



AVON SCOUTS



Registration Form for joining the Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Surname _____ Forename(s) _____

Address _____

_____ Post code _____

Tel No. _____ e-mail * _____

** If an email address is given, you will be added to our email list.*

Date of birth ____/____/____ age ____ Male Female

SuperNova Explorer Scout Unit - Bristol South Scout District - Leader's Name: James Watts

I would like to enter the Award as an Explorer Scout at Bronze Silver Gold

Silver/Gold only – I have completed the previous award – YES / NO / STILL WORKING ON

Signature of applicant _____ date ____/____/____

Consent of parent or guardian (for young people under 18 years of age)

I agree to my son/daughter/ward participating in The Duke of Edinburgh's Award and have read the factsheet

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ name _____ date ____/____/____

Signature of Award Leader _____ name _____ date ____/____/____

Address for Record book to be sent: 14 Bellevue Park, Brislington, Bristol, BS4 4JR

Equal Opportunities information – This section is optional

I would describe myself as

Asian or Asian British				Black or Black British			Chinese
Indian	Pakistani	Bangladeshi	Any other	Caribbean	African	Any other	Chinese
Mixed				White			Other (specify)
White & Black Caribbean	White & Black African	White & Asian	Any other	British	Irish	Any other	

I consider myself to have a disability* Yes No

*as defined by the Disability Discrimination Act as "a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on a person's ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities".

This form should be accompanied by a Cheque payable to Avon County Scout Council for £12.50 (Bronze and Silver) or £18.50 (Gold) and posted to: DofE, County Office, Woodhouse Park, Fernhill, Almondsbury, Bristol, BS32 4LX

Record Book Issue Date _____ UK Ref. No.



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What is the Duke of Edinburgh's Award?

The D of E Award is a programme of challenges for young people aged 14-25. The award is widely recognised and is valued by educational establishments and employers.

- There are 3 awards **Bronze (14+), Silver (15+) and Gold (16+)**
- Each award has 4 sections: **Volunteering, Skill, Physical Recreation and Expedition.**
- The Gold Award has an additional **Residential Project** lasting 5 days, 4 nights.
- Each award links and forms part of one of the three Chief Scout's / Queen's Scout Awards.

How do I get started?

You will need to buy an **Entrance Pack** which contains all the information you need to start the award:

1. Complete the attached Enrolment Form
2. Give to your Award Leader with a cheque as detailed on the form.
3. Your book will be sent to you within a few weeks.

How do I complete the award?

1. Choose the activities you would like to pursue from the list in your Entrance Pack.
YOU MUST ENSURE THE ACTIVITY IS LISTED UNDER THE CORRECT SECTION. If you are unsure, please ask.
2. Find an assessor (knowledgeable adult) for each activity.
3. Look at the programme and agree "personal targets" for you to achieve.
4. Participate for an average of an hour a week for the specified period (see record book).
5. Review your progress with your assessor and complete the record book.
6. When all sections are complete – return the book to the County Adviser who will approve your award and arrange the badge and certificate to be presented. *At Gold Level, the certificate is presented at one of the Royal Palaces.*

How long does it take?

- The periods of involvement are detailed in the Entrance Pack.
- You can stop and start sections at busy times (e.g. exams) and do one or all sections at a time.
- The minimum time to achieve each award is: Bronze – 6 mths, Silver – 12 mths & Gold – 18 mths.

What support is available?

- Your Explorer Scout Leader can often answer questions.
- The **County Adviser** is also available to answer questions.
- On the web: <http://www.avonscouts.org.uk/dofeaward/awardhome.htm> or www.dofe.org.
- Join our email list: send an email to brian.rogers10@btopenworld.com to be added.

What about Safety and Insurance?

- Scouting Activities are run within our Policy, Organisation and Rules. A copy is available from <http://www.scoutbase.org.uk/>.
- Scout Association Personal Accident Insurance applies to Scouting activities only.
- Parents are responsible for ensuring that activities undertaken with other organisations are risk assessed, insured and that appropriate checks are undertaken to ensure the instructors are suitable to work with young people.

Who should I contact for more information?

In the first instance, contact your Unit Leader, otherwise:

County Adviser: Brian Rogers on 07860 702303 or brian.rogers10@btopenworld.com