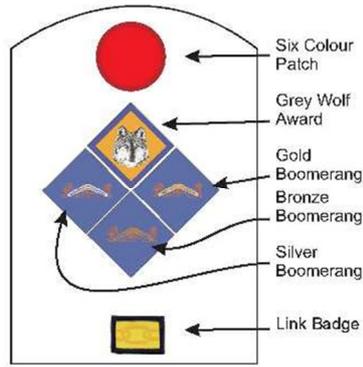


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What Are Boomerang Badges?

Boomerang badges are small square badges with a Boomerang in either a Bronze, Silver or Gold colour on a brown landscape and blue background, worn diagonally on the left sleeve between the Six Colour Patch and the Link Badge.



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

The Boomerang badges are the major part of The Cub Scout Award Scheme and Cub Scout training and aim to develop skills and awareness in self-responsibility, outdoor Scouting, Scouting values and principles, creativity, personal pursuits and interests, and awareness of the Cub Scout's local and global community.

Most Den Nights will include some work on Boomerang badges.

It is programmed over a yearly cycle with tasks being completed at similar times each year. This way no matter what time of the year your Cub Scout joins they will cover the full cycle over the following year(s).

How Are The Badges Categorised?

There are three levels of Boomerang: Bronze, Silver and Gold.

The 14 Boomerang badge tasks are:

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1. Health and First Aid (Responsibility for Self)
2. Safety (Responsibility for Self)
3. Ropes (Outdoor Scouting)
4. Outdoor Scouting (Outdoor Scouting)
5. Our Cub Scout Traditions (Scouting Aims and Principles)
6. Symbols of Australia (Growing Awareness of Local Community)
7. Promise and Law (Values of Scouting)
8. Fitness (Pursuits and Interests & Responsibility for Self)
9. People and Cultures (Growing Awareness of Wider World)
10. Scientific Discovery (The World Around Us)
11. The Natural Environment (The World Around Us)
12. Self Expression (Creativity)
13. Handcraft (Creativity)
14. Your Community (Growing Awareness of Local Community)

What Level Will My Cub Scout Start Working On?

Depending on what age your Cub Scout joins, they may start on any one of the 3 levels.

It is likely they may complete only part of the badge they start on before moving on to the next level. In this circumstance extra work may be required to complete that level of badge.

Cub Scouts are able to attain any of the levels independently without prerequisite ie. a Cub Scout can attain the Gold Boomerang without completing the Bronze Boomerang.

What Level Will My Cub Scout Be Working On At A Particular Time?

The level your Cub Scout will work on is age dependant and also to tie in with the anticipated linking date to Scouts should they continue into that Section.

It is necessary to move Cub Scouts onto the next level at set times regardless of completion to ensure they have every opportunity to complete the next level and also as the work is increasingly more challenging and needs to maintain interest.

What Are The Requirements For Earning Badges?

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

To earn each of the Boomerang badges the Cub Scout must complete 10 out of 14 set tasks. Tasks 1-7 are compulsory. While the Cub Scouts can choose any three from the tasks numbered 8 to 14, we generally program in 3 of the tasks one year and alternate with 3 different ones the next year for variety. The tasks can be completed in any order, except for number 7 (Promise and Law) which must be completed last and signed off by the Cub Scout Leader. We program in components of task 7 during the year, however go over it again at sign off.

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What If My Cub Scout Misses A Den Night?

If your Cub Scout misses a Den Night that you notice on our Calendar is a night where we will be completing a specific task, you can complete the work at home with them. They will then need to arrange a time with one of the Cub Scout Leaders to review and sign off. This should only happen rarely as Boomerang work is intended to be completed under the guidance of Leader's.

If it is not possible to go over the work at home, or you would prefer your Cub Scout to go over it with us, you can either choose to leave it till we cover it next time, or attend one of our 'catch-up' sessions.

We try to hold 'catch-up' sessions once per term when your Cub Scout can come along on an alternate night and present any work missed for sign off.

You should not try to complete work ahead of time at home, as this will mean your Cub Scout may become disinterested when we try to cover the work on a Den Night.

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, including some Boomerang badges.

We try to foresee completion of badges and pre-order where possible.

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.

Badges are presented on final parade, and we make a big deal of those earned to encourage both the Cub Scout themselves to continue on and also other Cub Scouts to complete work.

Does My Cub Scout Need To Complete Boomerang Badges?

Provided your Cub Scout attends the majority of Den Nights and is able to complete missed work, the intention is that every Cub Scout should be able to achieve the badge they start on and any following badges.

Any Cub Scout wanting to achieve the 'Grey Wolf Award' the ultimate Cub Scout award, will need to have completed, amongst other things, the Gold Boomerang.