

GLOBAL ISSUES

In September 2015, 193 world leaders agreed to 17 Global Goals for Sustainable Development. If these Goals are completed, it would mean an end to extreme poverty, inequality and climate change by 2030. This badge helps you to explore some of the global issues that make up these Goals and what role you have to play in achieving them.

How to earn your badge

1. Complete three of these activities:
 - Spend three days living on food that costs no more than £2 a day. Share with others about how it went including a top tip for cooking meals with so little money. This could be a discussion, blog, video diary.
 - Visit a homeless shelter, foodbank or other social enterprise in your local community and consider the challenges faced by homeless people and what factors lead to homelessness.
 - Explore various media sources to find information about migration and immigration. Review what you find and discuss your thoughts and feelings about the information and how this issue is perceived at a local and global level with your Unit.
 - Individually or as a group compare youth issues in the UK with the same issues in another country, such as voting age, access to education or youth services. Discuss with your Unit.
 - Deliver a game or activity to others about a global issue that you feel passionate about and explore what small action you could take to have a positive impact on that issue (sign a petition, write to your MP, raise awareness).
2. Reflect on the three activities you have completed and consider how each has contributed to the Global Goals and what your next steps could be.

Top tips

Reflection activities can include discussion, blogging/vlogging, scrapbook or presentation.

If you choose to deliver a game and explore what small action you could take, you could work towards the Community Impact Staged Activity Badge and take the action.

INTERNATIONAL

Broaden your horizons and explore the culture and traditions of another country.

The international badge will take you on a journey and help you learn from different communities and cultures.

How to earn your badge

Complete four of these activities:

1. Showcase a form of art or culture from another country. You could create a display of art you have researched or created yourself, or put on a cultural performance.
2. Participate in an event with an international theme. Discuss your experience with your Unit.
3. Choose a country and explore their traditions and culture around food and dining. Recreate a dining experience relating to your chosen country for your leaders, parents or another section.
4. Take part in an international Scouting experience such as an international jamboree, setting up an international link, or a Jamboree on the Air (JOTA)-Jamboree on the Internet (JOTI) event.
5. Organise an activity for your Unit or a younger section that explores another country's national celebration, festival or event (eg. Mela, Republic Day India, Chinese New Year)
6. Explore aspects of another country's culture such as their greetings, religion and approach to gender. You could play a cultural simulation game or discuss the similarities and differences with culture in the UK.

Top tips

- Events with international themes take place all over the UK - the International Eisteddfod, Notting Hill Carnival, the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, Harrowgate International Festival and Pride are just a few.
- The International Links Guidance can help you to link up with Scouts in another country. Visit scouts.org.uk/intlinks to find out more.
- JOTA-JOTI is a Jamboree that takes place every year in October where you can link with Scouts all over the world on airwaves and on the internet.

RACQUET SPORTS

Whether your game is tennis, squash or something else – if you practice, persevere and improve your technique, you'll be hitting backhand volleys worthy of centre court.

How to earn your badge

1. Regularly participate in a racquet sport over a period of three months. Demonstrate an improvement in your level of skill.
2. Demonstrate your skills with your Unit and play your chosen sport with them. You're not expected to play the role of an instructor and an adult should supervise you all.
3. Talk about any safety procedures and rules in your chosen sport, and how to abide by them.
4. Take part in at least two competitions or demonstrations. Talk about your performance and ways to improve with your coach or instructor.

Racquet sports include badminton, racquetball squash, table tennis and tennis.

SKIING

This badge is being discontinued, due to the introduction of a new Snowsports Staged Activity Badge for Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers.

This badge will no longer be available from 31 January 2019.

SNOWBOARDING

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STREET SPORTS

Take up the challenge in an area that's gaining worldwide recognition. You can easily practise and master a street sport in the urban landscape and at your local, free skate parks,

How to earn your badge

1. Regularly take part in a street sport activity such as rollerskating, skateboarding, BMX, Parkour or any other street sport you agree with your leadership team. Show how you've improved over a period of at least three months.
2. Demonstrate skills in your chosen sport to your Unit and undertake a street sport together.
3. Explain the safety procedures and rules in your chosen sport, and how to abide by them, including where to undertake street sports safely and responsibly.
4. Show how to care for your equipment and explain what you should look out for when it's nearing the end of its life.

SNOWSPORTS (NEW)

Snowsports - stage 1

How to earn your badge

1. Identify different types of snowsports.
2. Name three places you could safely take part in snowsport activities.
3. Take part in a warm up activity to prepare you for a snowsport activity such as skiing or snowboarding. This should be an appropriate warm up for your upper, middle and lower body.
4. Dress properly for your chosen activity. Show you know the importance of helmets and how to put one on correctly.
5. Take part in a taster session that covers:
 - naming equipment used
 - how to get in and out of your skis or snowboard
 - balancing on your skis or snowboard
 - moving around on your skis or snowboard; including moving in a straight line, controlling your speed and stopping.

Top tips

You can do most of these steps without actually taking part in a snowsport activity on either a natural or artificial slope. But we think it's best to do them as part of a practical activity.

Your leader should be able to find lots of support on the National Governing Body websites for Snowsport England, Snowsport Scotland and Snowsport Cymru Wales.

More support for disability snowsports can be found on the Disability Snowsport UK website.

Snowsports - stage 2

How to earn your badge

Before you attempt Stage 2, you need to have completed all the steps for Snowsports Stage 1. You then need to complete all the steps outlined below.

1. Identify the equipment you require and know how to carry it safely.
2. Climb and then ski or snowboard down a short run, or go on a short cross country ski.
3. Show you can make wide and narrow turns.
4. Show you can stop and wait safely on a run avoiding other users of the slope, or stop safely if doing cross country skiing.
5. Demonstrate how to safely use a drag lift or magic carpet for downhill skiing or snowboarding.
6. Know how to safely fall and get back up onto your feet.

Top tips

You can do most of these steps on either a natural or artificial slope. This badge can be completed doing cross country skiing as the activity, in which case element 5 should be replaced with the ability to identify a suitable route.

Your leader should be able to find lots of support on the National Governing Body websites for Snowsport England, Snowsport Scotland and Snowsport Cymru Wales.

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Snowsports - stage 3

How to earn your badge

Before you attempt Stage 3, you need to have completed all the steps for Snowsports Stage 2. You then need to complete the following:

1. Identify hazards of the mountain environment.
2. Show you understand what to do in the event of an accident.
3. Show you know and understand the 'Ski Way Code' published by the International Ski Federation (The F.I.S.)
4. Understand the effects of extreme temperature in cases of frostbite, hypothermia, sunstroke, heat exhaustion and dehydration. Explain how they are avoided and treated.
5. Choose and complete two of the following:
 - Demonstrate a sequence of 10 linked turns
 - Complete a free run down a moderate to hard slope (red) showing balance, control, good choice of line and awareness of other people on the slope
 - Complete a 3km cross country ski route on a prepared track
 - Complete a 500m cross country ski route on varied terrain

If you have achieved The Scout Association Personal Activity Permit for Snowsports, you can automatically gain this badge.

The safety rules in chapter nine of Policy Organisation and Rules and the Adventurous Activity Permit Scheme apply when you're attempting this badge.

Snowsports - stage 4

How to earn your badge

Before you attempt Stage 4, you need to have completed all the requirements to gain Snowsports Stage 3 in your chosen discipline.

You then need to complete the following:

1. Show you understand what equipment to carry for the different two types of activity you may undertake (a single lesson, day on the hill, expedition in the woods, off-piste experience, session at a snow park)
2. Show how to look after yourself and others in the event of not being able to return down the mountain, or being stranded on a route
3. Show your ability to use a ski map or resort map and identify where you are on the map
4. Plan a half days activity, considering location, group, equipment and abilities, this should include a plan B in case of bad weather, etc.
5. Participate in a snowsport activity different from that which the other requirements have been completed in, this could be something completely new or an activity you've not done for a while such as skiing, snowboarding, cross country skiing, ski touring and slalom
6. Choose and complete two of the following:
 - Demonstrate your ability to safely descend a black run
 - Perform a sequence of turns in fresh snow, leaving even tracks behind
 - Complete a day's cross country ski trip, planning your route before you go
 - Complete a cross country timed route and then improve your time over a two further attempts

You can do this stage by taking part in a snowsport activity on either a natural or artificial slope. But it is encouraged to experience both environments as part of this badge.