

Group Awards Badges

A further option to help your Balanced Programme are the three Group Awards. They are undertaken by a number of Sections working together. For example, the Cub Scout Pack working with the Scout Troop, or the Beaver Scout Colony, Cub Scout Pack, Scout Troop and an Explorer Scout Unit working together.

Badges

Requirements for the following badges are listed on separate sheets:

The International Friendship Award

The Environment Award

The Faith Award

Where Should The Group Awards Be Worn?

These badges are worn below the County/Area and District Badges on the right arm, below any Leadership Stripes. If all three badges are achieved by the young people, all three can be worn. They are not, however, transferred to the uniform in the next Section.

Who Can Take Part In The Group Awards?

The Group Awards are designed so that all members of the Scout Group can take part in the Award, both Members and Leaders. Explorer Scouts and members of the Scout Network can link with Scout Groups to achieve a Group Award. There is freedom for the Group to select its own project and wide scope for innovative projects.

Choosing The Project

Each Group Award is based on a long-term project, which the Group works on together over a period of at least three to six months. The Group leadership team outlines the project and the involvement that each Section will have in it. Set yourself a start date and a completion date. You should develop an action plan, carry it out and evaluate it. Once the project is completed, the decision to award the badge to all Members is that of the leadership team involved in the project (although you may wish to involve your District or County/Area Commissioner).

The Requirements

A ten-step guide on how to complete a Group Award:

- agree that your Group wants to undertake a Group Award
- contact the local Explorer Scout Unit or Scout Network if appropriate
- gather the necessary information. This is an area where the older Sections could provide particular support
- select a project
- ensure your project meets the aim of the Award
- produce a detailed plan of action
- organise activities
- review your progress
- assess your project
- present your project to others.

Receiving your Award

The section Leader or Group Scout Leader can present the Award.