

**Maze Presbyterian Church**  
**Duke of Edinburgh Open Award**  
**Gold Schedule 2025 / 2026**

Below is the schedule of activities for participants undertaking the Gold Duke of Edinburgh level at Maze Presbyterian Church. It is important that participants attend the activities identified below so they are adequately prepared to undertake the final unaccompanied expedition.

Training nights will run from 7:30-9:00pm each evening. For day walks, we typically meet at Maze Presbyterian Church at 8:30am and typically aim to be back at the Church around 4:30pm. There is also a night navigation planned where we will leave the Church around 4:00pm, returning around 11:00pm. The Gold Practice Expedition will commence around tea-time on the Friday evening (10 April 2026) and finish on the Sunday afternoon. The Gold Qualifying Expedition will commence just after lunch time on Thursday 20 August 2026, when we will travel to Wicklow, returning on the following Monday evening.

Date	Activity	Topic
15 November 2025	Day Walk	Basic Navigation
24 November 2025	Training Night	Practice Expedition Route Cards
29 November 2025	Day Walk	Advanced Navigation
6 December 2026	Night Navigation	Poor Weather Navigation
10 January 2026	Night Navigation	Poor Weather Navigation (Backup)
7 March 2026	Day Walk	Navigation Refresher
2 March 2026	Training Night	Qualifying Expedition Route Cards
9 March 2026	Training Night	First Aid
30 March 2026	Training Night	Pre-Expedition Check
10-12 April 2026	Expedition	Practice Expedition
17 August 2026	Training Night	Pre-Expedition Check
20-24 August 2026	Expedition	Qualifying Expedition
31 August 2026	Expedition Aim	Finalising Presentation

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