

Personal Achievement Badges

During The Canadian Path's feedback and engagement process, the team heard concerns from across the country regarding existing badge inventory. Scouters felt that their current badges were going to be wasted as a result of the transition to The Canadian Path. Early on, the Canadian Path team began informing Scouters that it would do whatever it could to address these concerns, and specifically that it would ensure that existing Activity/Challenge badges could be used to recognize youth who achieve new Personal Achievement badges.

Since the size, shape and colour scheme of the Activity/Challenge badges remains the same as the Personal Achievement badges, it is actually quite easy to make use of old inventory. The Canadian Path team identified 11 of 16 Canadian Path Personal Achievement badges in Cub Scouts and 13 of 16 Canadian Path Personal Achievement badges in Scouts for which former Activity/Challenge badges can effectively serve. Really, though, Sections can use any badges they deem appropriate to recognize youth. Please see the chart below to see which existing badges can be used in place of the new Personal Achievement badges.

For this reason, Personal Achievement badges have not been included in the Canadian Path Starter Kits. Sections are encouraged to use the remainder of their badge inventory. However, Personal Achievement badges for which an existing badge cannot be used in lieu will be for sale in the Scout Shops by late August. Scout Shop gifts cards, which will be included in CP Starter Kits at no cost, can be used to purchase the Personal Achievement badges not being included. Scout Shops will also sell their inventory of existing Activity/Challenge badges before making some of the new Personal Achievement badges available.

Sections can expect to have 'leftover' badges that cannot be used in lieu of new Personal Achievement badges. If there are youth within a Section who wish to work towards existing Activity/Challenge badges as the Section transitions to The Canadian Path, they should be encouraged in this pursuit. Youth can choose to either work towards the current requirements or use the new Section-specific Plan-Do-Review template for Personal Achievement badges, to set their own goals.

As we aim to be wise in the use of our resources, Sections should find creative ways to make use of their existing badge inventory. The transition to The Canadian Path should happen at a pace that's comfortable for both the youth and Scouters.



Cub Scouts Personal Achievement Badges	Recommendation for existing Cub Scout Activity Badges to use in lieu
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1. Earth	For Sale Sept. 2016
2. Air	For Sale Sept. 2016
3. Water	For Sale Sept. 2016
4. Space	Space Exploration
5. Summer Fitness	Swimmer
6. Winter Fitness	Skater
7. Year-round Fitness	Athlete
8. Home	For Sale Sept. 2016
9. Community	For Sale Sept. 2016
10. Canada	Canadian Heritage
11. World	World Cubbing
12. Technology	Computer
13. Arts	Artist
14. Building	Carpenter
15. Hobby	Photographer
16. Science	Astronomer

Scout Personal Achievement Badges	Recommendation for existing Scout Challenge Badges to use in lieu
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1. Earth	Forestry
2. Air	For Sale Sept. 2016
3. Water	For Sale Sept. 2016
4. Space	Space Exploration
5. Summer Fitness	Swimmer
6. Winter Fitness	Winter Sport
7. Year-round Fitness	Team Sport
8. Home	For Sale Sept. 2016
9. Community	Family Care
10. Canada	Cultural Awareness
11. World	Heritage
12. Technology	Computer
13. Arts	Artist
14. Engineering	Engineering
15. Hobby	Photography
16. Science	Science

