



# The Award Programme

## *at a glance*

There are three levels of Award: **Bronze, Silver and Gold**. At each level there are four Sections: **Service, Expeditions, Skills, Physical Recreation**, plus a **Residential Project** (at Gold only)

- Activities in each Section are intended to complement each other and so provide a balanced programme reflecting different aspects of young people's development;
- participants and leaders can develop their own activities to meet the principles or choose from Award lists;
- participants should be encouraged to explore and pursue different and exciting initiatives which may be new to the individual or develop existing interests;
- new programmes and activities should be developed in consultation with the Operating Authority, as Operating Authorities have responsibility for participants' safety and well-being and may have their own rules and requirements.

The minimum period of participation by direct entrants is: **Bronze: 6 months Silver: 12 months Gold: 18 months**

To recognise effort and encourage progression there are shorter time limits for those who have completed a previous Award, which are expressed as additional time for direct entrants rather than reduced time for those progressing through the Award. In the Service, Skills and Physical Recreation Sections minimum time requirements are expressed in months, based on an average involvement of at least one hour a week.

## TIMESCALES FOR INVOLVEMENT

### Bronze Award

Service	Skills	Physical Recreation	Expeditions
3 months	3 months	3 months	Plan, prepare for and undertake a 2-day, 1-night venture
<i>An additional 3 months must be undertaken in any one of these Sections</i>			

### Silver Award

Service	Skills	Physical Recreation	Expeditions
6 months	One Section for 6 months and the other Section for 3 months		Plan, prepare for and undertake a 3-day, 2-night venture
<i>Direct entrants must undertake an additional 6 months in either the Service or the longer (Skills or Physical Recreation) Section</i>			

### Gold Award

Service	Skills	Physical Recreation	Expeditions	Residential
12 months	One Section for 12 months and the other Section for 6 months		Plan, prepare for and undertake a 4-day, 3-night venture	Undertake a shared activity in a residential setting away from home for 5 days and 4 nights
<i>Direct entrants must undertake an additional 6 months in either the Service or the longer (Skills or Physical Recreation) Section</i>				

There should be a regular commitment throughout the above periods of involvement averaging at least one hour a week.