

Scout badges

Activity Badges are another way of recognising the achievements of Scouts who have learnt a new skill, or who have taken part in an activity for a certain period of time.

Below are the requirements for each of the badges. Scouts should be encouraged, where possible, to achieve National Governing Body Awards. These can also be used to help achieve the relevant Scout Activity Badge. For example, in gaining a BASI award, a Scout might also achieve the Snowsports Badge.

There are five badges available for Beaver Scouts, 32 for Cub Scouts, 70 for Scouts and 12 for Explorer Scouts.

Badges

Administrator	Chef	Hobbies	Physical Recreation
Aeronautics	Circus Skills	Interpreter	Pioneer
Air Researcher	Climber	Librarian	Power Coxswain
Air Spotter	Community	Life Saver	Public Relations
Basic Aviation Skills	Craft	Martial Arts	Pulling
Aviation Skills	Cyclist	Master at Arms	Quartermaster
Advanced Aviation Skills	D.I.Y.	Mechanic	Racing Helm
Aviation Skills training options	Dragon Boating	Meteorologist	Radio Communicator
Angler	Electronics	Model Maker	Skater
Artist	Emergency Aid	My Faith	smallholder
Art Enthusiast	Entertainer	Naturalist	Snowsports
Astronomer	Equestrian	Basic Nautical Skills	Sports Enthusiast
Athletics	Fire Safety	Nautical Skills	Survival Skills
Camp Cook	Forester	Advanced Nautical Skills	Water Sports
Camper	Global Conservation	Nautical Skills training options	World Faiths
Campsite Service	Guide	Navigator	Writer
Canoeist	Heritage	Orienteer	
Caver	Hiker	Photographer	
	Hill Walker		

Staged Activity Badges

In addition to these, there are four Activity Badges staged across these Sections.

These are:

Information Technology

Nights Away

Musician

Swimming

The Staged Activity Badges have been designed to provide a seamless approach throughout the Sections.

For each stage there are five levels available. This means that a young person can gain whichever badge is appropriate to the level they have reached. It is possible, for example, for a Beaver Scout who is an excellent swimmer to gain a higher level badge than a Scout who has just taken up the activity.

Special Needs requirements

Requirements should be modified, where appropriate, for any Scouts with Special Needs. Further guidance can be sought from your County, Area or District Special Needs advisor.

Using the right assessor

Since the Activity Badges cover a wide range of subjects, it is unlikely that any Scout Leader will have the expertise needed to assess all of these badges. Wherever possible, an appropriate assessor should be found. This may be a Leader or Helper in another Section or another group, a Young Leader, a member of the Scout Fellowship or a parent/carer. In some cases, use of an external assessor is appropriate, for example, using a fire-fighter to assess the Fire Safety Badge.

Instructor Badges

Instructor Badges are available for Scouts, and can be achieved for almost all Activity Badges in the Scout Section.

The requirements are as follows:

- Hold the Activity Badge.
- Have knowledge of the Activity Badge requirements, sufficient to enable them to instruct a Scout in that subject.
- Attend a training course covering the technical skills involved in the Activity Badge and the use of appropriate training methods.
- Assist with the training of Scouts in the subject over a period of at least three months.

Notes

- Requirements 1, 2 and 3 must be completed before a Scout can begin requirement 4.
- For those subjects that do not have a recognised technical skill course, an individual training programme can be arranged with a suitable qualified instructor.
- The gaining of certain external instructor awards, e.g. St. John Ambulance, Royal Life Saving Society, National Cycling Proficiency Scheme automatically qualifies a Scout for the appropriate Instructor Badge.
- A Scout who has already gained an Instructor Badge may be exempt from the training methods section of the third requirement.
- It may not be possible to gain an Instructor Badge in some areas such as paragliding, where there are clear age restrictions