

FAQs

What should happen when a Rainbow joins?

The Rainbow should receive a Rainbow Welcome Bag (order code 2545) and a *Ready for Rainbows* activity book (order code 6161).

Her parents/guardians should complete a *Starting Rainbows* form (order code 6164) and should receive a copy of the *Guiding Essentials: Parents' catalogue* from Trading Service, so they can choose from the range of Rainbow clothes. The Leader should give them any other information and advice they request. (See *Guidance notes for Leaders: Rainbow section* (order code 6053) pages 14-21 for more information.)

When does a Rainbow make her Promise?

She makes her Promise at her Promise Party when she is ready, which is usually four to six weeks after she joins. To find out more about the Promise see *Guidance notes for Leaders: Rainbow section* page 13.

What is a Rainbow Roundabout?

This is a unit resource that contains activity ideas which support the Rainbow Jigsaw. Most units do one Rainbow Roundabout per year. There are currently four Rainbow Roundabouts: *Roundabout Rainbows* (order code 6162), *Roundabout the World* (order code 6163), *Roundabout Festivals* (order code 6167) and *Roundabout get healthy* (order code 6168). For more information about Roundabouts see *Guidance notes for Leaders: Rainbow section* page 22.

How do Rainbows make decisions?

Making decisions is one of the Five Essentials. Rainbows make decisions through frequent Rainbow Chats. This is an opportunity for every member of the unit to discuss and agree plans and for Leaders to listen to Rainbows' ideas and opinions. They also make individual decisions in the activities they do, eg 'Shall I make my flower pink or red?' For more information on this see *Guidance notes for Leaders: Rainbow section* page 9.

How many Rainbows can I have in my unit?

The recommended number is 12 to 15 and the recommended maximum is 18. There should be a ratio of one adult to five girls, **but there must be at least two adults, irrespective of the number of girls.** (This is a rule: see *The Guiding Manual*, 4th Edition, pages 28-29.)

I'd like to take my Rainbows away. Can I?



Yes, you may take your Rainbows away overnight. If you are interested you need to work towards your Overnight Licence.

As a first step you need to contact your District Commissioner and Division or County Pack Holiday Adviser to discuss your plans.

For all you need to know about planning and running a Rainbow overnight, see *Rainbow Overnights* (order code 6694). To find out what's needed to gain your overnight licence see *Training Opportunities Camp and Holiday Scheme* (order code 6478) and for rules and guidelines regarding Rainbow overnight events see *The Guiding Manual* (4th Edition).

Can my Rainbows take part in processions and parades?

Rainbows may take part in processions but not parades. See *The Guiding Manual* (4th Edition) page 152 for more information.

My Rainbow is six and a half. What happens now?

There is a special challenge for older Rainbows, called My Pot of Gold, which helps the Rainbow to look back on what she has done and helps her to learn about being a Brownie. When she leaves she has a Pot of Gold Party where she will receive her Pot of Gold card and badge. She can wear this badge on her Brownie wear. Pot of Gold is covered in more detail on page 20 in *Guidance notes for Leaders: Rainbow section*.

Resources

You can order the resources you need via your local depot or from Girlguiding UK Trading.