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Countdown:

After our final meeting we now have less than 2 weeks before the main party will be in Zambia for our IX09 expedition so once again can I please ask all members to reply to any requests by return as we have dead lines to meet. We are still waiting for some members to reply with information that is well over due.

The Project:

The project site is now up to slab level in preparation for our arrival. The local community have been working very hard, at our request, to complete this required task so that we stand a chance of completing the classrooms during our visit.

Training Weekend(s):

We have now completed our last main training weekend and the next time members practice their skills will be on the actual classrooms at Kapisha.

Tentage:

Do not forget to pack your tentage or otherwise you will be sleeping under the stars. At the last training weekend several members discovered that they were short of tent pegs. If this is the case please make sure that these have been replaced before travelling to Zambia.



Home Contact:

I am still waiting for several Home Contact forms to be returned to me. When completing the form it is important to state the dates when your Home Contact will be at the address given. In case of emergency while we are in Zambia all transactions between the UK and the party will be via the home contact. The contact details for the Home contacts are:-

Information removed by the Web Team, full details can be found in Team Members Information section of the website

Visas:

I hope that you have all now applied for your visa if not it must be done **NOW**. Currently they are taking about a week to be processed but please do not leave your application too late. **You are reminded that I require the visa number as soon as you have the details so that I can arrange for the party to be fast traced through immigration in Lusaka**

Addresses in Zambia

For luggage label

c/o Zambia Scout Association
2653 Lubu Road,
P O Box 31278, Longacres,
Lusaka 10101, Zambia

For letters

IX09 expedition,
Shiwa Safaris – Kapishya Lodge,
P O Box 1, Shiwa Ngandu,
Mpika, Zambia

Please note that it is not known how long the postal service takes to get to Kapishya.

Photographs:

Once again there are still several members who have not sent copies of four passport photos. These will greatly help in the event of having to obtain a replacement passport if the original is lost. There may be other occasions when a photo is required.

Pick up Points:

There will be two pick up for the coach transporting members to London Heathrow on Friday 17th July 2009. There are:-

Fulwell Methodist Church at 08.00 and
Showcase Cinema, Teesside Park, Stockton at 09.30



We are assuming that all members from Durham and Northumberland will be picked up at Fulwell and the Cleveland members at Teesside Park. If this is not the case please let Barbara know before 15th July 2009. Please do not be late as we have to be at Heathrow in plenty of time for our check in.

Publicity:

The main party is almost certainly being met at the airport in Lusaka by Zambia Scouts and it is important that all members arrive in Lusaka wearing full complete uniform which includes navy trousers for all and a belt for the Scouts. It is also likely that young members will be interviewed by television and radio crews

Medical:

Several members have indicated that they will be taking medication while in Zambia but they have not supplied details of this medication to Doreen as requested. If you have not been in touch with Doreen please let her know your details as soon as possible. As mentioned in the last newsletter if you are taking a prescription drug Doreen will keep a three day supply for you as long as it is given to her in a clearly marked container. This supply can then be used in an emergency until a further supply can be located and obtained.

If you have any questions, or queries, on any medical problems please contact Doreen direct, medical@ix09.co.uk



Malaria Tablets:

It is important that you take your malaria tablets as prescribe and to help members remember to take them it has been suggested that we all take our pills in the morning. As already stated it is also suggested that if you are taking a weekly pill this is better not taken on a Friday or Saturday as we shall be travelling on those days.

Pocket Money:

We shall be running a Camp bank while in Zambia. If you would like to use this facility, Barbara or Jean will collect your money (Sterling or US\$) after arrival in Zambia.

Doug Corbin, Expedition Leader

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