

Module 16 Residential Experiences

Handout 3 – Quiz answers

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Question 1

Why do we have a Nights Away Permit Scheme?

The Nights Away Permit scheme aims to promote safe, quality residential and camping experiences within Scouts.

This is how we make sure Scouts volunteers have the skills, experience and suitability to take young people away safely.

Question 2

Who needs a Nights Away Permit?

Everyone who leads a residential event for young people in Scouts must hold a Nights Away Permit for the event.

Question 3

What are the four types of Nights Away Permit available to leaders?

Indoor, Campsite, Green field, Lightweight Expedition

Question 4

True or false?

A) A Beaver Leader with a Nights Away Permit can lead an Explorer camp.

True. Permits aren't section specific. All leaders may hold any permit and can lead camps in other sections.

B) A Green Field permit holder can't lead a camp on a campsite.

False. Volunteers with a Green Field permit can lead any category of residential event. Campsite-category permit holders can only lead campsite or indoor-category events. Lightweight expedition or indoor-category permit holders can only lead residential

events within that category.

Question 5

What's the maximum length of time a permit can last?

Permits are valid for up to five years.

Question 6

Is a Nights Away Permit needed for each County/Area/ Region in which you camp?

The Nights Away Permit Scheme is a national scheme administered locally. When volunteers are granted a permit, they can run a Night's Away Event in any District or County/Area/Region (Scotland).

Question 7

Family camps are a good way to enthuse parents. Which sections can attend a family camp?

All sections can attend. Groups and Districts can organise family Nights Away events for young people accompanied by their parents/carers and siblings.

They aim to introduce the Scout Method to parents, and strengthen the links between sections and Groups in the District.

Question 8

Which sections can attend Nights Away activities?

All sections can attend Nights Away activities. There are no specific restrictions on younger sections (Squirrel Scouts and Beaver Scouts) taking part in residential activities, except for the section ratios.

Question 9

True or false?

A) Parents don't need to have any safeguarding checks to attend a family camp.

False. All adults must have completed the appropriate criminal records checks before attending a Family Camp.

B) Parents or supporters will need to have extra insurance to cover them on a family camp.

True. Members are covered by The Scout Association's general insurance policies. Non-members, such as occasional helpers, supporters, parents and carers, are not provided with the same automatic Personal Accident Insurance cover. They should consider purchasing additional insurance, which the County may already have purchased (the trainer should check this information beforehand).

Question 10

What are the ways international residential experiences may be organised?

International events (for example World Scout Jamborees) organised by HQ.

Organised by a travel company.

Organised by someone holding a relevant Nights Away Permit.

Question 11

Where can you find more information about international residential experiences?

On the [International Scouts and Events](#) and [Volunteering abroad](#) sections of the website or by contacting your local international representative.

In England, Wales and Northern Ireland this is the ACC or AAC International. In Scotland, contact the Regional Adviser for International.

Question 12

What are Nights Away Event Passports, and who are they for?

Nights Away Event Passports exist to enable young people in the Scouts and Explorers sections, who are deemed suitably skilled, to undertake a nights away activity as a peer group, such as patrol camps and expeditions, with remote supervision from their adult permit holder.

Question 13

True or false?

A) Any Permit holder can grant a Nights Away Event Passport.

True. Any Nights Away Permit holder can grant a Nights Away Event Passport equivalent to the permit they hold. For example, if the permit holder has a lightweight expedition passport, they can issue passports for lightweight expeditions.

B) The permit holder who grants the Nights Away Event Passport must attend the event.

False. The permit holder remains responsible for the event, but they don't need to attend. The permit holder must put in place a supervision plan which enables them to monitor the group as well as providing a mechanism for the group to raise concerns, issues and challenges should they occur.

C) The Nights Away Event Passport can only be used by under 18s, but they can be used for multiple events.

False. The Nights Away Passport can only be used by under 18s for a single occasion. Each event will require a new Passport.

D) An Explorer Scout Young Leaders with a Nights Away Event Passports can't lead a camp for the sections they volunteer with.

True. Nights Away Event Passports can't be used for Explorer Scout Young Leaders leading activities for the sections they volunteer with, or for activities where adults will be present with the group.