

Programme ideas: Residential section

When completing each section of your DofE, you should develop a programme which is specific and relevant to you. This sheet gives you some ideas that you could do or you could use it as a starting point to create a Residential of your own!

It's your choice...

Going on a residential gives you the chance to learn how to work with people from different backgrounds

and build confidence living in new environments. There are loads of exciting possibilities and opportunities, so choose something which you will find really fulfilling.

Help with planning

You can use the handy programme planner on the website to work with your Leader to plan your activity.

Service to others

Teaching English overseas.

- Helping out on an overseas pilgrimage (i.e. to Lourdes or Mecca).
- Being a leader at an overseas children's camp that promotes healthy eating and exercise.
- Rebuilding a school roof in Lesotho.
- Helping deafblind young people and adults to enjoy a holiday.
- Being an assistant to support an eco-friendly waste project at an outdoor education centre.
- Assisting at a summer camp for Brownies.
- Helping at an orphanage.

Environment and conservation

- Attending a conference on climate change as a youth representative for your local authority.
- Studying coral bleaching in Australia.
- Joining a tree planting project with The Woodland Trust.
- Monitoring the bat population in the New Forest.

- Doing dry stone walling in the West Tyne Valley in the shadow of Hadrian's Wall.
- Helping the preservation team of a narrow gauge railway in mid Wales.

Learning

- Undertaking a cookery course.
- Doing a falconry course.
- Studying traditional dance.
- Studying art history in Florence.
- Doing a photography course run by a university and exhibiting your work.
- Learning to snowboard on an intensive course in Scotland.
- Improving your Spanish language skills on a course in Madrid.
- Learning to write and produce music and putting on a show for locals.
- Taking part in an astronomy course, learning about constellations, black holes and solar systems.

Activity based

- Taking part in a week-long discovery of stage combat in Wales.
- Going white water rafting in New Zealand past glaciers and mountains.
- Taking part in a multi-faith residential, studying different religions.
- Joining an historical re-enactment of the Battle of Bosworth.
- Joining an ACF activity week with members of different detachments.

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