

Nights Away Badges

Introducing the new BGIFC Nights Away Badge designed to encourage all members to experience a residential event. It is open to all our members, from the newest Rainbow to the most mature adult member; you can celebrate going away with guiding by gaining the new cloth badge!

To take part, complete the Nights Away Record Card every time you go away for one night or more on a recognised guiding event. This could be a sleepover, camp, holiday, international trip etc. Once you have reached the requisite number of nights you can apply for the badge.

A cloth badge is available for 1,5,10,15,25,35, 50,75 and 100 nights. The badge can be worn on guiding wear or displayed elsewhere if preferred. There are different colours for each milestone.

Here are the examples.



How to participate.

Start collecting your 'Nights Away Badge' by filling in the Record Card downloaded from www.bgifc.org.uk

You can backdate your record from 1st January 2012.

When the requisite number of nights are reached the badges can be ordered from the BGIFC Office using the Nights Away Badge order form also available from the Office or from the Region website: www.bgifc.org.uk.

Please send the completed order form and you will be invoiced with the total plus postage and packaging.

To:
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Commonwealth Headquarters
17-19 Buckingham Palace Road
London SW1W 0PT
United Kingdom

To contact:
email: BGIFC@girlguiding.org.uk
Tel: 0207 834 6242 x 2154 (9 - 1 each day)
Fax: (0)207828 8317 (Direct)

Cheques should be made payable to "GirlguidingUK(BGIFC)".

When you reach 50, 75, 100, and more nights, you will also receive a congratulations certificate from the Region.

FAQs

Q Who can take part in collecting the Nights Away Badge?

A All members of BGIFC from Rainbows to Senior Section - and even adults and Trefoil Guild!

Q What counts as a Night Away?

A 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, but check the A-Z of activities if you are unsure!

Q How do I record my Night Away?

A By completing the Record Card. You can get copies of the card from:

Copies of the record card may be downloaded from the BGIFC website or sent to you by email.

Once obtained, the record card can be photocopied as many times as you wish to be used for everyone in your unit.

Q Can I backdate my Nights Away?

A Yes you can, they can be backdated from 1st January 2012 (sorry to all those with 30 years of residential experience.)

Q Who can sign my record card?

A For members under 18, the Leader at the residential event can sign to confirm the number of nights at that particular event. For over 18s, another member of the team can sign.

Q How do I order the badges?

A Once participants have reached the relevant number of nights you can order the badges by completing the Nights Away order form and sending it to the BGIFC Office - see above for details

Q Where can the badge be worn?

A The badge can be worn as part of guide wear, although only one at a time! One badge should be replaced by that of a higher number. The badges can then be displayed on camp blankets or other areas where badges are displayed. Each badge features different colour stitching so they look great together as a set. Unfortunately, adult members are limited to sewing them on camp blankets only.

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

A No, your nights 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.

Q Do Nights count if they are as part of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award?

A Yes, if you are registered as a Duke of Edinburgh's 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 and your Get Away Nights count! However, if you are registered as a candidate through your school or another organisation and complete the majority of the Award within that organisation then the nights will not count.