

# GUIDE TO PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT BADGES FOR PARENTS

**Personal Achievement badges** are designed to allow Scouting youth to acquire skills and knowledge in areas that are of particular interest to them, and to have that development recognized as part of their growth through Scouting. They give your child the opportunity to try something new, and to set achievable goals. Personal Achievement badges are generally pursued individually, and outside of weekly meetings. They can be pursued by Beaver Scouts, Cub Scouts and Scouts.

If your child decides to take on the challenge of achieving a badge, he or she first chooses the badge on which to focus. Once your child has chosen a badge, he or she needs to meet with a badge mentor to develop a plan, using the Personal Achievement Badge template. Your child, yourself and a Scouter can collaborate to determine the best badge mentor for the adventure your child wants to pursue. The badge

mentor could be a Scouter, yourself or an appropriate youth leader (an older youth – for example, a Patrol or Troop Leader). Consider whether you may be the right mentor for the badge your child has chosen. You have a broad range of skills, and valuable insight that you can lend to your child. A mentor helps your child develop his or her objectives by asking a series of questions:

“What is your end goal? What would you like to accomplish?”

“Why would you like to achieve this badge? What do you hope to be able to do better?”

“What experience do you have already that goes with this badge theme?”

“What do you need to learn or to experience to meet your goal?”

“How can we make this into an adventure?”

There are no set requirements for the badges. Instead, each badge has an objective that is supported by a few guidelines, and then ideas for possible badge adventures from which your child may choose. Your child is also encouraged to use his or her own ideas. Most importantly, completing the adventures for the badge must be exciting, fun and challenging for your child.

There are 16 Personal Achievement badges for each of the Sections. These badges vary slightly across each Section in name and appearance, but follow the same general themes:

**Personal Achievement badges for Beaver Scouts:** Exploring Beaver, Earth Beaver, Leader Beaver, Community Beaver, Spirit Beaver, Beavers of the World, Chef Beaver, Olympic Beaver, Musical Beaver, Scientific Beaver, Creative Beaver, Friendship Beaver, Pet Care Beaver, Canada Beaver, Beaver Heroes and Tech Beaver.

The Beaver Scout plans three adventures with a mentor to complete for each badge. Beaver Scouts may choose from the suggested adventures, or they may create their own adventures.



PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT BADGES FOR BEAVER SCOUTS



### PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT BADGES FOR CUB SCOUTS



### PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENT BADGES FOR SCOUTS

#### Personal Achievement badges for Cub Scouts and Scouts:

Earth, Air, Water, Space, Summer Fitness, Winter Fitness, Year-Round Fitness, Home, Community, Canada, World, Technology, Arts, Building/Engineering, Hobby and Science.

To complete a Personal Achievement badge, Cub Scouts must complete four adventures, any number of which can come from the Cub Scout. A Scout must set five personal goals, any number of which can be of his or her own choosing.

#### Example: Cub Scouts Hobby Badge

**Objective:** I will explore a new hobby or learn new skills in a hobby I already do.

When planning your adventure, think about including:

- an adventure in which you learn a hobby that you have never tried before or a new skill in a hobby you already do

- an adventure in which you teach or demonstrate your hobby to someone else

Here are some ideas to get you going on creating your own adventures:

- Have you ever sewed on a button? Or used a sewing machine? Learn these skills and create a basic craft, like a hand puppet.
- Love board games? Pick one to learn or develop skills in a game such as chess or checkers, or set up a board game evening for family, friends or your Pack.
- Pick a new hobby. Maybe it is building a model, knitting, painting or drawing, rug hooking, whittling, bird watching, insect watching or fishing. Try it out. Learn some basic skills. What did you enjoy? Would you keep doing this hobby?



## RESOURCES

Guide to Beaver Scout Personal Achievement Badges: [scoutinglife.ca/wp-content/uploads/bs/bs-pab-guide.pdf](http://scoutinglife.ca/wp-content/uploads/bs/bs-pab-guide.pdf)

Personal Achievement Badge Template for Beaver Scouts: [scoutinglife.ca/wp-content/uploads/bs/bs-pab-template.pdf](http://scoutinglife.ca/wp-content/uploads/bs/bs-pab-template.pdf)

Guide to Cub Scout Personal Achievement Badges: [scoutinglife.ca/wp-content/uploads/cs/cs-pab-guide.pdf](http://scoutinglife.ca/wp-content/uploads/cs/cs-pab-guide.pdf)

Personal Achievement Badge Template for Cub Scouts: [scoutinglife.ca/wp-content/uploads/cs/cs-pab-template.pdf](http://scoutinglife.ca/wp-content/uploads/cs/cs-pab-template.pdf)

Guide to Scout Personal Achievement Badges: [scouts.ca/canadianpath/download/pab/s-pab-guide.pdf](http://scouts.ca/canadianpath/download/pab/s-pab-guide.pdf)

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