

Girlguiding Midlands



What is the nights away challenge?

We want everyone to experience the fun of a Girlguiding residential event. Every time you spend a night away on a Girlguiding event you can count it towards your total and earn yourself a badge. There are badges for 1, 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75, 100, 125, 150, 175, 200, 250, 300, 350, 400, 450 and 500 nights away.

Who can take part?

All members of Girlguiding Midlands - this includes Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Rangers, young leaders, adult volunteers and members of the Trefoil Guild.

Who can sign my record card?

For members under 18, the Leader at the residential event can sign to confirm the number of nights at that particular event. For adult volunteers, another adult volunteer can sign.

Do nights away count if they are part of the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme?

Yes, but only if you are registered as a Duke of Edinburgh Award candidate through Girlguiding and you are mentored by your leader or county D of E adviser. You will be attending your Duke of Edinburgh expedition nights as a member of Girlguiding so your nights away count! However, if you are registered as a candidate through your school or another organisation, and you are completing your scheme through them, then the nights away do not count.

How do I order my badge(s)?

Leaders can order badges on our website.

How do I record my nights away?

By completing the nights away record card.



What counts as a night away?

One night (or more) spent on a recognised guiding event. This could include: sleepovers, holidays, camps, boating holidays, bivouacs, international trips, youth hostelling and expeditions.

Where can the badge be worn?

Girls can wear the badge as part of their uniform; when they reach the next Nights Away Badge they remove the old one and replace with their newly issued one. Past badges can be sewn onto their camp blankets or alternatively badges can be sewn directly onto camp blankets.

Can it be backdated?

The challenge can be backdated to the commencement date of 1 January 2011.

If I've already passed a certain Nights Away Badge, can I order that too?

Yes you can order all your back nights away badges if you want to, from 1 night up to your current number.

After I gain a badge, do my nights away reset to zero?

No, your nights away accumulate. Your record card will move with you when you change sections (e.g. move from Rainbows to Brownies) or units.