

Awards & Badges

Gwentrek awards and badges

As part of the expedition planning, the event team have identified where participants can gain, or work towards top awards and badges

The format of the weekend is designed to enable top awards in Scouts and Explorers

- Scouts (GT+): **Expedition Challenge Award**
- Explorer: **Diamond Award Expedition / Silver DofE expedition practice**

While the core aim is to provide an environment that supports top awards, many other badges, or part of, can be attained during the training and participation in the weekend.

Scout Badges

The following badges, or some requirements of, could be earned during the training for, or taking part in the event. The event team have split badges between criteria earned as part of the weekend, and those that could be covered within training.

GT+ participants only

In addition to the GT awards, GT+ participants can qualify for

Expedition Challenge Award 	During the weekend participants will: • Take part in either an expedition or an exploration over two days with at least three other Scouts. • Take an active part in planning the expedition or exploration • During the expedition or exploration: part of team, use a map, cook, undertake a task May be covered in training / planning with section: • (following the event) Produce an individual report or presentation within the three weeks following your expedition or exploration.
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GT / GT+ Participants

Leader to determine relevance based on own experience with teams and individuals' participation and engagement within the team

Hikes Away 	During the weekend participants will: • 2x 1 day hike of over 4 hours May be covered in training / planning with section: • Any other hikes of 4 hours or more
Hill Walker Activity Badge 	During the weekend participants will: • With others, plan at least five one-day journeys of at least 14km in hilly country (Saturday will cover 1 day) • Complete your planned journeys (Saturday will cover 1 day) May be covered in training / planning with section: • Using Ordnance Survey maps, complete all the information you need to plan the route for each journey • Learn how to summon help in an emergency • Make sure you know the different types of hazards you might come across. • Before setting out, list the equipment that should be taken and explain how to use them correctly • Show you're aware of ways to preserve the natural environment, such as avoiding erosion and conserving wildlife habitats. • Show that you're aware of developments in technology, such as the Global Positioning System (GPS), digital mapping or waterproof maps. • Show that you know the publication Safety on Mountains, published by the British Mountaineering Council.
Navigator (stage 1 / 2 / 3) 	During the weekend participants will: • 1.5 / 2.3 Use a map during an outdoor activity • 2.5 With other Scouts, go for a walk with a leader around the local area. • 3.4 Follow and walk a route of at least 5km, using a map to navigate for at least part of the journey. May be covered in training / planning with section: • All of stage 1 / 2 / 3 • Potentially some of stage 4

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Nights Away 	During the weekend participants will: • 2 x 1 nights under canvas Additionally anybody undertaking the ScoutsCymru Dragon Award can qualify for September May be covered in training / planning with section: • n/a
Camper 	During the weekend participants will: • 2 nights under canvas May be covered in training / planning with section: •
Outdoor Challenge Award 	During the weekend participants will: • Take an active part in at least eight nights away as a Scout. (2 Nights) • With others, pitch and strike your tent. • May be covered in training / planning with section: • Understand the three points of the Countryside Code. • Find out why personal and campsite hygiene is important • Complete at least four of these tasks: balanced menu for a short camp, lead the cooking of a meal for the group, how to pack a rucksack correctly
Teamwork Challenge 	During the weekend participants will: • On at least three separate occasions, be part of a Scout team, where you work together to achieve a goal. (one occasion) May be covered in training / planning with section: • Complete at least four of these tasks: balanced menu for a short camp, lead the cooking of a meal for the group, how to pack a rucksack correctly

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Team Leader Challenge Award 	During the weekend participants will: • Successfully lead a Scout team at a camp or all day event. (if given lead of the group) May be covered in training / planning with section: •
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Explorers

GTx Participants

Hikes Away 	During the weekend participants will: • 1 day hike of over 5 hours • Leaders can use their discretion to decide if the Sunday hike qualifies for a 2nd stage May be covered in training / planning with section: • Any other hikes of 5 hours or more
Hill Walker Activity Badge 	During the weekend participants will: • May be covered in training / planning with section: • Discover - Research how to prepare for a multi-day hillwalking expedition in terrain one or two • Solve - Create and act out realistic emergency scenarios in a hill environment, using appropriate equipment and techniques. • Include incidents like injury, lost group members, or sudden weather changes, and evaluate how well your group responded. Create - Create a detailed walk plan and terrain model for a challenging hill walk, using either digital or physical materials

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Chief Scouts Platinum Award 	During the weekend participants will: • Complete six nights away as an Explorer Scout of which four must be camping. (2 nights – but only if not used as the practice expedition) • Complete a two day and one night expedition in rural country by foot, cycle, horse, canoe, boat or dinghy. The expedition should involve careful preparation, training, responsibility and review. May be covered in training / planning with section:

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Chief Scouts Diamond Award 	During the weekend participants will: • Complete 12 nights away as an Explorer Scout or member of the Scout Network, of which eight must be camping. (2 nights – but only if not used as the practice expedition) • May be covered in training / planning with section: •
Duke of Edinburgh's Award 	During the weekend participants will: • Completion of optional Bronze DofE practice expedition • Completion of Silver DofE practice expedition May be covered in training / planning with section: • Completion of the DofE Expedition Training Framework Bronze/Silver