

## **HARPENDEN AND WHEATHAMPSTEAD DISTRICT SCOUTS NIGHTS AWAY GUIDANCE (Nights Away Permits)**

### **Nights Away Permits**

- There is no requirement to have attended a module 16 (Introduction to Residential Experiences) or module 38 (Skills for Residential Experiences) course.
- **However**, where training is required, Module 38 is the best way to gain the skills and knowledge of all Scouting requirements needed for a nights away permit. The District therefore strongly recommends completion of Module 38 for leaders with limited camping experience. [NB. Module 16 is just an introduction and does not cover any practical skills. If you complete Module 38, Module 16 can be validated as also completed.]
- If Module 38 has not been completed, in order to enable the Nights Away Advisers to be able to validate the eight core skill areas covered in the Assessment Checklist, it is expected that the applicant will have completed Module 16 and will have experience from at least five camps, including being a leader in charge of two scout camps of the type for which a permit is being sought (i.e Indoors, Campsite, Greenfield, Light Expedition).
- First permits issued for leaders with limited camping experience will be issued for one year only. First permits issued for others will be determined based upon the level of their camping experience.
- Applicants need (i) current DBS; (ii) current Safety Mandatory Ongoing Learning; and (iii) current Safeguarding Mandatory Ongoing Learning for a new permit to be issued. These should be kept up-to-date for the duration of the Nights Away Permit.
- A portfolio of scouting night's away experience will be required. The portfolio should show when the leader was in charge and when part of the team together with a brief description of what the leader was responsible for at each event.
- Depending on how much experience the leader has, a visit to a camp organised by the applicant may also be needed to validate the leader's experience.
- Requests for permits should be submitted initially to the relevant Assistant District Commissioner, but if not available one of the others may handle the request:
  - Beavers and Cubs to Elaine Brind [elaine.brind14@gmail.com](mailto:elaine.brind14@gmail.com)
  - Cubs, Scouts & Explorers to Liz Jack [lizjack00@hotmail.com](mailto:lizjack00@hotmail.com)
- Link to the relevant Factsheets and Application Forms:  
<http://members.scouts.org.uk/nightsawaypermits>

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