

BIVOUCAC TRAINING



44th Annual County Bivouac Event 2020 BIVOUCAC TRAINING AWARD

It's getting dark and it's starting to rain. You've been separated from your group and you're hopelessly lost. It looks like you're going to have to spend the night in the open. With only the equipment in your rucksack and the countryside around you, would you know how to survive?

With the introduction of the Bivouac Training Award in 2004, this activity aims to give Scouts and Explorer Scouts the knowledge that will help them in such a scenario. The **BIVOUCAC TRAINING AWARD** is unique to Birmingham Scouting and has been designed to give candidates the high level of skills that are needed to pass the Bivouac Award, Survival Skills Activity Badge and Emergency Aid Stage 3 Activity Badge.

You will receive training on many subjects, including shelter building, fire lighting, knife safety, food hygiene, edible plants, cooking without utensils, survival tins, overnight safety & survival bag use, basic first aid, personal hygiene, gadget & utensils, water collection & purification, tree identifications, direction finding, distress signals and knife care & sharpening.

Most training is given in patrol-sized groups. **All who apply to take part must understand after having received training on how to make a shelter, will then be expected to construct their own and sleep in it overnight.**

A list of food will also be provided nearer the event, containing un-processed food that could be found in the United Kingdom and that would be available to you in a survival situation. No processed food is allowed.

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



This activity is for Scouts (over 12* years old) and for Explorers Scouts (over 14 and under 16* years old) that wish to learn the skills that are necessary to pass the **BIVOUCAC TRAINING AWARD** and the **SURVIVAL SKILLS ACTIVITY BADGE**. The award aims to make participants think about how they can use the equipment they have and how to put the countryside around them to best use.

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. (* at the date of the activity weekend).

By applying for this award, Scouts / Explorer Scouts understand that they intend to complete the Bivouac Award and Emergency Aid Stage 3 Activity Badge assessments at future annual events.

Stage 1 - Training Award Briefing Session

Sunday 6th September 2020 at Blackwell Adventure (13:50 - 15:30). This includes a briefing on survival basics, transport details, equipment and food. All Scouts / Explorer Scouts MUST attend and parents are encouraged to sit in also.

Stage 2 - Activity Weekend

Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th September 2020

Both stages **MUST**
be attended to
gain the award.

Cost

£37.50 per person (non refundable). This includes a briefing session, transport for the main weekend and a Survival Tin. Successfully applicants will be issued with full details of transport arrangements, equipment required, food guidelines and emergency contact details at the Briefing Session.

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. Participants will be selected at random if applications exceed the maximum number of places available (48).

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