list. A kit list can also be downloaded here: <http://www.outwardbound.org.uk/images/pdf/individuals/kit-list.pdf>

Important information

Applicants should be certain that they are able to attend the course applied for. If the applicant has to withdraw for any reason, The Annington Trust **must be informed immediately** so that a reserve applicant may be given the place.

Summary

The Annington Challenge, supported by The Annington Trust, represents a superb opportunity for young people. Those who receive this prestigious award will benefit from a worthwhile and life-changing experience.

Annexes

- A. Dates and location of courses
- B. Application form
- C. Serious Adventure course fact sheet

Annex A



The Outward Bound Trust 2012 Individual participants dates

Serious Adventure (14-18yrs)

Are you ready for some serious adventure? If you're looking to discover amazing new places with new friends and equip yourself with some new outdoor skills, then this is the course for you. Climb rocks, navigate through the hills, scramble up gorges, paddle along the shore, down breathtaking lochs or up the UK's second largest lake, before finally building up to a full-on two night expedition at the end of the week. You'll also be challenged in ways you never expected and develop a new perspective on things like team work, and as a result, be ready for anything!

This week also qualifies you for the gold level residential section of the DofE award.

**Read the Serious Adventure
information sheet @ outwardbound.org.uk**

Age	30 Jun 12	07 Jul 12	14 Jul 12	21 Jul 12	28 Jul 12	04 Aug 12	11 Aug 12	18 Aug 12
14-15		Loch Eil	Loch Eil Aberdovey	Loch Eil Aberdovey	Ullswater Aberdovey	Loch Eil Aberdovey	Aberdovey	Aberdovey
15-18	Loch Eil	Loch Eil	Loch Eil Ullswater Aberdovey	Loch Eil Aberdovey	Aberdovey	Loch Eil Aberdovey	Ullswater	Ullswater Aberdovey
	These are all 8-day programmes running Sat-Sat.							

Annex B:

Application for the Annington Challenge 2012

Personal details			
Title	Forename(s)	Surname	M <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/>
DOB	Military base		
Home address		Mobile number	
Post code		Email	
Course details			
First choice	Dates Age group	Course	Location
Second choice	Dates Age group	Course	Location
Personal history			
Why do you want to take part in an Outward Bound course and why will you benefit? (Minimum 75 words)			
What are your interests and achievements?			
What are your aspirations for the future?			
For online applications, please confirm you have parent/guardian consent and provide their contact details, name and address.			
For hard copy applications please sign below			
Signed _____ (Applicant signature)			
Signed _____ (Parent/Guardian signature)			

Recommendation

Please provide details of a referee who may be contacted to provide a reference for you. (This could be your Community Development Worker, Teacher, Parent/Guardian or Commanding Officer, or similar adult referee.)

Name:

Relationship to applicant/ Title:

Telephone number:

Email address:

For hard copy applications please sign below

Signed _____ Signature of referee:

All applications must be endorsed by a referee whose details are provided on the application form.

The completed application form should be sent on-line, by post or e-mail before **28th February 2012** to:

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