



# Girlguiding North West England

*girls in the lead*

## 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 pin badge is available for 1, 5, 10, 15 and 25 nights and a cloth badge is also available for these nights as well as for 50, 75, 100, 150 and 200 nights for display on camp blankets. Either the pin or cloth badge can be worn on 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 North West Region Office, 1 Ribblesdale Place, Preston PR1 3NA; tel: 01772 823331; or email: [northwesthq@girlguiding.org.uk](mailto:northwesthq@girlguiding.org.uk). You can backdate your record from 1st January 2008. Aim to get your 100 badge in the Centenary year!

When the requisite number of nights are reached the badges can be ordered from North West Region Office at the above address using the Get Away Badge order form also available from the Region Office. Send the completed form and a cheque for 30p for each pin badge and/or 60p for each embroidered badge required, to North West Region Office. You will be sent your order with an invoice which will include the cost of postage. All invoices are payable within 28 days and all cheques should be made payable to "The Guide Association NWE". Please do not send cash or stamps in payment.

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 will eventually be available on the North West England website which is currently undergoing reconstruction. Watch out for news via your County regarding the re launch.

## 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 ordered from the North West Region Office to be sent to you via Royal Mail or they can electronically forward a copy to you.

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 completing the Get Away Badge order form and sending it to Girlguiding North West England, 1 Ribblesdale Place, Preston, PR1 3NA. Pin badges can be purchased at a cost of 30p per badge and 60p per badge for cloth ones. Your order will be sent to you along with an invoice for the badges, plus postage. All cheques for payment should be made payable to "The Guide Association NWE". Multiple orders for badges are preferred. Please do not send cash or stamps in payment.

If you require the 50, 75, 100, 150, and 200 nights Get Away Badge, please send the Get Away Record Card(s) to Girlguiding North West England who will send a congratulations certificate signed by the Region OAA for 50 and 75 nights and the Region Chief Commissioner for 100, 150 and 200 nights. Your record card will be returned to you.

### **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.