

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE SKILLS FAQ

1. What are the Outdoor Adventure Skills?

The Outdoor Adventure Skills are a part of Scouts Canada's new program, The Canadian Path. This series of competencies encourages youth to progressively develop new outdoor skills in one (or more) of the nine skill pathways.

2. How many different Outdoor Adventure Skill pathways are there and what are they?

There are nine different Outdoor Adventure Skills that each have nine stages.

The nine skill pathways are:

1. Camping Skills
2. Emergency Aid Skills
3. Paddling Skills
4. Scoutcraft Skills
5. Trail Skills
6. Aquatic Skills
7. Vertical Skills
8. Winter Skills
9. Sailing Skills

3. What Sections participate in the Outdoor Adventure Skills?

All youth, from Beaver Scouts to Rover Scouts, can participate in the Outdoor Adventure Skills.

4. Are the stages of an Outdoor Adventure Skill pathway supposed to be satisfied in a certain Section?

No, the Outdoor Adventure Skills are about personal progression and does not focus on the Section or age of a youth. For example, a Beaver Scout or Venturer Scout could be working towards the same stage of an Outdoor Adventure Skill pathway at the same time.

5. Does a youth member have to achieve all competencies in order to move on to the next stage of an Outdoor Adventure Skill?

Yes, youth members must complete all of the competencies outlined in the respective stage of the Outdoor Adventure Skill.

6. Do youth choose the Outdoor Adventure Skill they are working towards?

Yes, youth members get to choose what skill pathway they explore. Since Youth-led is a key element of The Canadian Path program, obviously Scouters let them choose!

7. Will the Outdoor Adventure Skills replace portions of the current program?

The Outdoor Adventure Skills complement the current program structure and youth can work on both concurrently. Once each Section's symbolic framework is launched, the Outdoor Adventure Skills will replace all of the badges in Cubs and Scouts that are related to outdoor skills. A transition chart will be provided to Sections at that time.

8. When will badges for the Outdoor Adventure Skills be available?

The Outdoor Adventure Skills are not about badges; it's about youth developing skills in what interests them. Physical badges will be created to mark this personal progression and they will be available in 2016.

9. When do we start the Outdoor Adventure Skills?

All Groups and Sections within Scouts Canada can start their journey with the Outdoor Adventure Skills now! Check out [The Canadian Path website](#) for more details.

10. I heard there will be collector cards with the Outdoor Adventure Skills on them; is this true?

Yes, we are currently developing a deck of collector cards that will be ready for fall 2015. Each card will display one of the nine stages of each Outdoor Adventure Skill pathway.

11. Are the Outdoor Adventure Skills for Scouters too?

No, the Outdoor Adventure Skills are for youth members only.

12. Do youth need to complete all of the competencies through Scouting activities?

No, youth can participate in activities outside of Scouting to satisfy the competencies.

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