

Badges .. badges .. badges

Some good questions on badges .. here is a quick introduction

- We have 2 types of badges
 - **Outdoor Adventure Skills** badges
 - <http://www.scouts.ca/program/canadianpath/outdoor-adventure-skills/>
 - There are 9 categories
 - Each category has 9 levels
 - Youth start earning these in Beavers
 - We cover a lot of the categories but not all (no one here does Sailing)
 - If your Cub has experience in any of these, let me know I will give them credit
 - **Personal Achievement Badges**
 - <http://www.72ndottawascouting.ca/formsandnotes/cs-pab-guide.pdf>
 - In the 'old' Cub program there were 6 'star' categories, and we worked on these over a 3 year period with Scouts Canada defined requirements
 - The current badge system, Cubs 'generally' come up with requirements (although for some of these we kick-start with 3 to 5 activities then ask the Cubs to do 1 more of their choice to complete the badge). This year we are focusing on the Water and Building badges
 - Some of these badges, such as the Home or Arts badge, they can do at home. Work with your Cub to come up with 5 requirements, check them off with me, and I'll award the badge!
- There are also a couple 'special' awards for Cubs
 - **Language Stripe.** If your Cub can speak another language (French, Mandarin, Yiddish, Polish) demonstrate it to me or one of the other leaders and we will award the language stripe (give me a week to get up to the Scout Shop to pick it up!)
 - **Religion in Life emblem.**
 - With this link, scroll down until you find the 'Religion in Life' section. <http://www.scouts.ca/scouters/resources/program-resources/>
 - Scouting programs were originally based on an extension to religious beliefs. We don't stress that aspect these days (although there are some closed groups that do so). But for youth who have a faith and practice it with their family, there is a Religion in Life award. This is the ONLY badge/award that a leader CANNOT present to a Cub – it would be signed off by the priest/minister/etc and they would come and present it.
 - **Top Level Awards – Seeonee Award.**

- <http://www.scouts.ca/wp-content/uploads/scouters/program/Top-Section-Awards-Requirements-and-Transition.pdf>
 - Some Cubs may be interested in doing some sort of community-based project to earn this award. Details can be found at the above link
 - Any Cub interested should talk to me ..
- Where to put all those badges and crests?
 - Badges go on the Scout Shirt – this pdf shows the placement
 - <http://www.scouts.ca/wp-content/uploads/cs/insignia-placement-cs.pdf>
 - Crests (like Apple Day) go on a ‘campfire blanket’ (about \$14 at the Scout Shop)