

Challenge yourself across the Olave Program Framework!

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# **OLAVE CHALLENGE**

#### Background

The Olave Challenge is about challenging yourself to your highest level in the three aspects of the Olave Program Framework. It can be considered a precursor to the Olave Baden-Powell Award, but is not a prerequisite to this Award and can be completed at any time you are eligible to participate in the Olave Program.

#### Introduction

The Olave Program is a personal development program for members of Guiding in Australia aged 18-30. It focuses on the three aspects of community, adventure and self-development. The Olave Challenge is completed by undertaking an activity/project in each aspect of the Olave Program Framework.

Each activity should be developed by in consultation with your Award Support Group. You may start working towards the Olave Challenge any time after your 18th birthday and you must have completed it before your 30th birthday, taking a maximum of two years to complete it.

#### **Olave Program Framework**

The Olave Program is a personal development program for members of Guiding in Australia aged 18-30. It focuses on the three aspects of community, adventure and self-development.

Olaves take opportunities to:

- Make a positive difference in their communities through volunteering, service and advocacy;
- Challenge themselves through new experiences especially in the outdoors and internationally; and
- Develop skills and knowledge to enable them to grow as individuals.

The Olave Program is underpinned by the Guide Promise and Law and the innovations and traditions of Australian Guiding.

#### Assessment

The Olave Challenge is Peer and Self-Assessed.

Self assessment means that in developing challenges you should reflect on your personal journey and development and how you will be challenged.

Peer assessment is conducted by your chosen Award Support Group, which is a group of at least four adult members of Guiding in Australia excluding yourself, two of whom must be between 18 and 30 years of age. Where possible, the majority of your Award Support Group is to be in this age group.

#### What do you need to do?

- 1. Read through the Olave Challenge Syllabus and develop your plan. It is important to specify what activities you will undertake and provide a time line for those activities.
- 2. Share this plan with your Award Support Group for approval before beginning work on the Olave Challenge.
- 3. Once you have commenced, ensure that you document your progress and keep your Award Support Group regularly updated.
- 4. After you have completed your chosen components, you will need to present a report (written or verbal) to your Award Support Group for feedback.
- 5. Once your Award Support Group has agreed you have satisfactorily completed the Olave Challenge, they will sign your form so that you can submit it to your State Olave Program Manager or equivalent.

#### Olave Challenge Syllabus

The Olave Challenge is about challenging yourself to your highest personal standard.

You are required to complete three challenges - one from each aspect of the Olave Program Framework: Community, Adventure and Self-Development. Each of your challenges should involve:

- Learning new skills or knowledge;
- Developing existing skills and knowledge further; and
- Having fun, developing new friendships and exploring new opportunities.

### COMMUNITY

Olaves takes opportunities to make a positive difference in their communities through volunteering, service and advocacy.

As individuals in today's society, participants of the Olave Program are members of multiple communities, including their local community, Guiding and family communities, as well as the global community. All members of a community have rights and responsibilities within their communities. One of the key responsibilities of every Guide and Olave Program participant is to provide service to their community.

This challenge focuses on voluntary service, an important aspect of Guiding.

Participants of the Olave Program are encouraged to be agents of change within their communities by speaking out, doing and educating on the issues about which they are passionate.

To satisfy this component, you are required to participate in sustained regular community service involving a minimum of forty hours over four months. This may involve commencing a new service role, extending an existing service role (for example, if you are currently a Leader you may consider running an event involving unit(s) other than your own) or undertaking a variety of service projects.

## **ADVENTURE**

Olaves take opportunities to challenge themselves through new experiences especially in the outdoors and internationally.

Participants of the Olave Program challenge themselves through new experiences, especially internationally and in the outdoors. A true adventure is one that is challenging for the individual. Regardless of the nature of the adventure, it will need to be well-planned with all relevant risk management in place. Through adventure participants of the Olave Program expand their horizons, step out of their comfort zone and build their self-confidence.

To satisfy this component, you are required to plan, participate in and evaluate a new adventurous activity. This may include other people or be an individual activity. This is expected to occur over a minimum period of two months.

## **SELF DEVELOPMENT**

Olaves takes opportunities to develop skills and knowledge to enable them to grow as individuals. Participants of the Olave Program are encouraged to develop themselves and their abilities. The Olave Program is designed to extend and challenge participants to go beyond the boundaries of their comfort zone. As a result, they develop their personal skill and abilities, taking on things that they would have otherwise thought impossible.

To satisfy this component, you are required to develop a new skill or interest, or improve upon an existing skill or interest. This is expected to occur over a minimum period of two months.

## **RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT**

Action	Date
Read through the Olave Challenge Syllabus and develop your plan	
Share this plan with your Award Support Group for approval before beginning work on the Olave Challenge	
Present a report (written or verbal) to your Award Support Group for feedback and approval	
Submit the completed OLAVE CHALLENGE FORM to your State Olave Program Manager or equivalent	

## Olave Challenge Form

Component	Challenge and Timeline	Approved by Award Support Group	Challenge Completed
Community			
Adventure			
Self Development			