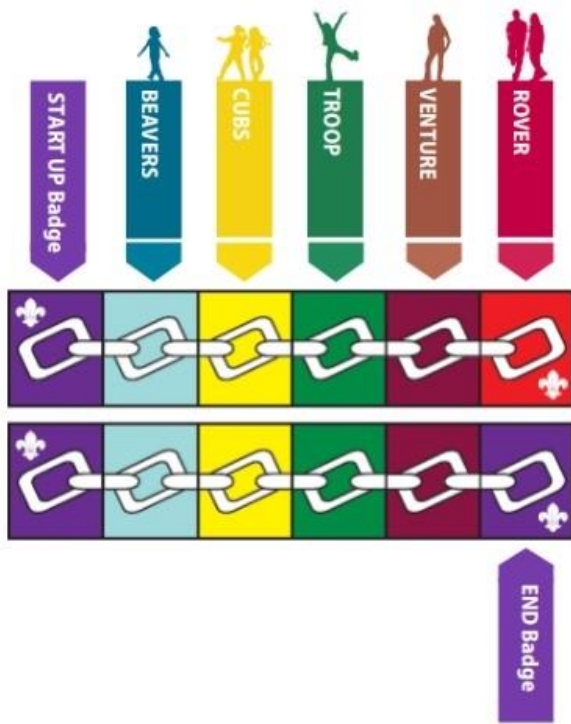


THE LINK BADGE



Philosophy of the Link Badge

This link badge was created to indicate the walk taken by a Scout throughout the scouting life. At a glance one can see the Scout's history throughout the youth programme – regardless when the Scout joined the Movement whether in the Colony, Pack, Troop, Unit or Crew. The first link – the Startup Badge is gained once the Membership Badge is achieved in the Section that the new Scout has joined. As the Scout progresses through the other Sections, other links to the chain are added until the link is closed with the award of the End Badge.

Who can wear it?

The Link Badge is a “work in progress” and is worn according to the Sections that have been completed. A Scout who has undertaken and completed a particular Section (example Troop) and moves on to the next Section (i.e. Unit) is entitled to wear that particular badge (i.e. Green Badge – Troop).

Where should it be worn?

The link badge is worn beneath the left breast pocket of the Scout shirt.

Shall I keep it on my uniform?

The link badge is worn on the uniform throughout the Scouting life of the Scout i.e. until the Scout resigns from the Movement.

Who is eligible to wear this badge?

Members who were doing their youth programme as from 2010 onwards will be entitled to wear the Link Badge at the discretion of the Section Leader.

What certification is required?

No certification is required, but the link badges will only be available for purchase to the Group Scout Leader / Asst GSL and Section Leaders/ ASLs, and handed over to the members during their investiture to the next section.

When is each link issued?

The Startup Badge is issued immediately upon investiture. The Beaver, Cub, Troop, Venture and Rover Badges are issued when a scout completes the respective section. The requirements for each badge are defined in the sectional programmes. The End Badge is issued as soon as a Scout is no longer following the youth programme, but has not completed the Rover section. Typically, this would be issued together with the Venture badge, in cases when the Group does not have a Rover section.

If a Scout is invested directly as an adult, is s/he entitled to wear this badge?

No, the Link Badge is only applicable to Scouts who have followed the youth programme. Progress in the adult programme is not shown through the Link Badge, but through the Woodbadge woggle and beads.