

Intergalactic Brownie Blast Off!

Frequently asked questions

Who is the event for?

This event is for Brownies and their in ratio leaders

When is the event?

Sunday 1 March 2026

What is included?

- A badge –will be given out on the day of the event.
- All onsite activities provided by The Space Centre.

What are the timings of the event?

Arrival will be at 9 am and departure will be 5pm

Where is the venue located?

National Space Centre, Exploration Drive, Leicester, LE4 5NS

What activities are on offer for girls?

All attendees will be allocated into groups and will have a full programme of activities which are being provided by The Space Centre in conjunction with the UK Space Agency. The programme has been shared with you along with this FAQ sheet.

What do we wear for the event?

All members of Girlguiding should be in guiding wear with weather appropriate clothing for moving between the different parts of the site. All groups will be given a coloured wristband on arrival to identify which group they are in but we strongly suggest that leaders ensure that all members of their group have something that identifies them to their unit too e.g. another wristband or similar and that all items of clothing and bags are named with both the child's name and unit name.

Do members over the age of 18 need a DBS check?

All members over the age of 18 attending the event in a leadership capacity must have gone through Girlguiding's recruitment checks and have a corresponding role on GO.

Do we need to bring a first aid kit?

The venue provides first aid trained staff and has first aid points throughout the centre, however Leaders are requested to bring a small first aid kit for their group and should be the first point of access for minor first-aid for any more significant first aid needs please contact one of the event team or a member of staff.

Is the event 'exclusive use'?

No, other members of the public will be visiting, so please include this in your risk assessments.

Is food provided at the event?

Food is not provided at this event so please ensure all those attending bring a packed lunch and drink. There will be luggage cages available on arrival to store any bags your girls bring so they are free to move around, these bags will be taken to the lunch area. Please ensure any essential items, such as inhalers, epi-pens etc are removed from their bags before loading on to the cages, as you will not be able to access them until lunch time.

Where can we eat lunch?

On arrival you will be given your groups lunchtime slot and location. We request that you stick to the lunchtime slot you have been given and depart within the time frame given, so we can accommodate everyone safely and comfortably.

Will there be hot drinks available for leaders?

Yes! The Space Centre will provide an area for this for **leaders** only, so please bring a travel mug, as cups will not be provided.

Is there a gift shop/ will girls need pocket money?

There is a small gift shop on site.. If your girls did want to bring any money, we would recommend that you ask parents to send their daughters with a sensible amount of money in a named purse (with your unit name too). You will also be given a time slot to visit the shop if you wish.

Can you meet additional needs?

Click the link to find more information [on the website](#).

If there are any needs not covered on the website, contact Girlguiding Midlands region office to discuss specific needs before booking.

Will there be any photos?

Photographers from Girlguiding Midlands, Girlguiding HQ, The Space Centre and UK Space Agency will be present so if you have any girls without photo permissions please let us know on check in and we will give you a sticker to make this as clear as possible but also note this is a large scale events and also open to the public so please be vigilant for your own group. Please ensure you know you have photo permissions (or not) before arriving at the venue. If you are happy for images of your unit to be shared by The Space Centre and/or UK Space Agency then all Brownie parents will need to complete the photo permission form sent with booking confirmation.

What if we are arriving by coach or minibus?

You **MUST** advise us of this before arrival so we can ensure there is space to park the coach/minibus.

What if a parent/guardian is dropping their children off?

Anyone dropping off must enter the car park and drop off at the dropping off point (you will need to let them know where to meet you). You should note the car park will be VERY busy so please keep safety in mind and advise anyone dropping off to be vigilant.

Where can we park, will there be a charge and directions?

There is both car and coach parking at the Space Centre. Parking is free for our groups and you have been sent a parking pass with these FAQs. This must be printed in advance and displayed in your car window. All parking is subject to availability.

<https://www.spacecentre.co.uk/plan/how-to-find-us/>

Is there any public transport to the venue?

Bus and approx. 15 minute walk

First Bus 54 – runs every 10 mins throughout the day Monday to Saturday and every 20 mins on Sunday running from 09:30.

Skylink Derby – runs every 20 minutes along Abbey Lane | runs 24/7 Both buses drop off and pick up close to the Centre (ask the driver to notify you where to alight).

Train and approx. 15 minute walk

East Midland Trains and Cross Country Trains serve Leicester Station. From here you can take a bus to the National Space Centre.

First bus 54 runs every 10 minutes Monday to Saturday and every 20 minutes on Sunday from Charles Street, a short walk from the station

What about a risk assessment?

We have received a risk assessment from the venue which will be sent to units successful in the ballot, please include this in your own groups Risk Assessment.

If you have any other questions, please contact the Girlguiding Midlands office on 01530 412 703, or midlands.headoffice@girlguiding-midlands.org.uk