

opportunities

QGA RESIDENTIAL EXPERIENCE



The aim of the residential experience is to develop inter-personal and communication skills in a residential setting. This is an opportunity for you to go away from home, participate in a new experience, make new friends and learn about each other and work together as a team.

Which Residential?

The residential experience clause has no limits and provides unlimited opportunities. The basic requirements are that you take part in a residential event for a minimum of two nights and three days and attend an event where the majority of participants are unknown to you (this may sound daunting at first, however it is much easier than you think).

The event doesn't need to be organised by Girlguiding UK. This means that you could spend a weekend away with the National Trust or Scout Association, or perhaps even go abroad to Camp America.

You will need to find somebody who is willing to sign your Queen's Guide Record Book and monitor your progress throughout the event.

To find out what residential events are coming up, look at the Senior Section pages on the Girlguiding UK website or in *guiding* magazine. You can also speak to your County Queen's Guide Coordinator and look at websites belonging to other organisations you would like to get involved with.

What Have Other Queen's Guides Done Before?

There are many different experiences. Here are two:

Bev Loates attended an event run by Girlguiding Norfolk. It was held at Hautbois and was called 'Queens and Dukes' because it was especially for Queens's Guide and Duke of

Edinburgh candidates. She was able to take part in plenty of activities ranging from raft-building to logic puzzles to sheep herding.

Samantha Chater attended a British Army 'Look at Life' programme where she spent a week staying in army barracks and working with the Military Band of the Dragoon Guards. By the end of the week she was able to play in concert with the Band, whose members have since kept in contact with her.

Planning

It will be your responsibility to book the residential and raise funds to enable you to attend. Make sure you book in advance, as some residential events are very popular and some may require you to take part in a selection process.

Assessor

Once you have booked and confirmed your residential, speak to the organiser to explain that you are undertaking the challenge as part of your Queen's Guide Award, and ask if they would be prepared to be your assessor. If they are not involved in guiding they may ask you to send a copy of the relevant part of the syllabus. The assessor will need to see you play an active role throughout the event, and sign your record book at the end of the event.

