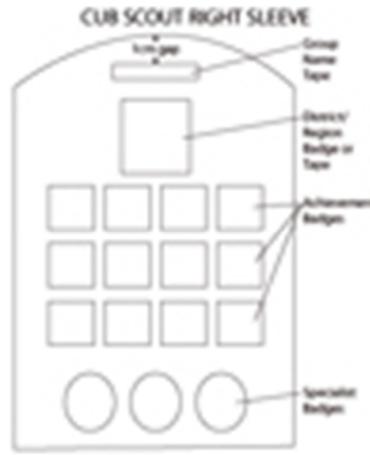


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## What Are Achievement Badges?

Achievement badges are small square badges of various designs and colours, worn on the right sleeve between the District/Region Badge or Tape and Specialist Badges. They are one of the forms of badge work Cub Scouts can complete.



## How Do They Fit In With The Cub Scout Award Scheme And Programming?

The major components of the Cub Scout Award Scheme are the Bronze, Silver and Gold Boomerang badges.

Cub Scouts set challenges for themselves in earning Achievement Badges, and it is an opportunity for Cubs to concentrate on their own personal areas of interest.

The Branch Commissioner For Cub Scouts Robyn "Rikki" Devine noted in the April 2010 edition of Encompass, the monthly Queensland Scouting magazine, "Cub Scout Leaders do not need to accommodate achievement badges into their Pack Programs as this is really an individual Cub Scout pursuit. However there are sometimes occasions when themes, outings or activities lend themselves to a particular Achievement Badge and it may be that the Pack may work on almost the entire badge but not complete it. This hopefully provides an incentive for the Cub Scouts to continue with the work required outside of the regular meetings. We would encourage Cub Scout Leaders to leave the Cub Scout to follow up the completion of the tasks on their own, as when they get into Scouts the responsibility will fall more on the individual rather than the Troop – this is a great transition skill for the next Section."

## How Are The Badges Categorised?

There are 34 badges to choose from.

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Each badge has two levels and the Cub Scout chooses which level they would like to achieve. There are four groups; Arts and Literature, Nature Science and Technology, Sports and Recreation, and Our World. There are also a number of Special Interest badges.

## **What Are The Requirements For Earning Badges?**

The requirements for completing badges are outlined in the yellow book 'The Cub Scout Record Book'.

## **How Does Your Cub Scout Present A Badge?**

Upon completion of the work required, Cubs bring in their work to the Den on any regular Den Night. We do not assess badges on Outdoor Activities, Special Events or Pack Holidays. Cubs are able to present 1 badge per night. This ensures that over their time in Cubs they are able to achieve all badges if they so wish.

Cubs are to notify either the Cub Scout Leader or Assistant Cub Scout Leader(s) that they have a badge to present.

We will then ensure your Cub Scout is pulled aside, generally during a game so as not to impact on any Boomerang Award Scheme work, and their work will be assessed by our Badge Examiner, Justina. If Justina is unavailable, we may ask another parent familiar with the process to assess the work.

Justina will either record the badge as 'completed' or 'more work required', in which case your Cub Scout may be asked to provide further work.

In all cases work will be assessed on what we perceive as your Cub Scout 'doing their best', therefore the standard/type of presentation may vary between Cub Scouts.

However as Achievement Badges are 'additional chosen work', regardless of ability, Cub Scouts will be expected to answer all aspects of the requirements of the badge, albeit in their own way.

## **When Will The Badge(s) Be Presented?**

We do not place an order for badges every week, rather on a monthly basis when there are a collection of badges not only from Cubs but from all Sections in the Group.

The order is placed and collected by our Badge Secretary Lisa 'Badger'.

We generally do not keep stock of badges but do have some of the more commonly earned ones on hand.

Badges are then distributed and presented at the next available Den Night.

We endeavour to get badges to Cub Scouts as quickly as possible so they aren't kept waiting and are quickly rewarded for their efforts.

## **Does My Cub Scout Need To Complete Any Achievement Badges?**

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Absolutely not, it is up to them whether they would like to complete any.

Certainly 'success' in the Cub Section, nor any Scouting Section should be judged on the number or level of badges achieved, rather did your Cub Scout achieve everything they wanted to to the best of their ability.

In the past Cubs have achieved everything from a couple to upwards of 50 badges over their 3 year Cub life.

However it should be noted that any Cub Scout wishing to achieve the 'Grey Wolf Award' the ultimate Cub Scout award, will need to have completed four (4) Level 2 Achievement Badges, one from each of the four (4) categories.