



Bramshill Scout District – Ypres Battlefield Trip

Wednesday 30th October to Sunday 3rd November 2024



Dear Parents, Explorers, Scouts, and Leaders,

In October 2024 we have organised a Bramshill District Trip to visit the First World War Battlefields at Ypres in Belgium and Vimy in France.

We would like to offer Scouts, Explorers, and Leaders the opportunity to take part in this 5-day trip. We would also like to offer Cubs, who will be Scouts by the 1st October 2024, the opportunity to join us.

In addition to Scout Leaders, we shall have with us have a First World War battlefield guide to help our young people learn as much as possible whilst we are on the tour.

This is a truly inspiring educational opportunity for our young people.

We will travel by coach from Yateley to Ypres on Wednesday 30th October and return on Sunday 3rd November. We are going to stay at the Poppies Hostel in Ypres -

<https://www.meningate.eu/accommodations/poppies-1-2-ypres>

Our trip will include visits to the Passchendaele Museum and trench system, Tyne Cot Military Cemetery, the German Military Cemetery of Langemark and the Commonwealth Cemetery at Vimy Ridge along with the associated visitor centre.

We will also make some visits to the graves of fellow Scouts who fell in the Great War.

Time will be available to explore the town of Ypres and we will be spending a day meeting up with Scouts from Ypres.

We will also be paying our respects at the Last Post Ceremony at Menin Gate where we will join the ceremony with our flags as honour guards on our first evening in Ypres.

On the return trip we will visit the town of Poperinge, an important staging post and rest area in WWI.

We will explore the town and its association with the men who were 'shot at dawn'.

The cost of the visit will be around £450, though exact price will depend upon the number in our party.

The cost includes all travel, insurance, entrance fees, accommodation and meals. We will also provide an embroidered international scarf and Union Flag badge.

We anticipate taking 45-50 people. We still have places available so could you please let us know if you would be interested in joining the trip?

A simple 'YES' and what Group/Section you are with would be great.

Please email reply's to – skip@3rdbramshill.org

We have arrangements in place for you to pay in instalments through the year or if you prefer to pay the £450 in one go.

Please email if you have any questions – skip@3rdbramshill.org

Best regards,

Paul Ruddick.

Assistant District Commissioner

Bramshill Scout District