

Scouts Scotland Zodiac Award

Scouting at home



CHALLENGES: Camp		Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum
A	Hold the Bronze Award				
B	Hold the Silver Award				
1	In a lightweight tent				
2	In a hammock (real or improvised)				
3	In an unusual tent (yurt/ tipi etc.)				
4	In a bivouac/ tarp tent (outside)				
5	In a bivouac (indoors from household items)				
6	Virtual Camp with Section (>= 3 people)				
7	Virtual Camp with District (>= 3 people)				
8	Virtual Camp with Outside District (>= 3 people)				
9	For 2 consecutive nights				
10	For 3 consecutive nights				
11	For 7 consecutive nights				
12	In your back garden				
13	In a summerhouse or garden structure				
14	Under the stars (check the forecast)				
15	As part of an exploration (from home)				
+1	Plan, deliver and review Virtual Night Away				

Guidance Notes

The above grid identifies the challenges from the existing Zodiac Awards that can be done from home and we have added several more for those who have already done them. If you have any ideas of your own that meet government guidelines, discuss these with your leader who can approve your idea before you attempt it.

Explorations are different from expeditions and involve short hikes from a fixed base location. Whilst Scouting at Home, this must be within government guidelines. We've put together some suggestions below, but you can come up with your own Exploration that fits in with the spirit of the award. You could:

1. Go for a short walk of around 8km/ 10,000 steps each day
2. Over the two days, climb stairs that add up to the height of a Munro (3,000ft)
3. Cycle the equivalent of the Union Canal (31 miles) in your local area or on an exercise bike

If you are doing this indoors, do a bit of research into the hills, lochs or canals that you are travelling.

If you're starting the Bronze Award or already working towards it, you can be doing qualifying nights in Spring (April – May), Summer (June – August) and perhaps even Autumn if face-to-face Scouting isn't back yet.

If you're starting the Silver or Gold Award or already working towards it, you can be doing qualifying nights in unique months from April onwards until the suspension of face-to-face Scouting ends.

If you're looking at the Platinum Award, use this opportunity to plan a peer-led Virtual Camp with other Scouts in your own homes using the above challenges. You will need two more after Scouting resumes.

Please remember that a Night Away with Scouts is more than just a night sleeping under canvas, bivouac (or one of the other challenges listed above). A Night Away also includes a programme of activities. Therefore, you should do each of these challenges listed above alongside at least one activity. We have provided a list of activity suggestions below, but you could also do an activity that counts towards an Activity Badge or Challenge Badge. Please agree this with your leader.

Suggested Activities

1. During your daily permitted exercise, collect litter to keep your community tidy but do remember to be safe and use gloves and a suitable bag.
2. During your daily permitted exercise, gather wood and make a graded woodpile that can be used in a small garden fire pit.
3. Design a flag for your campsite, build a suitable structure and have a campsite flag break.
4. Lay out your personal equipment in anticipation of a full kit inspection.
5. Practice and demonstrate five newly learned knot, lashings or splices.
6. Light a fire (includes BBQ) suitable for cooking and cook a meal for you and somebody else in your house.
7. Make a model of a good campsite including sleeping tent, store tent, dining shelter, fire area, gadgets and gateway. You could use Lego or recyclable materials.
8. Paint stones in rainbow colours and put them out on display.
9. Survive for 24 hours without electronics or technology.
10. Identify at least four stars or constellations.
11. Any other activity that contributes to an Activity Badge or Challenge Award.
12. Any other activity as agreed with your leader.