

Frequently Asked Questions

Cub Scouts

Are the Programme Zones the same for each Section?

No. The Programme Zones are expressed differently for each Section, but they are all developed from the six Personal Development Areas.

Which badges can be worn by Beaver Scouts transferring to the Cub Scout Pack?

The new Cub Scout can wear the following badges, if they have gained them in the Beaver Scout Colony:

- The Beaver Scout Moving-On Award
- The Chief Scout's Bronze Award
- The highest stage of any of the four Staged Activity Badges
- The highest Joining-In Badge gained

Who assesses the standards for the Awards and badges?

The standards are the decision of the leadership team. Most of the Awards and badges are focused on 'best effort' rather than fixed standards, so leadership teams will be looking for the improvement that Beaver Scouts have made.

Can I still use the Jungle Book story?

Yes

What badge will a young person get who joins my Cub Scout Pack from outside Scouting and they complete one year within the Pack?

They will receive a Participation Badge with a number one on it.

Can young people wear all the staged Activity Badges at the same time?

No. Badges are marked 1 to 5. Replace each badge with the next one.

What happens when Beaver Scouts transfer to Cub Scouts?

They are already members of The Movement, they already have their Membership Badge, they don't have to re-join, they just have to renew The Promise, and work on the Moving-On Award.

Are the different Badge Stages shown as colours or numbers and how many stages are there?

They are shown in numbers and there are 5 stages.

Can the Chief Scout's Silver Award be finished off in the Scout Troop?

Yes

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When do Scouts receive their Participation Badge?

On the anniversary when they joined The Movement, not when they joined The Scout Section.

Can Scouts earn the same Challenge Badge more than once whilst working towards their Chief Scout Gold Award?

Yes, but it should be more progressive and yes they can wear more than one of the same Challenge badge, on their uniform. But to gain their Chiefs Scout's Gold Award the Scout must complete the Outdoor Challenge, plus at least four of the remaining Challenges (one of these may be the Outdoor plus Challenge) plus a personal challenge.

NOTE:

Whilst it is appreciated the above answer is not reflected in the Troop essentials (or Pack essentials) files, the above answer addresses the spirit of what PRI wanted to achieve. In due course this will be taken back to P&D in the way of a formal recommendation. It is sensible at this stage to offer help to Leaders who query this point. The same answer applies to the Cub Section. The Beaver Section files are clear on this question.

Can Challenge Badges be completed in another Section?

Yes, it is possible to finish off in The Explorer Unit. Also, young Scouts can finish off their Chief Scout's Silver Award in The Troop before their 11th birthday.

Should Scout Leaders have copies of the Cub Scout and Explorer Scout Programmes?

Yes, for the above reason.

What constitutes a 'Night Away'?

Nights spent away from home in a tent, bivouac, Scout Hut, on a barge, sleep over etc.

How many Nights Away is the top of the scale?

50 Nights Away

Why aren't sponsored Activity Badges cheaper than non-sponsored Activity Badges?

Any income from sponsorship will be spread right across every Activity Badge. Badges will continue to be sponsored when appropriate.

Who can be a Badge Assessor?

Anyone with the appropriate skills and knowledge, it could even be a Patrol Leader or group of Patrol Leaders in the right circumstances.

Can any Group Award earned whilst in one Section be transferred to the next Section?

Common sense and discretion needed at the moment. P&D Sub-Committee will formally consider this matter in the near future.

Can Explorer Scouts link with a Group to achieve any of the Group Awards?

Yes.

Who presents the Moving-On Award when a Scout leaves the Troop?

The Scout Leader.

Should the 6 Programme Zones be evenly split?

No, you will find that The Scoutcraft and Adventure Programme Zone will cover about 50% of the whole Programme.

What are the key principles of The Balanced Programme?

- ☛ It is about participation, not standards;
- ☛ It is not related to specific Awards;
- ☛ It is about making The Programme relevant to your Scouts;
- ☛ It is focussed around the 6 Programme Zones.

What are The Methods of The Balanced Programme?

These include:

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| ☛ Design and creating; | ☛ Visits; |
| ☛ Activities Outdoors; | ☛ Visitors in; |
| ☛ Themes; | ☛ Team building activities. |
| ☛ Prayer, worship and reflection; | |

What are the Underlying Ways of Working?

These include:

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| ☛ Having fun; | ☛ Teamwork; |
| ☛ Activities | ☛ Leadership and responsibility. |

Are The Challenge Badges Age Related?

There are no age ranges, Scouts can attain a Challenge Badge appropriate or relevant to the particular Programme Zone.

Are the different Badge Stages shown as colours or numbers and how many stages are there?

Numbers and there are 5 stages.

Can young people wear all the staged badges at the same time?

No. Badges are marked 1 to 5. Replace the badge with the next one up the line

How does The Patrol System fit into The Balanced Programme?

There is flexibility to either adopt The Patrol System or not. There is no rigid instruction.

Does the Patrol Leaders' Forum exist any more?

A forum is now any meeting between Young People and Leaders to discuss any aspect of The Programme or Scouting in general.

How long does a Young Person wear The Moving-On Award?

Throughout the next Section.

Which badges from The Cub Scout Section remain on a Scout's uniform?

- Moving On Award;
- The last Participation Award;
- Chief Scout's Silver Award;
- Staged Activity Badges.

Which badges from The Scout Section remain on an Explorer's uniform?

- Moving On Award;
- Chief Scout's Gold Award;
- Staged Activity Badges.

What is Self-Review?

This is a Sectional Review, which gives the Section a chance to celebrate all that is going well and helps to focus on areas, which could be improved. Also a chance for:

- Gathering Information;
- Leaders' thoughts;
- Making comments;
- Drawing conclusions;
- Looking forward;
- Telling someone.

Explorer Scouts

What is a Certificate of Achievement?

It is a record of what an Explorer Scout has done over the past year, and should also be used to record what they want to achieve in the next year. It can also be used to record achievements in other ways e.g. attending a training course, attending a World Jamboree, working on a development project. The Certificate should be used as frequently as possible to celebrate what your Explorer Scouts do.

What are the Group Awards?

There are three Group awards: International Award, Environment Award and Faith Award. They are open to all sections. Explorer Scout Units can pair up with other Sections in a Scout Group or with another Explorer Scout Unit to complete these awards.

What is the Explorer Belt?

The Explorer Belt is open to Explorer Scout who are 16 year olds and over and members of the Scout Network. Participants need to plan and train for an International Expedition and travel through another country for ten days. Details of the requirements for the Explorer Belt can be found in Unit Essentials and the Navigator file.

What is the Moving-On Award?

The Moving-on Award is available to help Scouts move on into the Explorer Scout Section and to help Explorer Scouts move on into the Scout Network. It encourages the prospective new member to learn about the new Section and to take part in a number of activities with them. Achieving the Moving-on Award means that you do not need to repeat the requirements of the Membership Award for your new Section.

Does the new Scout Association database (Scoutcount) comply with the Data Protection Act?

Yes, it meets all Data Protection Act requirements.

Will each Explorer Scout Unit have to register separately?

No. The District will include all Explorer Scouts in the annual census return as individuals. There will also be a question about how many Explorer Scouts Units are running in the District.

Camping Nights - does this mean specifically under canvas?

No, it can relate to indoors (residential experiences) - all in Scouting essentials. In the Chief Scouts Platinum and Diamond Awards and the Queen's Scout Award, there is a camping requirement which specifies how many of the nights should be under canvas.

Will the Chief Scout's Platinum and Diamond Awards and the Queen's Scout Award be available to both the Explorer Scout Section and Scout Network?

Yes

If you join Explorer Scouts do you have to start at the Chief Scout's Platinum Award?

Platinum is the first Chief Scout's Award for Explorer Scouts and members of the Scout Network, but if an older Explorer Scouts joins then it may be more appropriate to start at the Chief Scout's Diamond Award or even the Queen's Scout Award