

# BIVOUAC JUNIOR LEADER



## 44<sup>th</sup> Annual County Bivouac Event 2020 BIVOUAC JUNIOR LEADER AWARD

Since the introduction of the **BIVOUAC ASSESSMENT AWARD**, the criteria for accomplishing it evolved year on year, simply to match the exceptional standards being achieved by some of the Scouts gaining the award.

By 1997 the standards were so high as to require us to set in place a totally different activity for those Scouts who have a genuine interest in survival skills and wish to put those skills along with their own physical abilities to the test - the **BIVOUAC JUNIOR LEADER AWARD** was born.

It is for Explorer Scouts who have a real interest in developing their survival skills to the highest standard. The award is based on the use of modern survival equipment whilst completing a number of team building, problem solving and individual challenges.

The activity weekend concentrates on developing leadership in a survival environment.

The activity is designed to be physically and mentally demanding.

You will be expected to complete a four-mile exercise with full packs. All equipment must be carried (excluding water) and should not exceed 30lbs in weight.

For the first time in your Bivouac progression, you will not be expected to build a shelter out of natural materials ... but tents are not allowed either ...

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 Explorer Scouts who ALREADY hold the **BIVOUAC ASSESSMENT AWARD**.

Demand is always high for this award. Sadly, due to the unique nature of it, we are only able to accommodate 14 participants. All who apply shall be invited to a **Selection Day**, where they will be tested on a number of Bivouac or Scouting Skills ... this could be fire lighting or tree identification ... knot tying or gadget construction ... knife safety or distress signals ...

Selection is all about how you perform on the day - the highest scoring 14 applicants **WILL** be offered a place on the activity weekend. If you are offered a place, you MUST be able to also attend the Briefing Session in September.

### Stage 1 - Junior Leader Award Selection Day

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at Pikes Pool Camp Site (10:30 - 15:00)

### Stage 2 - Junior Leader Award Briefing Session

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at Blackwell Adventure (12:50 - 15:30)

### Stage 3 - Activity Weekend

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2020

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

### Cost

£37.50 per person (non refundable). This covers all 3 stages, including transport, food, stoves, fuel and the loan of a "Belt Order" for the main weekend. Successful applicants will be issued with full details of transport arrangements, additional equipment required and emergency contact details nearer the time.

### Payment Details

Details for making payment will be sent to all successful applicants after the Selection Day and Scout Leader permission has been granted.

### Application Closing Date

22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020. All applicants will be invited to a selection day to assess which 14 are to be invited on the activity weekend.

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