

Guidance notes for Scout Leaders

Gliding clubs offer a myriad of opportunities for scouts and young people in general. To gain maximum benefit, it is best to arrange for a variety of activities for scouts to take part in whilst they are at the gliding club. There are no hard and fast rules, but you should ask the gliding club for a designated person who you can liaise with as you plan the activities. Ideally, this person should be a gliding instructor or someone who has previous experience of being an instructor and should be there on the day too. We have some very experienced pilots who, for a variety of reasons, are no longer able to instruct, but are keen to support young people in other ways as they learn about gliding and learn to fly. It may be possible for them to come to your Scout Group before the visit. Glider pilots who work with young people in this way should be CRB checked and you can check this with the gliding club.

Splitting the Day

To avoid an outbreak of boredom & irritation amongst those waiting to fly, why not split the group so half are doing ground school work and the other half are flying? After lunch, swap them over.

For Scouts who are flying as an introductory, air experience activity, then some basic worksheets covering parts of the glider, control surfaces and principles of flight should be supplied.

Should there be access to a motor glider, ground school can be extended to include navigation.

Scout Badges

Scouts have a number of gliding and aviation related badges. These can form the basis for ground school activities.

Scout Section Ages 6 - 18 **Staged Aviation Skills Badge**



<https://members.scouts.org.uk/supportresources/search/?cat=7,64>

These badges are progressive through all sections from Beavers Stage 1 through to Explorers to Stage 6. Full details are available from the Scouts Web site



<https://members.scouts.org.uk/supportresources/4377/mechanic-activity-badge/?cat=7,64,779&moduleID=10>

Mechanics badge for Scouts. This badge has a specialist aviation option



<https://members.scouts.org.uk/supportresources/4345/air-or-sea-navigation-activity-badge/?cat=7,64,779&moduleID=10>

Navigators badge for Scouts. This badge also has a specialist aviation option .

Further information on gliding as a scouting activity can be found on

<https://members.scouts.org.uk/supportresources/25/gliding?cat=419,26,407,351&moduleID=24>

Scout Camps

Gliding clubs can offer a great camping opportunity.

Gliding needn't necessarily be the focus of the activity for the whole stay,

although it may be useful for some Scouts and Air Scouts seeking to gain more advanced badges.

Talk to the club to find out what is possible.