

## Overview

The Scout programme is designed to be 4 years long and the 'top award' for Scouts is the Gold Award.

### Chief Scout's Gold Award



This is the highest award a Scout can earn.

To complete it, you need to complete all nine of the Challenge Awards, plus six Activity Badges.

### Challenge Awards

There are 9 Challenge Awards. A scout must complete all 9 to achieve their Gold Award. Challenge Awards are hexagonal and worn on front of jumper.



Adventure Challenge Award



World Challenge Award



Creative Challenge Award



Expedition Challenge Award



Outdoor Challenge Award



Personal Challenge Award



Skills Challenge Award



Team Leader Challenge Award



Teamwork Challenge Award

### Activity Badges



Over 70 Activity Badges available. They are round and are worn on the left-hand sleeve.

The one shown here is the artist activity badge. There is a huge variety, and they cater for every interest and skill.

### Staged Badges



This is an example of a Staged Badge. They are also round and are worn on the left-hand sleeve but are light blue in colour and have a purple border.

Staged badges are available for skills that young people will work on/develop throughout their time in Scouting. For example, they may complete their Stage 1 Emergency Aid in Beavers, Stage 3 Emergency Aid in Cubs, and then their Stage 4 Emergency Aid in Scouts.

The number of 'nights away' your Scout completes will be recorded/recognised with a staged badge, as well as their 'time on water' – both of which we work on from Beavers.

### Core Badges



When your Scout is invested (makes the promise) they will be presented with the Membership Award, a special Royal Navy recognition badge, a district badge, and a 1<sup>st</sup> Molesey group nametape. The badge shown here is the Membership Award.



Joining in awards are collected one for every year a young person is with us, starting from your very first day as a Beaver right up until their last meeting at Explorers.

## How are badges earned?

**Core Badges** are presented when Scouts are invested.

### Chief Scout's Gold Award

Every Scout will be provided opportunities to achieve their Gold Award. Most of our Scouts complete it through taking an active part in the programme, and completing camps, competitions, and extra events to cover the requirements of the 9 Challenge Awards that lead to its successful completion.

### Challenge Awards

We design our programme and calendar of additional events (e.g. camps) to focus on completing as many requirements as we can of the 9 Challenge Awards. If a Scout takes an active part in weekly sessions and joins in with additional events such as competitions and camps, it's likely they'll complete the vast majority of each of the 9 Challenge Awards during their 4 years with us. The remaining requirements need to be covered by Scouts at home as there simply isn't enough time for us to do it all, and some requirements have an independent element.

Obviously, if a Scout joins us later than the age of 10 years or doesn't take an active part in the programme/additional opportunities, they'll need to put in more work in outside of the meetings to complete all the requirements.

The leaders will always help to identify opportunities to cover badge requirements that are missing, but ultimately it is down to the young person to put the effort in to complete the award.

Unlike the Bronze Award at Beavers, or Silver Award at Cubs where it is almost impossible not to achieve them, the Gold Award does require effort and engagement on the part of the young person.

Please remember that the Scout programme is designed to be 4 years long and the Challenge Award requirements reflect this. Scouts don't normally achieve any Challenge Awards until their second year with us. This doesn't mean they aren't achieving; it just takes time to complete the entire badge! **If your Scout wants more badges quick, please encourage them to complete Staged or Activity badges (see below).**

### Staged Badges

All Scouts should expect to complete the nights away, hikes away, nautical skills, time on the water, emergency aid and paddle sports staged badges during their time with us as they all form an integral part of our programme.

Most of our Scouts come up from Cubs with an armful of staged badges and we have plenty of time to develop those skills for life with them over the 4 years they are with us.

There are additional staged badges such as musician, digital maker and swimmer that your young person may wish to complete – just let us know! There's no requirement to work your way up from stage 1, it's possible to jump straight to an appropriate level.

### Activity Badges

We sometimes cover these as part of our programme, but as mentioned, our focus is on the Challenge Awards.

There are over 70 Activity Badges available for Scouts, and they are quite often 'quick wins'. If a Scout has a hobby, plays a sport, reads books etc. it's likely they'll have already completed one of the activity badges. Please just let us know by email or ask the Scout to come and talk to us and we can get the badge awarded.

The diagram on the next page will show you the names of all the badges or you can look online here: <https://www.scouts.org.uk/scouts/activity-badges/>

### Leadership Stripes

We have a patrol system, and the leaders look for young people that consistently demonstrate our values and leadership skills to appoint as Patrol Leaders (PLs) and Assistant Patrol Leaders (APLs).

Our 5 patrols are Curlews, Gannets, Seagulls and Seals.

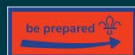
PLs and APLs wear Leadership Stripes on their right arm.

# SCOUT BADGES AND AWARDS

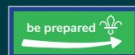
## MEMBERSHIP AWARD



## MOVING ON AWARDS



From Cub Scouts



To Explorer Scouts

## PEER LEADERSHIP STRIPES



Assistant Patrol Leader



Patrol Leader



Senior Patrol Leader

## YOUSHAPE AWARD



## JOINING IN AWARDS



## ACTIVITY BADGES



Activity Centre Service



Air or Sea Navigation



Air Researcher



Air Spotter



Angler



Artist



Astronautics



Astronomer



Athletics



Athletics Plus



Camper



Caver



Chef



Circus Skills



Climber



Communicator



Craft



Cyclist



DIY



Dragon Boating



Electronics



Entertainer



Environmental Conservation



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Farming



Fire Safety



Forester



Fundraising



Geocaching



Global Issues



Hill Walker



Hobbies



International



Librarian



Lifesaver



Local Knowledge



Martial Arts



Master at Arms



Mechanic



Media Relations and Marketing



Meteorologist



Model Maker



My Faith



Naturalist



Orienteer



Parascending



Photographer



Physical Recreation



Pioneer



Power Coxswain



Pulling (Fixed Seat Rowing)



Quartermaster



Scientist



Sports Enthusiast



Street Sports



Survival Skills



Water Activities



World Faiths



Writer



Instructor



Activity Plus

# SCOUTS

## STAGED ACTIVITY BADGES



Air Activities  
(stages 1-6)



Community Impact  
(stages 1-4)



Digital Citizen  
(stages 1-4)



Digital Maker  
(stages 1-5)



Emergency Aid  
(stages 1-5)



Hikes Away  
(stages 1-50)



Musician  
(stages 1-5)



Nautical Skills  
(stages 1-6)



Navigator  
(stages 1-5)



Nights Away  
(stages 1-200)



Paddle Sports  
(stages 1-4)



Sailing  
(stages 1-4)



Snowsports  
(stages 1-4)

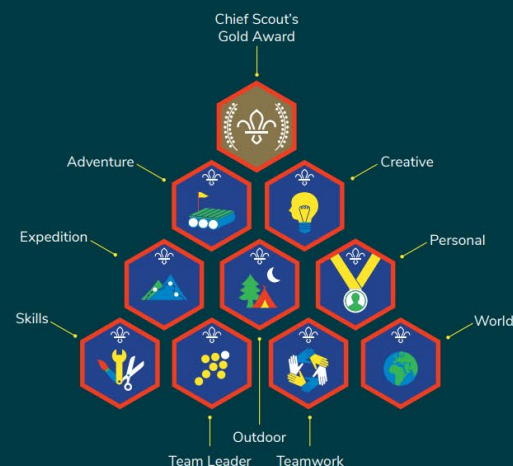


Swimmer  
(stages 1-5)



Time on the Water  
(stages 1-50)

## CHALLENGE AWARDS



**Scouts**

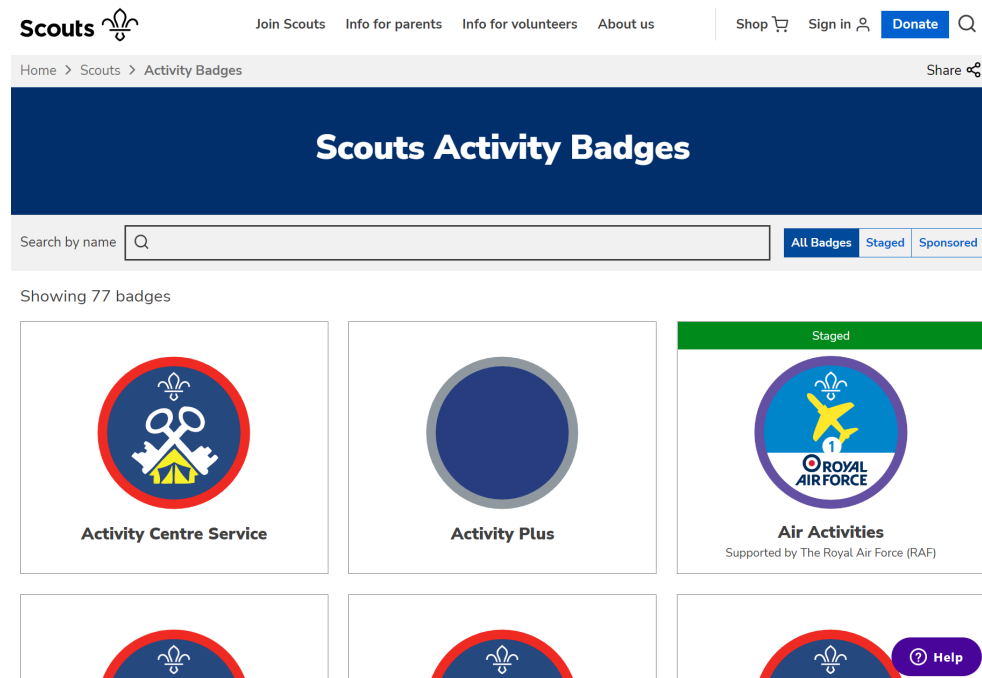
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## Badge Requirements

The Scout HQ website is great and has lots of information on each badge and lists the requirements for each badge.

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/scouts/>



## Completed Badges

If your Scout has completed a badge, or wants to complete a badge, please email the leaders so we can get it awarded!

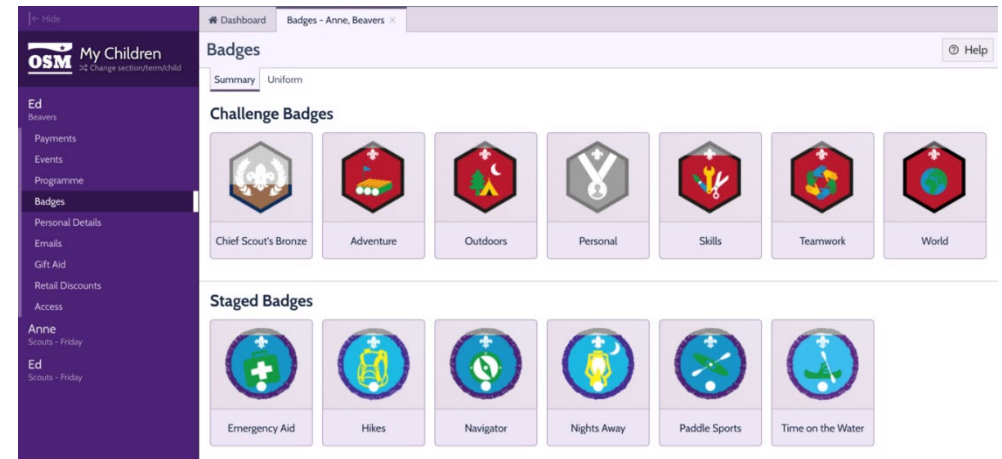
You're more than welcome to email across photos/info of them completing the activities and we love it when Scouts are happy to share/present their skills/work to the others (though this is not a requirement).

Just drop us an email and we'll support your Scout in achieving!

## Viewing Badge Progress on OSM

OSM has a great tool that allows you to see how your Scout is progressing with badges. This is particularly useful for the Challenge Awards as you can see what requirements are still outstanding.

Simply log in as normal and click 'Badges' in the menu.



## Awarded Badges

After we've awarded some badges at Scouts, you will receive an email listing them (on the following day).

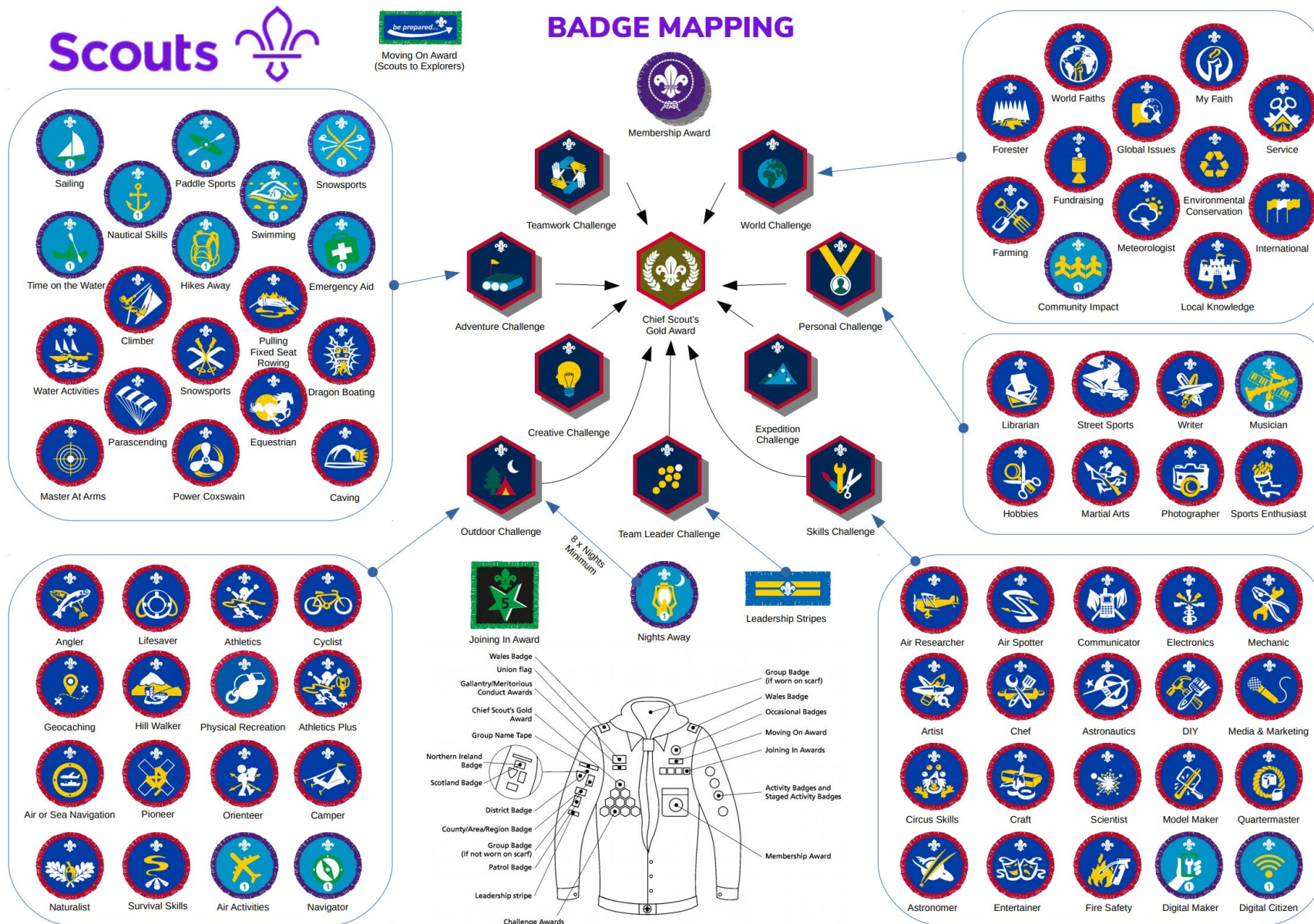
Please ensure badges are sewn on your Scout's jumper before the next meeting.

Badges are quite expensive for us to buy (about 70p each) and it's great to see their achievements recognised.

## Badge Mapping

This diagram is designed to give an overview of how elements of the programme feed into each other - it's by no means exhaustive!

e.g. a Scout that has completed many of the Activity Badges in the bottom right box is likely to have demonstrated/completed the skills required for their Skills Challenge.





## Where do they go?

Please follow this link or use the photos below to show you where the badges go on the jumper.

[https://cms.scouts.org.uk/media/15132/5-scouts-jumper-sea-\\_uniform-diagrams\\_sept2021\\_portrait.png](https://cms.scouts.org.uk/media/15132/5-scouts-jumper-sea-_uniform-diagrams_sept2021_portrait.png)

The only exception to the above diagram is that we place our RN Recognition badge on the left-hand side, rather than on the right.

