

Special Interest Badges

Archery

Orienteering

Wilderness Experience

World Scouting

Languages

Tidy Towns

Mountain Biking

Patrol Camp Leadership

Sailing Adventure

Personal Fitness

Painting & Art

Community Radio

World Cultures

Navigation

Music

Dancing

Good Turn

Gardening

Photography

Nature Study

Recycling

Swimming

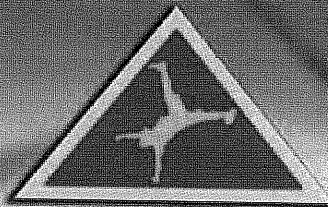
Cooking

Farming

Crafts

Soccer

Any subject or interest you
like can become a
Special Interest Badge



You design your own badge for
what you are interested in

Any subject or interest can be used to develop a Special Interest Badge

There are five Special Interest Badge areas

Skills

This can be any new personal skill e.g. technical, mechanical, music, drama, arts & crafts

Adventure

This should be an adventure journey that includes something completely new i.e. a new location, new method of travel, etc

Physical

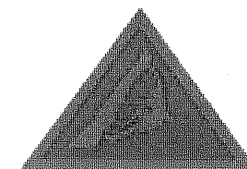
This can include any physical pursuit, activity or sport

Community

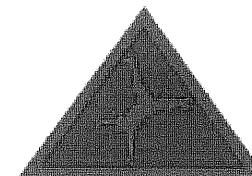
Being involved in your community. This could be a service type project and you should create a plan that outlines what you will do and who will benefit.

Environment

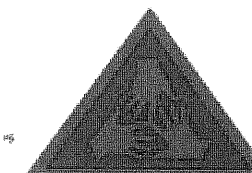
This can be any project that improves the environment in any way.



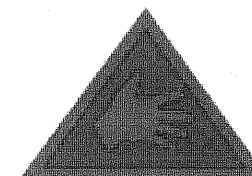
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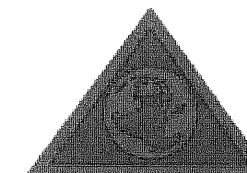
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Community



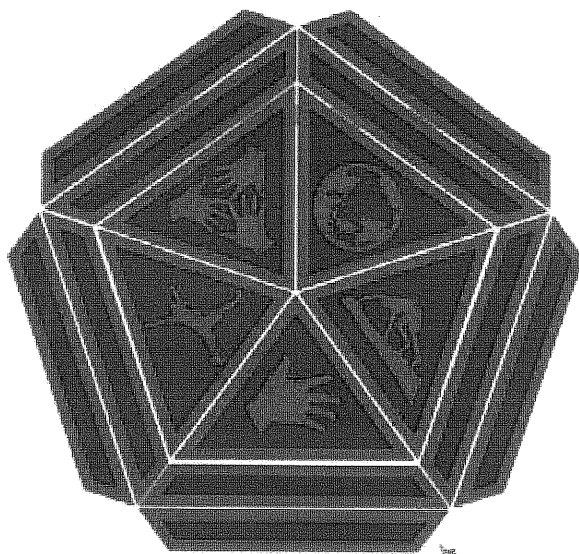
Skills



Environment



Special Interest Badges 'Bar'



- Whatever subject or interest you pick must be linked to one of the Special Interest Badge areas.
- A Scout may achieve recognition for the same Special Interest Badge Area up to three times in any one Section. You are awarded the badge the first time you do a Special Interest Badge and a 'bar' for each of the others in this Special Interest Badge area.
- You have to chance to do 15 badges in each Section
- The Scout keeps a badge until it is replaced by an equivalent in the next Section.
- Special Interest badges have different colour combinations for each Section.

Choosing a subject or interest

Below are some suggested subjects that have been aligned with the Special Interest Badge areas. There are many more ideas that can be included. No matter what subject or interest you choose it will fall into one of the areas, sometimes it will fall into two or even three areas.

Community Involvement	Personal Skill	Physical Recreation	Adventure Journey	Environment
Good Turn / Service	Photography	Archery	Cycling Expedition	Ethical living
World Cultures & Ways of Living	Entertaining	Orienteering	Wilderness Experience	Eco-energy
World Scouting	Film/video production	Athletics	Horseback Expedition	Organic Gardening
Guide / Interpreter	Home repairs	Ball Games	Sailing Adventure	Weather Watch
Heritage	Information technology	Climbing Wall	Canoe Adventure	Animal welfare
Health Awareness	Music & Dance	Gymnastics	Bivvy Adventure	Conservation
Representation	Painting / Art	Water Safety	Camp Leadership	Nature Study
Tidy Towns	Crafts / Sculptor	Personal Fitness	Back Packing	Carbon footprint
Disability Awareness	Cooking	Swimming	Journey in a Strange Land	Environmental Audit
Active Citizenship	Motors	Martial Arts	Mountain Journey	Recycling
Faith & Beliefs	Navigator	Triathlon	Extended Hiking Expedition	Food Production
Community Radio	Observer / Tracker	Caving	Exploring	Naturalist
Current Affairs	Leadership / Mentoring	Snorkeling / SCUBA	Camping	Sustainable Building
Campaigning	Public Speaking	Mountain Biking	Nature Study Expedition	River Care
Languages	Archeology	Body Surfing	Photography Safari	Local Beautification
Surveys	Creative Writing	Canoeing	Treasure Quest	Tidy Towns
Interculturalism	Farming	Rock Climbing	Overseas Project	Nature Reserve

Creating your Special Interest Badge



Step 1 - Pick your subject or interest

Step 2 - Decide what Special Interest Area your subject or interest falls into.

Step 3 - Design your challenge in consultation with your Scouter or Mentor

Step 4 - Complete the challenge in agreed time

Step 5 - Wear the badge with pride

The Challenge

When designing your badge it should :-

- Challenge you to learn new skills or develop existing ones
- Help to increase your knowledge of the particular area
- Contain a practical element which will benefit others.

A template is provided to allow the you to set out your plan, which Personal Challenges you can undertake during the Special Interest Badge and to help you look back at what you have achieved.

[Link to Template](#)

You can use another method to document your Special Interest Badge e.g. poster, diary, email, social networking website etc.

Check out how some Scouts have designed their Special Interest Badge

Beaver Scouts

Cub Scouts

Scouts

Venture Scouts

Rover Scouts

Which Special Interest Area are you going to work on?

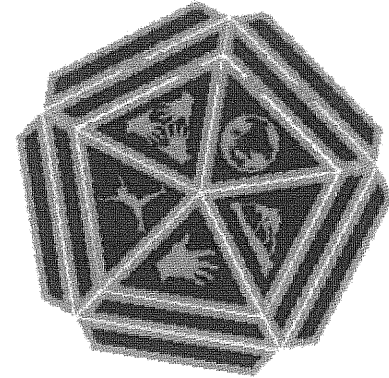
What is your project? Describe what you want to do and the steps to get there

What do you hope to achieve doing this badge? How will you know you are finished?

Which Personal Challenges will this help you with?

At the end: How did your plan go? What did you learn from it?

Special Interest Badge Design template



Planned Start Date:

Planned Finish Date:

Signed (youth member):

Signed (Mentor):

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