

BIVOUC ASSESSMENT



44th Annual County Bivouac Event 2020 BIVOUC ASSESSMENT AWARD

The **BIVOUC AWARD** is unique to Birmingham County and since 1977 has set standards that provide a real challenge to those Scouts who have taken part. All who have been successful wear with pride the distinctive badge.

This is also the assessment for the **EMERGENCY AID STAGE 3 ACTIVITY BADGE** and is for Scouts and Explorer Scouts who have ALREADY completed the Bivouac Training Award.

All who apply to take part must understand that they will be expected to construct a shelter from natural materials and sleep in it overnight, regardless of weather conditions.

Apart from a rucksack and sleeping kit, the only 'luxury' item allowed over the whole weekend is a knife. You will have to make everything else from natural materials.

You will need to bring a selection of un-processed, raw foods - meat and vegetables - that you will have to cook over an open fire ... after you have collected the wood and lit it.

Other than for medical reasons there are no support or rescue provisions.

If your shelter collapses, you will get wet. If your fire goes out, you have no way of keeping warm or cooking your food.

It is essential that you prepare yourself fully for both parts of the assessment. Your training is over ... leaders will do all they can to support your efforts, however it is your individual skills that will be tested.

Further information on the Bivouac Activity and many downloads can be found on our website at <https://www.birminghamscouts.org.uk/whats-on/bivouac/>



This activity is for Scouts (over 13* years old) and for Explorers Scouts (over 14 and under 17* years old) who have ALREADY completed the Bivouac Training Award who have the skills necessary to complete the **BIVOUC ASSESSMENT AWARD** and wish to gain the **EMERGENCY AID STAGE 3 ACTIVITY BADGE** in a challenging manner. Over the years, the Bivouac Award has become recognised as setting the highest standards for testing of the Scouting skills of those who apply. (* at the date of the activity weekend).

Scout Leaders will be asked to confirm an applicant's suitability for such an activity. It is suggested you speak with your leader before applying to save disappointment.

Stage 1 - Assessment Preparation Day

Saturday 6th June 2020 at Pikes Pool Camp Site (09:50 - 15:45)

Stage 2 - Assessment Part 1

Sunday 6th September 2020 at Blackwell (09:20 - 13:15)

Stage 3 - Assessment Part 2 and Activity Weekend

Saturday 19th to Sunday 20th September 2020

All 3 stages **MUST** be attended to gain the award.

Cost

£37.50 per person (non refundable). This includes all 3 stages, including transport for the main weekend. Successfully applicants will be issued with full details of transport arrangements, equipment required, food guidelines and emergency contact details at Assessment Part 1.

Payment Details

Details for making payment will be sent to all successful applicants after online applications have closed and Scout Leader permission has been granted.

Application Closing Date

22nd March 2020. All applicants are guaranteed a place, subject to their suitability being confirmed by their Scout Leader.

Application form - <http://bit.ly/Birminghambivouac>