

Animal Friend Activity Badge

How to earn your badge:

1. Learn how to care for an animal
2. Help to take care of that animal for six weeks.
3. Tell others in your Colony or Lodge about the animal
4. Find out what the animal needs. Learn about its food, habitat, space, exercise and sleeping area.
5. Keep a note of how you have looked after the animal for two weeks. You can draw, take photographs or write short sentences



Top tips

The animal you care for could be a dog, cat, gerbil, guinea pig, fish, bird, rabbit, lamb or even a stick insect! Maybe you could help look after a family member's pet.

Even though there are lots of computer games and things that show you what it's like to care for an animal, these won't count for this badge. You will need to learn to take care of a real, live animal.

Collector Activity Badge

How to earn your badge

1. Spend at least six weeks making a collection
2. Show your Colony or Lodge a sample of things from your collection
3. Tell others in your Colony or Lodge about your collection. What is your collection? Why do you collect these things? What is your favourite thing from your collection?



Gardener Activity Badge

How to earn your badge

1. Find out what happens to trees in each of the four seasons.
2. Learn how to use some gardening tools safely.
3. Find out what plants need to grow.
4. Help to look after a garden or allotment for three months. Keep a record of what you have done and the changes you see. You could draw pictures, write short sentences and take photographs.



Top tips

For number 2, you can learn how to use small tools, like a trowel or a hand fork. If you want to find out more, you can learn about bigger tools used by adults.

If you don't have a garden or allotment you can use, you could try looking after a range of pot plants. Or you could see if there's a scheme in your local community where there is something suitable. Your school might have a garden you can help with. Or your meeting place might have a space you can use.

Hobbies Activity Badge

This is what you need to do to earn this badge

1. Choose a hobby to take part in for at least six weeks.
2. Show that you have stuck with your hobby. Show what you know about your hobby and the skills you have learned.
3. Tell and show the Colony, your Lodge or Leaders about your chosen hobby. Talk about why you enjoy it.



Top tips

You can earn more than one Hobbies badge.

Photographer Activity Badge

How to earn your badge

1. Show how to use a camera to take a good photograph.
2. Make up a scrapbook showing different ways photographs can be used, like in the news, advertising or art.
3. Take 10 or more photos and show these to your Lodge or an adult. Why do you like these photos? What made you take them?



Your leader might like to put some of your photos on display or share them with the local newspaper. If they do, your parents will need to say it's OK first.

Top tips

The photographs could be part of a project about things like animals or plants. You could take photos when you're on a trip, to capture things that happen on the day.

Remember to ask permission before you take a photo of somebody.

Sports Activity Badge

How to earn your badge

1. Take part in a sport or physical activity regularly for at least six weeks.
2. Take part in a match, competition or demonstration of that sport.
3. Show your Lodge, Colony or an adult the skills you have learned.
4. Tell your Lodge, Colony or an adult about the rules of your sport.



Musician Staged Activity Badge – Get your teacher to sign the level you have achieved

Musician – stage 1

How to earn your badge

1. Skill
 - Listen to a short tune of a couple of lines and then sing it back.
 - Listen to another tune and then beat or clap out the rhythm.
2. Performance
 - Sing or play two different types of song or tune on your chosen instrument – remember your voice is an instrument too. You must perform in front of other people, either in Scouting or at a public performance such as a group show or school concert.
3. Knowledge
 - Demonstrate some of the musical exercises that you use to practice your skills.
 - Talk about your instrument and why you enjoy playing it. Alternatively, you could talk about the songs you sing and why you enjoy singing them.
4. Interest
 - Tell your assessor about the music that you most like to listen to.



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Musician – stage 2

How to earn your badge

1. Skill
 - Reach Grade One standard for the Associated Board of the Royal School of Music (or similar). It can be on an instrument of your choice or by singing.
2. Performance
 - Sing or play two different types of song or tune on your chosen instrument. You must perform in front of other people either in Scouting or at a public performance.
3. Knowledge
 - Demonstrate some of the musical exercises that you use to practice your skills.
 - Talk about your instrument and why you enjoy playing it. Alternatively, you could talk about the songs you sing and why you enjoy singing them.
 - Name a piece of music associated with your instrument.
 - Name several musicians who you have heard.
4. Interest
 - Talk about your own interests in music, including what you listen to most and how it's similar or different to the music you play or sing.

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Swimmer Staged Activity Badge— Get your teacher to sign the level you have achieved

Swimmer – stage 1

How to earn your badge

1. Learn the general safety rules for swimming (such as not diving into shallow water or not swimming on your own) and where it is safe to swim locally.
2. Show you know how to prepare for exercises such as taking part in a warm up.
3. Demonstrate a controlled entry, without using the steps, into at least 1.5 metres of water.
4. Swim 10 metres on your front.
5. Tread water for 30 seconds in a vertical position.
6. Using a buoyancy aid, float still in the water for 30 seconds.
7. Demonstrate your ability to retrieve an object from chest-deep water.
8. Perform a push and glide on both your front and back.
9. Swim 25 metres without stopping.
10. Take part in an organised swimming activity.



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Swimmer – stage 2

How to earn your badge

1. Learn the general safety rules for swimming (such as not diving into shallow water or not swimming on your own) and where it is safe to swim locally.
2. Show you know how to prepare for exercises such as taking part in a warm up.
3. Demonstrate a controlled entry or dive from the side of the pool, into at least 1.5 metres of water.
4. Swim 10 metres on your front, 10 metres on your back and 10 metres on your back using only your legs.
5. Tread water for three minutes in a vertical position.
6. Surface dive into at least 1.5 metres of water and touch the bottom with both hands.
7. Mushroom float for ten seconds.
8. Enter the pool and push off from the side on your front, gliding for five metres.
9. From the side of the pool, push off on your back and glide for as far as possible.
10. Swim 100 metres without stopping.
11. Take part in an organised swimming activity.

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Swimmer – stage 3

How to earn your badge

1. Learn the general safety rules for swimming (such as not diving into shallow water or not swimming on your own) and where it is safe to swim locally.
2. Show you know how to prepare for exercises. You could do this by leading a warm up.
3. Demonstrate a controlled entry or dive from the side of the pool into at least 1.5 metres of water.
4. Swim 50 metres in shirt and shorts.
5. Tread water for three minutes, with one hand behind your back.
6. Surface dive into 1.5 metres of water and recover an object with both hands from the bottom. Return to the side of the pool, holding the object in both hands.
7. Enter the water from the side of the pool by sliding in from a sitting position. Using any floating object for support, take up and hold the heat escape lessening posture for five minutes.
8. Swim 400 metres without stopping.
9. Take part in a different organised swimming activity to the one on your previous swimming badge.

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