Residential Checklist

Suggested list of things to do, not necessarily in the order listed:

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1.	Inform your Commissioner(s) of the event and check they are happy before you start to formalise plans for the event. Get authorisation before you pay a deposit for your venue.	Practical Tips for planning your residential	
2.	To run your own residential event*, someone in your event leadership team must hold, or be working towards, the relevant modules of the Going Away With scheme. Speak to your commissioner about completing the scheme as early as possible. If completing the Going Away with Scheme you will also need to contact your County Residential Adviser to arrange an assessment during the event.	Going Away With scheme.	
	You need to ensure you have a licence holder in a ratio of at least 1:50. Events with 100 or more participants in total are defined as large-scale events.	Large-Scale Events	
	* If you're attending an event at a Girlguiding Activity Centre, where it's clear that a licence isn't required, you can list the venue as the licence holder. The role of licence holder will be completed by a nominated member of staff from the activity centre, if needed.	Girlguiding Activity Centres	
3.	If not already done so, pick a date and a venue		
4.	Venue. Book your venue - a deposit may be required, if required, don't forget to ask them for:		
	Safety guidelines		
	Public Liability Insurance		
	Risk Assessments		
	Copies of any instructors' qualifications		
5.	Insurance. Girlguiding has arranged insurance that covers members, or anyone acting on behalf of Girlguiding, when they are involved in a recognised guiding activity. However, the insurance does not cover cancellation or curtailment, travel issues, hiring a vehicle or using your own, or damage to personal belongings.	<u>Insurance</u>	
6.	Save the date - notify parents of the event. As much notice as possible is recommended allowing parents to save for the event and set up a payment plan, if necessary. Parents must have the opportunity to meet the leaders prior to the event and have all plans explained to them.	Setting Expectations for the Event	

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	You may also like to include a refunds policy.		
7.	Risk Assessments. Start your Risk Assessment as a draft. It is required to be sent off with the Residential Event Notification (REN) form (see no. 10 below)	Risk Assessments	
8.	Activity Plan. Start your draft activity plan as a copy of the draft is required to be sent off with the REN form (see no. 10 below). Your draft activity plan should be an outline that shows the activities you are considering doing on your residential, or what is available as part of the programme. It can be used to look at what else you may need, in order to deliver your planned programme. For example, if you're planning a walk, do you need a walking qualification? More information about the qualifications or safety requirements of any planned activities can be found on the activity finder. This is a fluid document and can change up to submitting the final REN form.	Activity Finder	
9.	Ratios. Work out what mandatory ratios are required and make sure you have enough adults. In summary: Rainbows - 1:4 with at least 3 adults present at all times. Brownies - 1:6 with at least 3 adults present, or 2 at the Commissioner's discretion. Guides - 1:12 with at least 3 adults present, or 2 at the Commissioner's discretion. Rangers - no ratio, but there must be at least 2 adults present, or 1 at the commissioner's discretion.	Ratios	
10.	<u>12 Weeks</u> prior to the <u>first</u> day of the event. Download and submit Part 1 of REN Form to your District Commissioner. You will also need to include a draft risk assessment and activity plan (nos. 7 & 8)	Home residential event notification form (DOCX) Home residential event notification form (PDF) More information on completing the REN can be found on the Girlguiding website here.	
11.	Home Contact System. Set up a home contact system When you're taking part in an activity outside of your normal meeting place and time, you must assign a responsible adult as a home contact. A home contact is a person that you've agreed will act as a first point of contact if plans change, or if an accident or emergency occurs. The home contact should have completed a Safe Space Level 1.	Home Contact system	

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12.	Consent Forms. Gain permission from Parents/carers using the Information and Consent Form.	Residential Consent Form	
	Emergency Contacts Make sure parents have nominated an emergency contact to be available throughout the event to collect young members, if necessary.		
	Photo Permissions. Make sure you have relevant photo permissions for all those attending.		
13.	Risk Assessments. Update your risk assessments; ideally you should have visited the venue to complete a full risk assessment.	Risk Assessments	
14.	Programme/Itinerary. Finalise your programme/itinerary as it will be needed for Part 2 of the REN form.		
15.	Adjustment Plans. Make sure you've completed an Adjustment Plan with the parents/carers and young member, for the planned personal care of any young member that requires it.	Adjustment Plans	
16.	Shopping List. Book your food delivery slot!		
17.	First Aid Kits. Check your first aid kits - make sure it contains nothing that has expired.	Giving and Managing Medication	
18.	<u>4 Weeks</u> prior to the first day of the event. Download and submit Part 2 of REN Form to your District Commissioner.	Competing REN forms	
	You will also need to include an updated risk assessment and a full itinerary.		
19.	Health Forms. Parents of under 16s and participants over 16 (including all leaders) must complete a health form. Usually these are completed a month prior to the event.	Health Form	
	You may also need to have some blank medication records sheet ready for those members on regular medication.	Giving and Managing Medication	
20.	Return. Complete and send off any Accident/Incident forms. Retain, at Unit level, until Insurance team at HQ has confirmed they have received a copy of the form and relevant documents.		
	One month after the date of event, destroy all Consent forms.		
	If medical treatment or medication has been administered, one month after the date of event, destroy all Heath Information Forms. If no medical treatment or medication administered, these can be destroyed straight after the event. Keep REN forms for 1 year from date of event.		