

# PATROL LEADERS & PERMITS

## THE STEPS TO A HAPPY ROVERWAY PATROL

Congratulations on being selected as Patrol leader, you are the spokesperson for your team, the team coordinator, and the permit holder. This is an exciting and skill building role, which the CMT will support all the way to Roverway. Here are the steps to carrying out you role and making your experience enjoyable!

### 1. GET IN TOUCH

Contact all members of your Patrol. Send them a quick email to say Hello, create a Yahoo or Facebook group (Remember to follow Girlguiding and The Scout Association Internet Codes - <http://bit.ly/1RxOII7> and/ or <http://bit.ly/1lr1QIx>) You are going to be working closely together as a team over the next few months and need to ensure you are getting to know each other and begin discussions.

### 2. PERMIT/ LICENSE

Please read the rest of this document. It contains key information on how you can obtain your Nights Away Permit for Roverway.

### 3. ROAD SELECTION

Look out for emails from the Organisers asking you and patrol to make choices or complete online forms. Pass any information onto your patrol members, discuss any matters arising and answer any questions.

### 4. GET SOCIAL!

Arrange regular sessions with your patrol, if you live close to each other hold your own briefing sessions or set dates for Skype calls, so that you can get to know each other, make any decisions and discuss travel arrangements.



## 5. GET CREATIVE

Begin to create a patrol identity, create a patrol name, and follow the branding guidelines to create a patrol logo. Perhaps task a patrol member to create a Twitter page and let people see what your patrol are up to in the run up to Roverway.

## 6. PLEASE ASK!

Let us know if the CMT can help. Don't worry about asking for help - we are here to support your adventure.

# THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION'S NIGHTS AWAY PERMIT

## WHAT IS A NIGHTS AWAY PERMIT?

A Nights Away Permit allows you to lead residential events within Scouting. It shows people in Scouting, the young people and their parents that you have the necessary skills and experience to be able to lead these important events.

The Nights Away Permit Scheme is a national scheme, so when you have a permit it will allow you to lead nights away events for young people from any District or County. Each permit can be tailored to the level of your skills, experience and requirements. This means that restrictions may be placed on your permit on such matters as areas, venues or group sizes. This is only to ensure that you can lead events at the right level.

## WHY DO I NEED A NIGHTS AWAY PERMIT?

To ensure that the UK Contingent comply with The Scout Association's rules, all UK Patrol Leaders with under-18 members within their patrol must have a Nights Away Permit. Whilst each Road will be overseen by a team of French adult Leaders (including a qualified First Aider), it is the responsibility of the Patrol Leader from the UK to ensure that the rules relating to Nights Away are followed. It is therefore necessary that each Patrol Leader holds a Nights Away Permit.

## MUST I HAVE A NIGHTS AWAY PERMIT?

If your Patrol has any members from The Scout Association that are under the age of 18 then yes, you must have a permit.

## HOW DO I GAIN A PERMIT?

In order to gain a Nights Away Permit you will have to be assessed for one locally in your District/ County. To get started, you should contact your District Nights Away Adviser as soon as possible.

## HOW DO I FIND OUT WHO MY DISTRICT NIGHTS AWAY ADVISOR IS?

Your District Commissioner or County Commissioner will know who this is, so that's a good place to start.

## WHAT TYPE OF PERMIT WILL I NEED?

You will require a 'Campsite' Permit - for staying at a site that has toilets and access to running water.

## WHAT WILL BE ASSESSED?

To gain a Nights Away Permit, you will be assessed in four areas:

1. Technical competence
2. Knowledge of The Scout Association's Rules for Nights Away
3. Child Protection
4. Personal Suitability

Attached is the Nights Away assessment checklist which identifies the skills you will need to be assessed by your Nights Away Advisor. If you do not have a current Nights Away Permit we have identified items on the checklist which are **not required** for this event. If you are not assessed for these elements your permit will need to be issued with a restriction for use at Roverway 2016 only. If, however you have the skills and knowledge you can be assessed for these areas and issued with an unrestricted permit.

For more information and support please visit: [scouts.org.uk/nightsawaypermits](http://scouts.org.uk/nightsawaypermits)

## CAN I BE ASSESSED BY THE UK CONTINGENT AT THE NEXT BRIEFING WEEKEND?

Whilst we are able to brief you about the specifics of Roverway and your responsibilities during the event, unfortunately we are unable to offer permit assessments during Briefing 2.

## HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO GAIN A PERMIT?

That's really up to you. The sooner you get in touch with your Nights Away Adviser the sooner they can determine how long it will take. Everyone has a different level of skill and experience when it comes to Nights Away so it may take longer for some than others.

## WHAT IF I ALREADY HAVE A NIGHTS AWAY PERMIT?

That's great! If you already have a permit, please let us know so that we can make sure that it has been issued to the right level.

If this document hasn't answered your immediate questions on how to acquire a Nights Away Permit, please visit [scouts.org.uk/nightsawaypermits](http://scouts.org.uk/nightsawaypermits) for more information.

If you have specific questions, please contact the Contingent Management Team via email on [roverway@scouts.org.uk](mailto:roverway@scouts.org.uk)

**Good luck on working towards your Nights Away Permit! We hope you enjoy the experience and please ask for help if needed!**

