

Dear DofE Participant,

Welcome to the Residential section of your Gold programme. This exciting section gives you an opportunity to stay away from home, meet new people and develop new skills.

Your choice of residential activity can be very varied from learning a new skill, developing an existing interest, helping people or participating in an activity based course.

For your choice of residential activity to meet the criteria you need to participate in a shared activity or a specific course with people you don't know. The group you join must have a minimum of five people sharing the same experience in that they are in an unfamiliar environment with people they do not know. More information about the minimum group size and other frequently asked questions can be found here:

<http://www.dofe.info/en/content/cms/faqs/sections/faq-residential/#five>

You will need to stay in a residential setting, away from home for a minimum of 5 days and 4 nights. Individual home stays (such as a foreign exchange) or staying with a friend does not meet the criteria for this section as you should be staying overnight with your group.

Although this section is very flexible your residential activity must take place with an organised group, registered charity or an Approved Activity Provider (AAP). Volunteering at places like a children's summer camp (e.g. Camp America that promotes healthy eating and exercise) counts as a residential activity but you must not receive any payment for the activity (except expenses) and work experience and internships do not meet the criteria.

This form has been designed to check that your choice of residential meets the criteria before you participate in the activity. Before submitting the form we ask that you check your chosen activity against the enclosed residential flow chart.

If you believe your activity meets the requirements outlined in the guidance your next step is to discuss this with your DofE Leader who should submit this form to us at the County Office. We will either approve your choice or give feedback on how to ensure your residential meets the requirements.

Please speak to your Leader if you have any queries on the residential section.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you luck with the rest of your Gold programme and we hope you have a wonderful time on your residential activity.

From Everyone at the DofE Hertfordshire Licensed Organisation



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**Residential Approval Request**

<b>First name:</b>		<b>Surname:</b>	
<b>DofE Centre:</b>		<b>eDofE ID No.:</b>	
<b>E-mail:</b>			

<b>Have you followed the DofE residential flowchart and answered yes to all of the questions? <i>If you have answered NO please look again at your residential activity</i></b>	<b>Yes</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>No</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Please provide a brief outline of your activity choice	
<b>Name of the charity, organisation or AAP</b>	
<b>Start and end date</b>	
<b>Group size (<i>do not include staff</i>)</b>	
<b>Type of Accommodation</b>	
<b>What will you be doing</b>	
<b>Name of Assessor</b>	
<b>Position/Qualification of Assessor</b>	

<b>Approved by:</b>			
<b>Group Leader Signature</b>			
<b>Name:</b>		<b>Date:</b>	

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<b>Signature:</b>		<b>Position:</b>	
<b>Name:</b>		<b>Date:</b>	