



Girlguiding North Yorkshire North East *Virtual Escapades*



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Girlguiding North Yorkshire North East County are very keen to keep the enthusiasm from both girls and leaders alive until we can all meet physically again.

For that reason we are proud to launch our **Virtual Escapades** event. We are aware that there are no residential events happening at the moment and sleepovers, camps, holidays and international trips are a huge part of Girlguiding. It may well be some time before these events can safely take place again and in the meantime we are encouraging members to have residential events in their own home. We are organizing four very flexible residential events which can be run from home at a time to suit your family and your commitments.

Virtual Escapades is an event of four “windows” which will run from August 2020 until February 2021. It is an event for girls and adult volunteers to do at home and with their families if they wish. You don’t have to do all the windows if you don’t want to, it is entirely up to you, the badge will work with just one window!

The four windows are:	Camp/Holiday	(complete by the end of August 2020)
	Bonfire Night	(complete by the end of November 2020)
	Christmas Fun	(complete by the end of December 2020)
	Thinking Day	(complete by the end of February 2021)

We will release the activity pack for each window just before the event takes place. These will also be available on the county website, facebook page or direct by email (see top of page) or post on receipt of an A5 sized stamped addressed envelope from: Virtual Escapades, Rigg House, Sutton, Thirsk YO7 2QE. Feel free to upload pictures and comments on our facebook page (with parental permission).

Each “window” will have a **competition element** and there will be a prize for the winner in each of the following sections: Rainbows; Brownies; Guides; Rangers; 18-30, adults and Trefoil Guild (combined as one). Competition entries need to be sent by post to the address above or by email to Virtualescapades@gmail.com by the closing date of the competition.

Each “window” will also have a **“sleep somewhere other than in your own bed”** element which will enable participants to earn nights away towards the North East England Sleep Away badges (see further details on this below).

Each “window” will have a **walking element** to encourage girls to get outside and explore either their local area or countryside further afield and this will count towards the Girlguiding North East England Step Out badges (see further details on this below).

Girlguiding North East England Sleep Away badges

These badges are for any member who spends night away on a Girlguiding event. Badges are available for the following nights – 1, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, 50, 75, 100, 150, 200. Your daughter may already have some of these and her leader will be able to tell you which badge she is due and whether she will be eligible for the next badge while taking part in **Virtual Escapades**.



Girlguiding North East England Step Out badges

These badges are for any member who takes part in a walking event with Girlguiding. Any walking challenges within our “windows” will count towards these badges. Again if you daughter already has some of these badges, her leader will be able to tell you which badge she is next due. Badges are available for the following distances – 1km, 2km, 5km, 10km, 15km, 20km, 25km, 50km, 75km, 100km, 150km, 200km and 250km. There are many apps available to track how far you walk which you may find useful.



How do we apply for the badges:

We are trying to keep this event as easy to manage as possible, particularly for your daughter’s unit leader who may not have much time to give to Girlguiding at the moment. We will not be checking what has been done for each “window”, we will just be trusting everyone. We are asking you to pay for badges as you apply for them by sending cash taped between two pieces of card along with a stamped addressed envelope to:

Virtual Escapades, Rigg House, Sutton, Thirsk YO7 2QE.

Please complete the order form or just write the information on a piece of paper and include with the money. The costs of the badges will be as follows:

House badge (you need this badge when you complete the first “window”) – 50p each

Each “window” badge (these will not be available until the month of that event) – 50p

NEE Region Step Out badges – 50p each

NEE Region Sleep Away badges – 50p each

If you cannot find out which of the Step Out or Sleep Away badges your daughter is due as she already has some of these, then they can always be obtained in the future when you have that information, just keep a notes of how many nights she “sleeps away” and how far she walks on our events and then pass this information to your unit leader when you can.

If you come into **Virtual Escapades** part way through the event, don’t panic, it is not too late to join in and it is not too late to still do the “windows” you have missed, you may just be too late to enter the competition which will go with each “window” but you will still be able to find out what you need to do following the information above.

If you have any questions please email virtualescapades@gmail.com or admin@girlguidingnyne.org.uk

We hope you enjoy taking part in **Virtual Escapades** and earning your “windows”.



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BADGE ORDER FORM

Name of member:

Unit:.....

Please send the following badges:

Badges – all 50p each	Number/distance	total
House		
Camp and holiday window		
Bonfire night window		
Christmas Fun window		
Thinking Day window		
NEE Region Sleep away badge (please state night required)		
NEE Region Step Out badge (please state distance required)		

I enclose a stamped addressed envelope and the amount of: securely taped inside a piece of cardboard.

Contact email address:.....

Parent/guardian signature:.....

