



FAQs

Try, Inspire, Qualify #2

We hope that you will join us for a weekend of fun at Blackwell Court for this volunteer event. If, after reading this, you still have a question, please contact Girlguiding Midlands: midlands.headoffice@girlguiding-midlands.org.uk

What is Try, Inspire, Qualify?

Try, Inspire, Qualify is a one stop shop for everything outdoors – try new things, be inspired yourself with ideas to try in your units and support your programme. Gain experience/ find out information about outdoor qualifications. Join us for a weekend of skills and fun with friends outdoors! There is also the option to join us for the day.

What date is the event?

Friday 16 to Sunday 18 October 2026.

Where will it be held?

Blackwell Court, Agmore Road, Bromsgrove B60 1PX

What time can we arrive?

Weekend participants can arrive from 6.30 pm on Friday and the event will finish at 3.00pm on Sunday. For day participants, please plan to arrive for 9.00am, the day will finish at 5.00pm on Saturday and 3.00pm on Sunday.

How much does it cost?

Full weekend with indoor accommodation – £130 which includes a 2-night stay, food and a choice of Try, Inspire and Qualify sessions/activities (this will include up to 2 adventurous activities e.g. abseiling, archery, pioneering). Saturday – £35 which includes a choice of Try, Inspire and Qualify sessions/activities (this will include 1 adventurous activity e.g. abseiling, archery, pioneering). Sunday – £35 which includes a choice of Try, Inspire and Qualify sessions/activities (this will include 1 adventurous activity e.g. abseiling, archery, pioneering). Free parking is available on site and all participants will receive an event badge.

Finance shouldn't be a barrier to attending and improving your skills and undertaking training is a legitimate unit expense. Your county may also have grants available to support you to attend or you could apply to the Midlands Region 'Making a difference fund'. Please contact your local commissioner for further support.

Who can take part in Try, Inspire, Qualify?

Any adult (18+) member of Girlguiding Midlands who would like to gain confidence in the outdoors, try new things, improve their skills and have fun in a friendly and inclusive environment. This event is for everyone whether you are new to the outdoors or already have outdoor experiences with your unit, or fancy doing something for yourself with friends.

How can I book?

Before booking, please ensure that you read the Girlguiding Midlands booking policy, also on our website. Like all our events, you book via our website event page. There will be a link that will take you to a booking form to complete. When booking, it would be helpful to know whether you have any additional needs that we should be advised of at this stage, in order to make the event as accessible as possible.

What happens after I send in my booking form?

Girlguiding Midlands will process forms and payments on a first come, first served basis. Places are limited.

Within 14 days of receipt of your booking you will be sent an email to confirm your booking, this email will also explain how you need to make your payment and any other details that may be needed e.g. dietary requirements and further information about any additional needs.

Please note, it is your responsibility to make payment on time. Late payments may result in your booking being released.

Can I book and pay online?

We are unable to take payments over the phone; we prefer bank transfers where possible, though we can accept a cheque if needed. Details will be in your confirmation email.

What if I've booked a place and I am unable to attend?

We will maintain a waiting list and make every effort to help you find someone to take your place, however payments are non-refundable.

What type of accommodation will there be?

We will be staying in the Manor House Indoor accommodation, sleeping is in dormitory type accommodation with bunkbeds in shared rooms. Upon booking you will be asked if there is anyone you wish to share a room with. We will do our best to accommodate requests, but we can't make guarantees. Please bring your own bedding, including a sleeping bag or duvet, pillow and pillowcase and a blanket if required.

What about food?

If you are staying for the full weekend, this event is fully catered, and you will be asked to let us know about any dietary requirements when you book.

Day participants, please bring a packed lunch and any snacks you may need, drinks will be available during the day.

What activities can I take part in?

Nearer the time we will ask you to select your choices for the event activities, in the meantime here's a flavour of some of the options on offer.

Try – try out some adventurous activities for yourself. Potential activities may include abseiling, archery, caving simulator, fencing, tomahawks, zipwire, low ropes, pioneering and pedal cars (up to a maximum of 2 adventurous activities included in the weekend price and 1 in the day price).

Inspire – be inspired by learning new skills and gain the confidence to have a go.

Examples include:

- Fire lighting and backwoods cooking
- Beginners whittling, useful things to make with paracord, pyrography, and lots of other crafty ideas
- A taste of orienteering and trails – create similar activities for your unit
- Knots and what to do with them!
- Linking activities to the programme, for all sections
- Love a campfire? Learn how to lead one, sing old favourites and some new songs too, then bring it all together at our Saturday evening campfire!
- Plan an exciting residential event programme, take away ideas for your own event

Qualify – learn more about what's available and what you need to do to gain outdoor qualifications. There will be information available and the opportunity to take part in some taster sessions

What should I wear?

Please remember that this is an outdoor event, and some activities and workshops will take place outside regardless of the weather. Please bring waterproofs, layers to keep you comfortable whether outdoors or inside, hats, gloves etc. Outdoor trainers or walking shoes are recommended as some activities will be adventurous. You may also want to bring your own water bottle and insulated mug and a small day sack to use during the day. For those staying overnight, you will also need bedding, pillow, sleeping bag, towels and may also wish to bring some indoor shoes/slippers for the accommodation areas.

Will there be a first aid point on site?

An experienced first aider will be on site throughout. Although this is an adult event, we will ask all participants to please complete a health form nearer the time and to bring this with you in a sealed envelope in case of emergencies.

How will I receive more detailed information or updates?

Our FAQs will be updated from time to time as we receive further questions/feedback. Please check to make sure you are reading the latest version (indicated by the version number in the document footer). Joining instructions will be sent prior to the event and any urgent updates will be forwarded to you by email

We are looking forward to welcoming you at Try, Inspire, Qualify!