

## Explorer Scout Activity Badges: Air Activities



To gain this badge the Explorer Scout must complete all the requirements in one of the following alternatives.

### \*\*\*\* Alternative A - Paragliding

1. Know the rules relating to access to airfields as laid down in Policy, Organisation and Rules. Understand the factors involved in selecting the launch point on the field.
2. Successfully complete the British Hang-gliding and Paragliding Association's Paragliding Ground Training, including landing rolls and inflation and collapse of canopy by wing-tip holders and paragliders.
3. Carry out the British Hang-gliding and Paragliding Association's Course of Training in controlled descents and self-released flights up to the standard of 360° stable turns.
4. Carry out canopy control practice on the ground, and have a basic knowledge of the flight and steering principles of the canopy.
5. Understand and perform the duties of wing-tip holder, lookout and tensiometer reader, and understand the function of the launch marshal.
6. Understand the care, packing and storage of equipment.

### \*\*\*\* Alternative B - Gliding

1. Know the rules relating to access to airfields as laid down in Policy, Organisation and Rules. Understand the safety aspects of the activity.
2. Act as a member of a Ground Crew and take part in the launch or retrieval of a glider.
3. Demonstrate the signals for a glider launch and transmit them to a winch operator or towing party.
4. List the forces acting on a glider and explain how soaring flight is obtained, including references to thermals, wave lift and ridge lift.
5. Take part in a gliding course. You should achieve at least five hours flying time and ten launches.

## \*\*\*\* **Alternative C - Parachuting**

1. Show understanding of the safety aspects of parachuting.
2. Show understanding of the operation of a parachute.
3. Understand and demonstrate the landing procedures.
4. Take part in three parachute jumps from an aircraft.

*Alternative requirements for other Air Activities can be agreed with the leadership team.*

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