

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.



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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.

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- !** Alternative requirements for other Air Activities can be agreed with the leadership team. are measured and how weather can affect various air activities. Demonstrate how to get a local forecast for an air activity.
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