

How do I support Personal Achievement Badges?

Personal Achievement Badges are designed to allow youth to explore and expand skills and knowledge in areas that are of particular interest to them. In The Canadian Path, Personal Achievement Badges are strictly optional. They are not a core part of the program, and they are not an essential part of a youth's personal progression. Personal Achievement Badges are not a requirement for any Top Section Award. It is recognized that activities outside of Scouting add to youth's growth in the SPICES and to their personal progression. No one comes to Scouting as an empty vessel. Work on Personal Achievement Badges allows youth to further develop individual interests and skills and to have that development recognized as part of their growth and progression within The Canadian Path.

Here are some key things to know about the Canadian Path Personal Achievement (PA) badges:

- There are 16 PA badges for each of the Beaver Scout, Cub Scout and Scout Sections.
- The PA badges are earned individually by youth who choose to make these badges part of their personal Scouting journey. The PA badges are not part of the Colony, Pack or Troop program adventures.
- The PA badges follow the Plan-Do-Review process.
- There are no set requirements for the badges. Instead, each badge has an Objective which is supported by a few Guidelines, and then ideas for possible badge adventures from which the youth may choose. The youth is also encouraged to use his or her own ideas.
- The adventure activities to be completed for the badge must be done specifically for the badge. Credit is not given for something already completed at school or in another group. However, a new project that is done jointly for the badge and for another purpose would count toward the badge adventures.

- A PA badge may be earned more than once as long as a new plan is made with new adventures that are challenging to the youth.
- Most importantly, completing the adventures for the badge must be exciting, fun and challenging for the youth!

As a Scouter, your role is to support the youth in setting safe and realistic requirements. The nature of these requirements will vary from youth to youth, depending on the unique interests and abilities of each individual. Help the youth to develop attainable but personally challenging requirements, supported by a well-thought-out plan. Check in with the youth from time to time to measure progress and provide some guidance to overcoming any obstacles.



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