DofE Residentials and Blair Atholl Jamborette 2024

Background

Until recently only attending a Jamboree/Jamborette as part of the service/staff team could count as a DofE residential which restricted this option to over 18's. There has been an agreement made between Scouts UK and DofE that attending a World Scout Jamboree or World Scout Moot as an Explorer Scout participant can now also count as a Gold DofE residential.

Based on this precedent we have agreement from DofE Scotland that attending Blair Atholl Jamborette as an Explorer Scout over the age of 16 can also count as a Gold DofE residential. This must however be arranged in advance and must have direct approval from the Scouts Scotland DofE Manager.

Guidance for candidates

You must be able to meet the following requirements:

- Be enrolled for Gold DofE with Scouts Scotland (we cannot guarantee that other Local Authority DofE Managers will accept Blair Atholl as a Residential)
- Add intention to use Blair Atholl as Residential to eDofE in advance including dates and objectives and have this approved by local DofE Leader
- Be away for at least 5 days and 4 nights
- Your Jamborette Patrol shouldn't be smaller than 5 people, this can include the paired international patrol
- You must carry out appropriate training, briefing or research before the event
- Your Jamborette Patrol should not all come from the same Explorer Scout Unit.

Generally Scouts Scotland must approve the residential before you commit yourself to any expense or depart however if the above conditions are met then Blair Atholl is approved. This has been agreed with Scouts Scotland and Duke of Edinburgh Scotland.

One of the Blair Atholl volunteer team will act as your assessor for the event and will submit a report on your behalf, following the Jamborette. You **MUST** identify yourself to the Sub Camp Leader as a Gold DofE candidate at the beginning of the camp, by the third day at least. They will link you up was an assessor. Discuss with them how they will assess you throughout the Jamborette.

Please ensure you speak to your DofE leader about this and contact Scouts Scotland DofE Manager (kris.mackie@scouts.scot) if you have any questions. Please copy your leader into any emails.

Guidance for DofE leaders

If you have a Gold DofE candidate who is looking to use the Blair Atholl Jamborette as their Gold DofE Residential please work with them to add the appropriate details to eDofE and ensure they have their programme plan approved prior to the event.

Guidance for assessors

We are delighted to be able to offer candidates the opportunity to use the Blair Atholl Jamborette for their Gold DofE residential and appreciate your help in making this possible.

The young person is responsible for identifying which Unit Leader (or Assistant) will act as their assessor and should communicate with you as required. The young person should report to the Sub Camp leader by the third day and Sub Camp leader will link the young person with an assessor

For guidance on how to assess a DofE residential please see the following document:

https://www.dofe.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Writing-Assessor_Reports_-_RESIDENTIAL.pdf