



## Get Away from Home Badge

Introducing the new Residential **Girlguiding North West England** Get Away Badge designed to encourage all members to experience a residential. 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 Get Away Badge!

To take part, complete the Get Away Badge 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 woven badge is available for 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 25, 35, 50, 75, 100, 150 and 200 nights away for display on camp badges or can be worn on the uniform or displayed elsewhere if preferred. There are different colours for each milestone.

Here are examples.



## How to participate

Start collecting your 'Get Away Badge' by filling in the Record Card available from Region Office, Guiding Road, Preston, PR2 5PD; tel: 01772 791 947; or email: [northwesthq@girlguidingnwe.org.uk](mailto:northwesthq@girlguidingnwe.org.uk). It's also available to download from the Region website: [www.girlguidingnwe.org.uk](http://www.girlguidingnwe.org.uk). You can backdate your record from 1st January 2008.

When the requisite number of nights are reached, the badges can be ordered from Region Office at the above address using the Get Away Badge order form also available from the Region Office or from the Region website: [www.girlguidingnwe.org.uk](http://www.girlguidingnwe.org.uk).

Woven badges are 60p each and can be purchased from our online shop here: <https://shop.girlguidingnwe.org.uk/products/get-away-badges-woven> or in store at the region shop in Preston.

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

## Order the badges now

- Please note that all the resources are available on the Region website: [www.girlguidingnwe.org.uk](http://www.girlguidingnwe.org.uk).

## FAQs

### *Q Who can take part in collecting the Get Away from Home Badge?*

A All members of Girlguiding North West England 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 that is approved in the Guiding Manual.

### *Q How do I record my Get away?*

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

- Copies of the record card may be downloaded from the Region 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 Get Away?*

A Yes you can, they can be backdated from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008 (sorry to all those with 30 years of residential experience.)

### *Q Who can sign my record card?*

A For members under 18, the Guider at the residential event can sign to confirm the number of nights at that particular event. For over 18s, another member of staff 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 heading to our region online store and searching for “get away” or following the link on page 1. Please do not send cash, cheques or stamps in payment. Whilst there is still a form for ordering badges, this will be discontinued from 1 January 2020.

### *Q Where can the badge be worn?*

A Either the pin or the cloth badge can be worn as part of uniform, although each night badge can be worn if desired. Cloth badges can be displayed on camp blankets or other areas where badges are displayed.

### *Q After I gain a badge, do my Get Away nights reset to zero?*

A No, your Get Away 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 Get Away 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 Guider 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 Get Away nights **will not** count.