



Where did all that mud come from?

The no nonsense guide to
Lake Ginninderra
Sea Scout Group



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Welcome

Welcome to Lake Ginninderra Sea Scout Group. You and your child are about to become part of the largest youth organisation in the world.

This Welcome Pack has been developed for you, so that you will know what lies ahead – what you may expect of us and in return what we will expect of you. We have tried to make this guide as comprehensive as possible, but if there is anything you are unsure about, please feel free to ask one of our Leaders.

We look forward to a long and rewarding association with you and your child.

About Scouting

Scouting is an international movement with over 30 million members in 161 countries and is enjoyed by both young people and adults.

The Scouting Movement started out with 20 boys and an experimental camp in 1907 at Brownsea Island, England. The boys lived in tents, cooked their own food and learnt many valuable skills through games. The camp was a great success and proved to its organiser, Lord Robert Baden-Powell that his training and methods appealed to young people and really worked.

1 August 1907 is regarded as the beginning of the Scout Movement worldwide and it has continued to go from strength to strength. Today there are over 60,000 members in Australia.

The Aim of Scouting

The Aim of Scouting is to ‘encourage the physical, intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual development of young people so that they take a constructive place in society as a member of their local, national and international community.’

Scouting is the largest co-educational youth movement in the world. Scouting contributes to the education of young people, through a value based system centred on the Promise and Law, to help build a better world, where people are self-fulfilled as individuals and play a constructive role in society.

Scouting achieves this by:

- Involving young people through their formative years in a non-formal education process;
- Using a specific method that makes each individual the principal agent in his or her development as a self-reliant, supportive and committed person; and
- Assisting them to establish a value system based upon spiritual, social and personal principles as expressed in the Promise and Law.

The Principles of Scouting

The Principles of Scouting, as identified by the founder, Lord Baden-Powell, are that Scouts serve their God, act in consideration of the needs of others and develop and use their abilities to the betterment of themselves, their families and the community in which they live.

The principal methods used by the Association to achieve its aims are:

- Voluntary membership of a uniformed group which, guided by adults, is increasingly self-governing in its successive age groups (Joey Scouts – Cub Scouts – Scouts – Venturer Scouts – Rover Scouts);
- Commitment to a code of living as expressed in the Promise and Law, the meaning of which is expanded as the member grows towards maturity;
- The provision of a wide range of attractive, constructive and challenging activities, including opportunities for adventure and exploration, both indoors and outdoors;
- The provision of opportunities for leadership and responsibility;
- Learning by doing;
- Encouragement of activities in small groups; and
- An award (badge) scheme that encourages participation in the full range of activities and provides recognition of individual achievements.

The Scout Promise and Scout Law

Once your child has decided that they wish to join Lake Ginninderra Sea Scouts, we will perform an investiture – it is an opportunity for them to announce their desire to join Scouts and in doing so will confirm that they know the Scout Promise and Law (by reciting or repeating the Promise in front of the Leader while holding the Australian Flag). The Promise and Law are shown below.

The Scout Promise

On my honour,
I promise that I will do my best -
To do my duty to my God, and
To (the Queen of) Australia,*
To help other people, and
To live by the Scout Law.

*individuals choose which version of the promise they wish to take

The Scout Law

A Scout is trustworthy
A Scout is loyal
A Scout is helpful
A Scout is friendly
A Scout is cheerful
A Scout is considerate
A Scout is thrifty
A Scout is courageous
A Scout is respectful
A Scout cares for the environment

What is a Scout Group?

A Scout Group is a local community organisation that offers the different sections of Scouting to various ages. A full Group consists of a Joey Mob, a Cub Pack, a Scout Troop, a Venturer Unit and a Rover Crew.

Each Mob, Pack, Troop or Unit is under the control of a person known as a Joey, Cub, Scout, Venturer Leader or Rover Crew Adviser supported by Assistant Leaders and Parent Helpers. The Group as a whole is managed and guided by a person known as the Group Leader supported by a Parent Group Committee.

Lake Ginninderra Sea Scout Group (LGSS) has all Scouting sections.

Scouting Sections

Scouts are separated into age-based Sections. LGSS currently offers the following:

Joey Scouts (age 6 – 8 years)

Joey Scouts introduces boys and girls to the world of friendship, weekly activities include problem-solving, adventure through stories, games, craft activities and outdoor fun. Joey Scouts do not participate in overnight activities. The Joey Scout motto is *Help Other People* (H.O.P.).

Cub Scouts (age 7.5 – 11 years)

Cub Scouts learn new skills while spending weekends camping, canoeing and learning bushcraft. They earn badges to demonstrate their skills and achievements. The Cub Scout motto is *Do Your Best*.

Scouts (age 10.5 – 15 years)

Scouts allow boys and girls to develop their confidence and learn to work as part of a team. Scouts learn essential outdoor safety skills as well as participate in a variety of physical and intellectual activities. The Scout motto is *Be Prepared*.

Venturer Scouts (age 14.5 – 18 years)

Venturer Scouts is built around a do-it-yourself program of fun and adventure. Venturer Scouts run their own Venturer Unit (with adult guidance) and get involved in adventurous and outdoor activities and community service initiatives. The Venturer motto is *Look Wide*.

Rover Scouts (age 18 – 25 years)

Rover Scouts is for young adults and participate in a variety of activities and mix socially. The Rover motto is *Service*.

When do we meet?

Lake Ginninderra Sea Scouts meet at our hall, 1 Evelyn Parker Place Belconnen ACT, during school terms. Each section issues a detailed activity program at the commencement of each term.

Week night meeting times for each section are:

JOEY SCOUTS	Friday - 5.30 to 6.30 pm
CUB SCOUTS	Friday - 7.00 to 8.30 pm
SCOUTS	Wednesday: Terms 1 & 4 - 6.30 to 8.30 pm Terms 2 & 3 – 7.00 to 9.00 pm
VENTURERS	Thursday - 7.30 to 9.30 pm
ROVERS	Tuesday - ??



Money Matters

In March of each year the Group invoices all families the ACT Scouts Branch Registration and Group Fees to cover membership registration, insurance and the costs of maintaining the hall, equipment and boats. Branch Registration and Group Fees are determined annually and charged pro-rata depending on when you join during the Scout year. Ask one of Leaders for details of the current Group Fee schedule.

Each Section also charges Section Subscriptions (Subs) up to a maximum of \$20 per term. Subs are used by the Sections to purchase badges or items required for delivery of section programs like craft materials etc.

There may also be additional fees for outdoor activities like camps to cover the cost of food, camp site fees or admission costs.

It is our aim to make Scouting as affordable as possible while delivering a challenging and adventurous program. A way to offset the cost of fees is to assist with fundraising, taking an active role on the Group Committee or by becoming a leader.

Please assist by paying fees and subs promptly. If you are experiencing difficulty making payments please contact the Group Treasurer or seek advice from a leader.

The Scout Uniform

The Scout uniform consists of a dark blue shirt with the section colour, across the sleeve, yoke and collar [Joeys – Tan, Cubs – Yellow, Scouts – Green, Venturers – Maroon, Rovers - Red].

The other components of the uniform are the Group scarf and white (Sea Scout) leather woggle.

Parents must purchase a Scout shirt and pay the membership fee and section subs before a new member can be invested. At the investiture ceremony the new Scout will be presented with their initial Scouting badges, Sea Scout woggle and the Lake Ginninderra Sea Scout Group scarf - so make sure you bring a camera.



Where can I purchase Scout Uniforms?

You can purchase Scout Uniforms from Snowgum Outdoor Shops:

Snowgum Outdoor Shop
9 Lonsdale Street
BRADON ACT
Tel: 02 6257 2250

or

Snowgum Outdoor Shop
Shop 304, Westfield
BELCONNEN ACT
Tel: 02 6251 0081

or Online www.thescoutshop.com.au

What else must Scouts wear?

Hats – Scouts must wear a broad brimmed hat during the day for all outside activities. Baseball caps are not permitted.

Collared shirts – Scouts must wear a collared shirt at camps and activities. T-shirts are not permitted.

Enclosed shoes - Scouts must wear enclosed shoes to Scouts, camps and activities. For water or sailing activities aqua or boat shoes are required. Thongs, sandals or bare feet are not permitted.



What do Scouts need for camps?

Joeys, Cubs, Scouts, Venturers and Rovers have different requirements for camps. The amount and type of gear needed will vary depending on the activity and time of the year. Therefore check the Activity Notice for the personal equipment required or ask the leader in charge of the activity.

Listed below are some essential items:

Sleeping Bag - a quality sleeping bag that's rated to between 0 to -5C is fine for most of the year although -5 to 10C is best particularly in winter months. A sleeping bag liner is also a good investment and will help keep the sleeping bag clean and add to warmth.

Self-inflating mat – a quality self-inflating sleeping mat is also required as generally stretchers are not allowed at camps due to the limited space available in tents.

Mess Kit – a cloth bag with draw string containing a knife, fork, spoon, mug, plate, bowl and a tea towel. For health reasons plastic or mesh bags are not allowed as mess bags.

Sports bag – a medium size sports bag to pack all gear except sleeping bag and mat. The Scout must be able to carry it and it has to fit into the tent. Suitcases are not allowed.

A community affair

LGSS is one of the Australian Capital Territory's largest and most successful Scout Groups because the local community has made it that way.

Scouting is a community affair. Scout Groups are formed and maintained by the community because parents believe in the benefits and teachings that Scouting has to offer and want to make it available to their children.

Throughout all sections of the movement, the Aim is to encourage the physical, mental, social and spiritual development of young people so that they may take a constructive place in society as responsible citizens.

We achieve this through:

- Voluntary membership of a uniformed group, which is guided by adults and increasingly self-governing in its successive age groups;
- Commitment to a code of living expressed in the Scout Promise and Law;
- The provision of a wide range of attractive, constructive and challenging activities, including opportunities for adventure both indoors and outdoors;
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- An award scheme which encourages participation in the full range of activities and provides recognition of individual achievements.

It is a formula that has survived for 105 years! The principles of Scouting are proven to be just as relevant today as they were when Scouting began in 1907.



Parent Involvement

The most important aspect of parent involvement is the encouragement you give to your child. The boys and girls who get the most out of Scouting are those who put the most into it. All children have times when they need a gentle push, and certainly times when they need some help. This is where you come in.

If your child wants to earn a badge, please go through the requirements and check that he or she has the knowledge needed and that all aspects have been covered. If your child hasn't done anything for a while, you may need to offer some extra encouragement to get started. The pride on their faces when they come to the front of the parade to receive their badges makes the effort well worthwhile.

Volunteers

The most successful Scout Groups are those where there is strong adult support. What many people don't realise is that there are plenty of flexible ways adults can get involved with or contribute to their local Scout Group without making the time commitment required for a uniformed leadership role. Parents can help by:

- Assisting with Leaders activities and camps;
- Joining the Group Committee and/or assisting with administration;
- Helping to fundraise;
- Transporting youth members and equipment to activities; or
- Helping with DIY maintenance or gardening at the Scout Hall;

Volunteering for roles such as these helps to 'free up' the uniformed Leaders so they can focus on planning and running activities, and providing youth members with the best possible Scouting experience.

As we are a voluntary organisation, we do rely heavily on adult support. Although the level of involvement will depend on individual family circumstances if you're not prepared to give any support, perhaps you should reconsider your decision to have your child join.

Leaders

Scout Leaders are enthusiastic and dedicated volunteers who share a love of adventure and a desire to enrich young people's lives. Leaders come from all walks of life, from parents of Scouts, to childhood Scouts, to people with no Scouting experience at all!

Leader roles vary through the Sections, as youth members take more responsibility for their activities as they progress in age.

Leaders need to be motivated individuals with a commitment to providing varied, exciting and dynamic programs for their Scout Group. Scouts Australia helps Leaders deliver on that commitment by providing training and support in all aspects of Scouting, youth leadership, programming and safety.

Leader training is provided through the Scouts Australia Institute of Training, which is accredited to award nationally recognised qualifications in Leadership and Management.

Normally, Leaders need to commit to section meetings one night per week during school term, a monthly Leaders' meeting, and a couple of weekends each term for outdoor activities such as camps and sailing regattas.

Where do all those badges go?

Getting the first set of badges on being invested is a significant achievement and an exciting time for a Scout. The following pages show where the badges are sewn for each Scout section. If you're still not sure where the badges go, ask a leader.

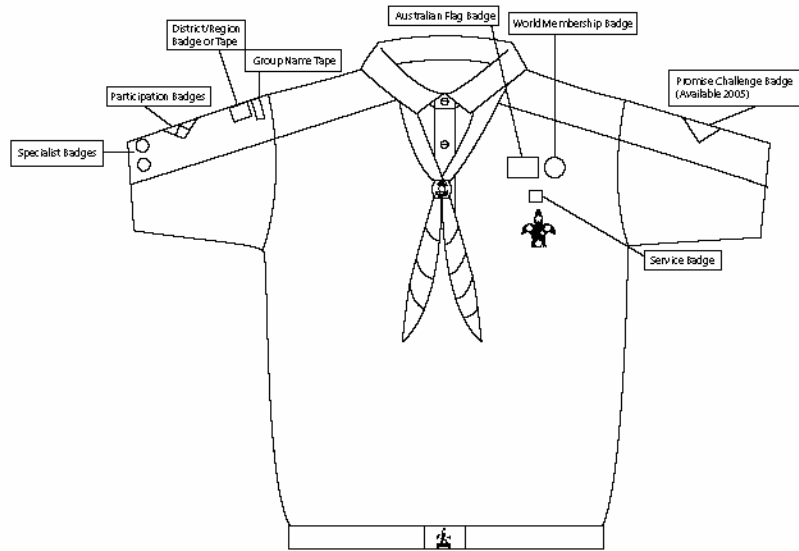


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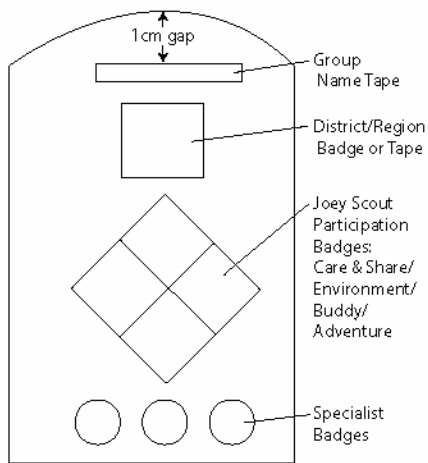
If you need help please ask one of leaders who will be happy to assist you. You can also get more information about Lake Ginninderra Sea Scouts, ACT Scouts and Scouts Australia by visiting the respective Web or Facebook pages.

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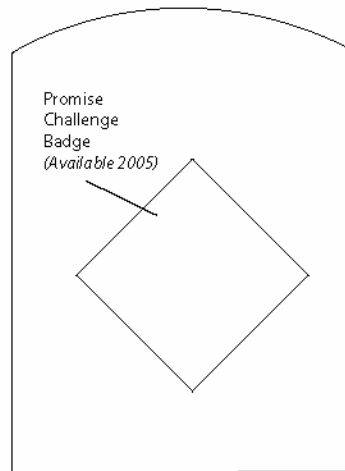
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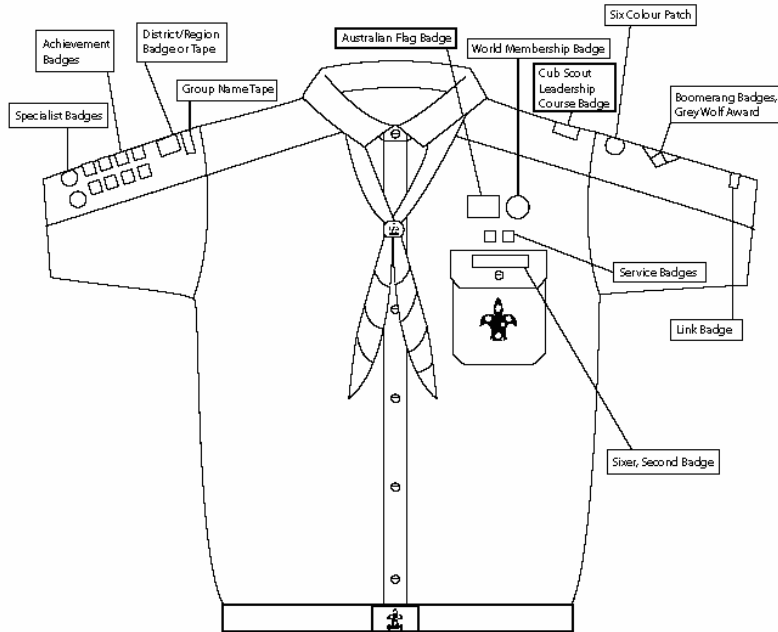
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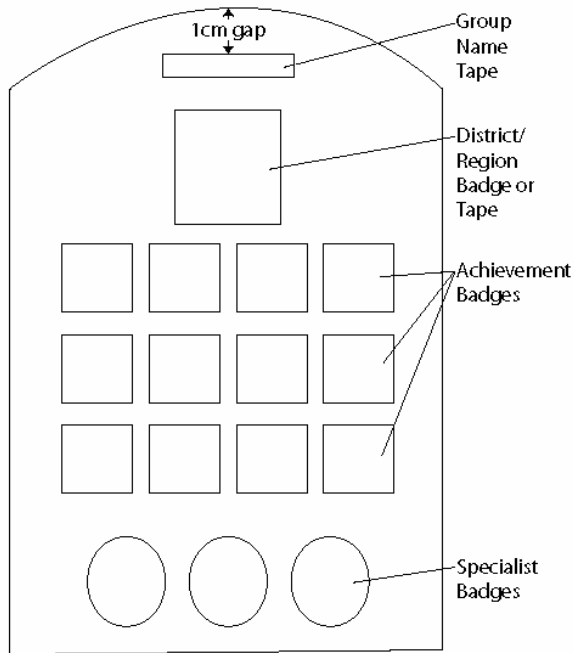
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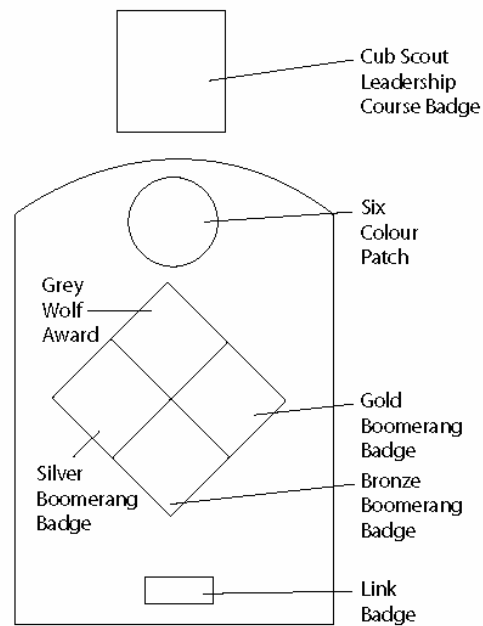
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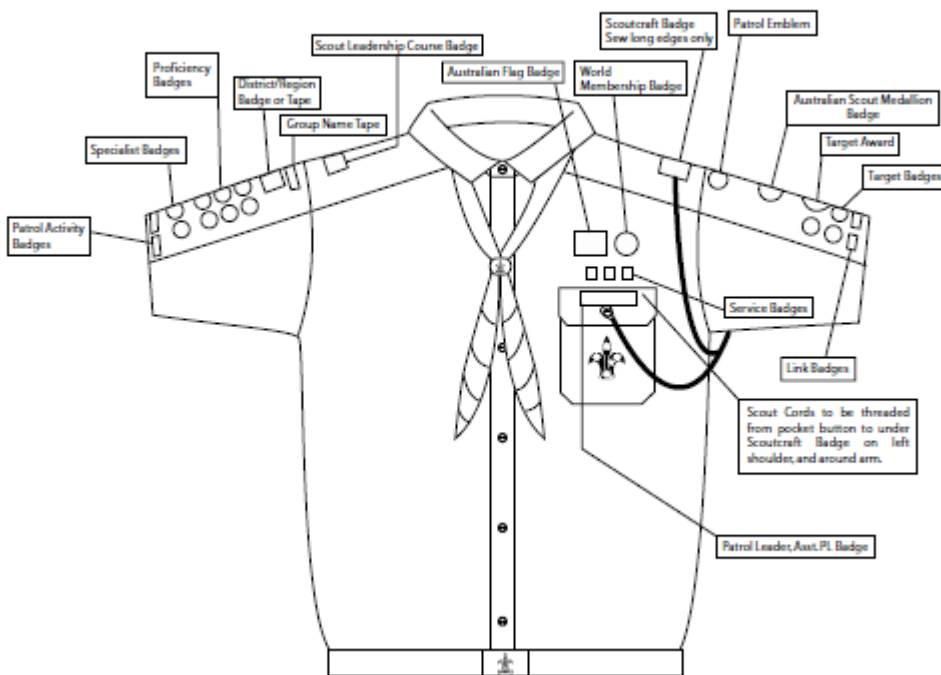


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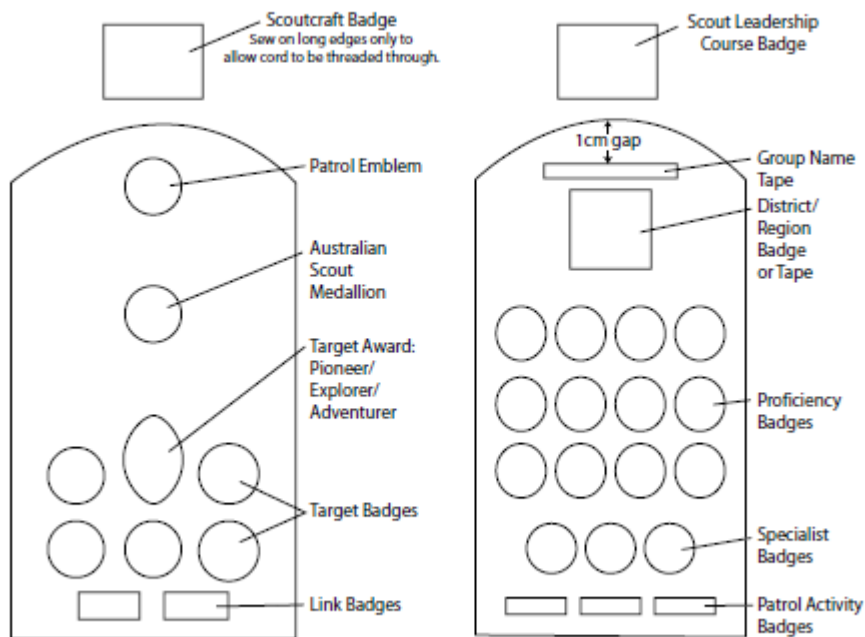
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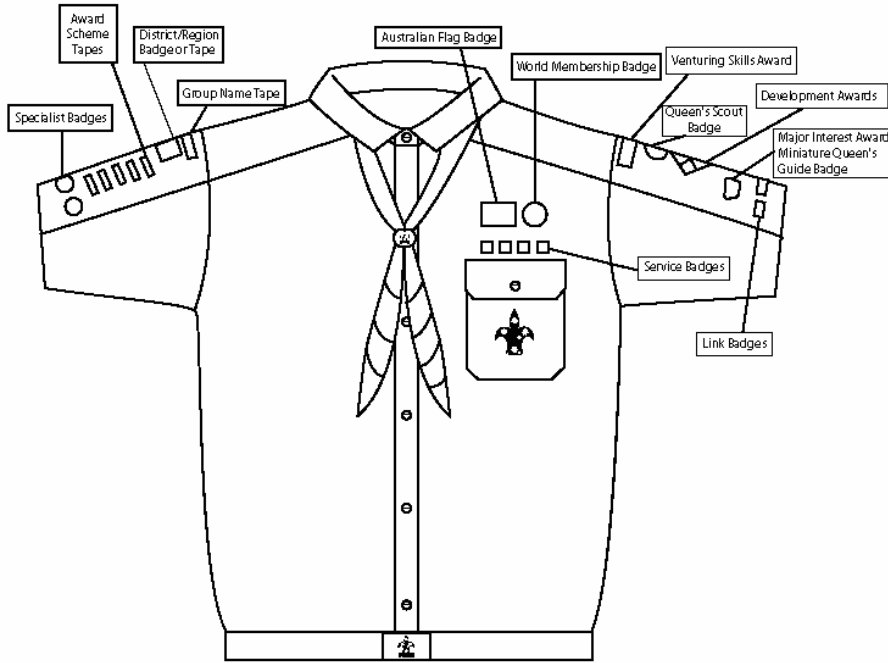
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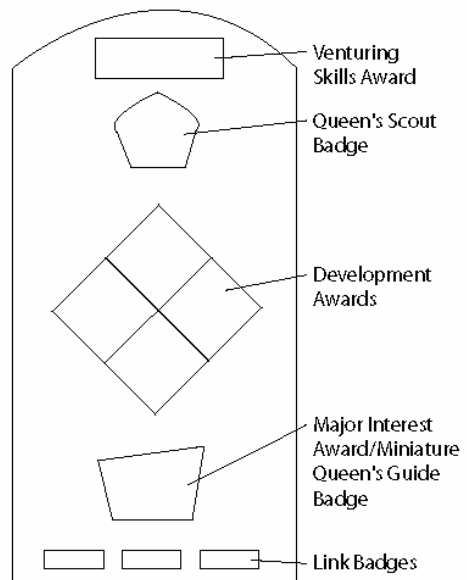
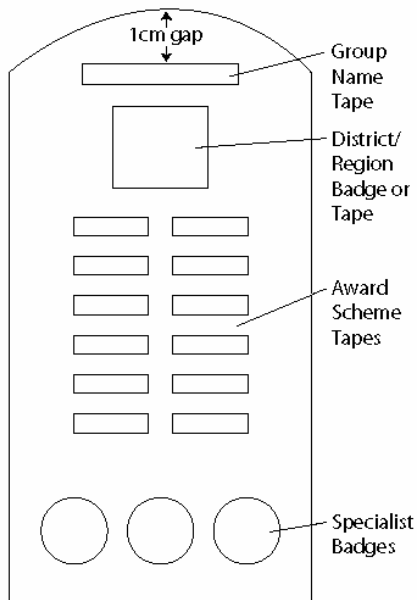
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VENTURER SCOUT



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