



North Yorkshire West Nights Away FAQ's

The North Yorkshire West Nights Away Scheme has been proposed to encourage members to experience going away within Guiding. You can celebrate going away with Girlguiding by gaining the appropriate Nights Away cloth badge!

Who can take part on the 'Nights Away Scheme'?

All members of Girlguiding North Yorkshire West, this includes Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Senior Section, Adults and Trefoil Guild.

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, Duke of Edinburgh Expeditions/Explorations, Service crew weekends... in fact, anything that is approved in the Guiding Manual.

How do I record my Nights Away?

Every time you spend a night or more away, record it on your card and get it verified and signed by a Leader. This can be downloaded in PDF format through our website so you can get started straight away or a printed record card can be obtained through the Outdoor Activities Adviser or the Camp & Holiday Adviser.

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 over 18's, another member of staff can sign.

Can I backdate my Nights away?

Nights Away can be backdated to 1 August 2015.

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. However you will have to pay for these extra badges yourselves at £1 each, as your unit will only issue you with your latest achieved badge.

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.

After I gain a badge, do my Nights Away reset to zero?

No, your Nights Away accumulate, so keep your record card up to date! Your record card will move with you when you change sections (e.g. move from Rainbows to Brownies) or units.

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 Guiding, and you are mentored by your Leader or County D of E Adviser. You will be attending your D of E expedition nights as a Senior Section member 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)?

Girls - once you have reached each number of nights away, show your record card to your unit leader and she will order you a badge.

Leaders - Send a completed Badge Order Form along with a cheque for £1 per cloth badge plus postage to The County Camp & Holiday Adviser - Nicola Busby, 5 Parkside View, Meanwood, Leeds, LS6 4NS