

# Welcome to Girlguiding Gloucestershire's Holiday Brownies

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## What is Holiday Brownies?

Gloucestershire Holiday Brownies was set up in 2013, to allow girls on waiting lists for units the chance to take part in Brownie activities, enabling more girls to become Brownies. Since its humble beginnings here in Gloucestershire, it has spread to other counties and regions across the UK.

The programme is 3 days of fun and adventure for girls of Brownie age (7 and over) and aims to give them the equivalent of a full term of Brownies.



The 3 days are led by a team of highly dedicated and enthusiastic adult volunteer Leaders - many of whom are normally at university in term time and give up their holidays to run the scheme. All are fully trained, qualified and DBS-cleared.

The setting is our beautiful activity centre (our County Headquarters) at Deer Park, Cowley, which enables us to make the most of the outdoors as well as the indoor facilities. Each year the programme is refreshed but it will offer a mix of Brownie activities, badge work, team building, learning about Brownies, crafts and games - just like any other Brownie programme.

We have access to some exciting activities at Deer Park so the girls will enjoy a variety of outdoor activities, which may include Low ropes, Archery or grass sledging. All the activities are risk-assessed and led by trained instructors.



At the end of the 3 days, the girls will be ready to make their Brownie Promise, if they wish, and we hold a Promise party so that parents/families can share in this special moment.

The cost of the 3 day programme includes all the activities, books, badges, crafts, daily snacks (but not lunches) and a special Holiday Brownie T-shirt for her to wear across the 3 days.



## Frequently Asked Questions

### **My daughter wasn't a Rainbow. Can she be a Holiday Brownie?**

Yes, Holiday Brownies is open to all girls (aged 7+) on waiting lists for Brownies.

### **My daughter has additional needs. Can she take part?**

Yes, as with any Brownie unit we will work with you, our additional needs adviser, and the leaders running the programme to ensure every girl can take part in, and enjoy, the activities. We are happy to discuss any of this with you.

### **Is any financial help available?**

We want to ensure that any girl who would like to join us is able to do so, so if the cost is a problem please do let us know and we will look into other ways to offer additional support with this.

### **How can I find out more?**

Email : [holidaybrownies@girlguidinggloucestershire.org.uk](mailto:holidaybrownies@girlguidinggloucestershire.org.uk)

Website: [www.girlguidinggloucestershire.org.uk](http://www.girlguidinggloucestershire.org.uk)

## What happens next?

We work with Brownie Units to help find a space for your daughter as soon as one becomes available. Having made new friends at Holiday Brownies, sometimes switching with a new friend to a different unit can work well as they have more confidence to make new friends.

Until she is placed in a unit we will keep in touch, and she may continue working on badges at home. There may also be other Brownie events that she is able to attend.



## About Girlguiding Gloucestershire

With a membership of over 6,500, we are the largest charity for girls and young women in the County. We have over 1500 adults volunteering in a wide variety of roles from working with girls to maintaining our website and social media.

Our headquarters is at Deer Park Cowley, an activity centre offering camping and adventure to all girls.

Deer Park HQ & Activity Centre, Cowley, Nr Cheltenham, GL53 9NJ.

