

# Special Interest Badges



Dear Parent / Guardian,

Over the coming term, we will be working on the Special Interest Badge(s). As you can see, there are five areas. Your son can use them to acquire a new interest, hobby or skill, or develop one that they already have. They should be able to share their interest/skill with others and help them acquire and develop it. The youth member can work on one or more of the areas if they wish to do so. They can use another method to record their Special Interest badge e.g. a diary, poster and/or photos.

This is an ongoing programme for the youth member, not a once off i.e. pick litter for my community every Saturday for 3 to 6 weeks not for one day only. We, and your son, will need to be supported by you, in order that their efforts occur, and be monitored, recognised and ultimately, successful. You may need to assist them in choosing an interest and its tasks and goals, including helping to complete the form overleaf. Any questions, ask Garry or Rob.

Below are some suggested subjects that have been aligned with the Special Interest Badge areas. There are many more ideas that can be included. No matter what subject or interest you choose, it will fall into at least one of the five areas.

<p><b>Community</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do a good turn or service</li> <li>• Pick up rubbish on your road/area/school</li> <li>• Talk/play with someone new on your road/area/school</li> <li>• Learn something new about your heritage</li> <li>• Learn what it was like for your Grandmother/Granddad when they were your age. Spend time with them doing something they like.</li> <li>• Find out something new about Kilkenny /Ireland you didn't know</li> </ul>	<p><b>Environment</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anything which improves / protects the environment</li> <li>• Organic Gardening.</li> <li>• Animal Welfare. Taking care of your pet.</li> <li>• Weather Watch</li> <li>• Feed Birds with a homemade Bird feeder</li> <li>• Recycling</li> <li>• Nature Study – Learn different types of trees and how to tell their age. Why trees are so important. Why do they lose their leaves??</li> </ul>
<p><b>Physical</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any physical pursuit/activity - Do something new or improve!</li> <li>• Ball Games</li> <li>• Water Safety / Swimming</li> <li>• Running, Cycling, Personal Fitness</li> <li>• Hurling, Soccer, Rugby</li> <li>• Walking the dog</li> </ul>	<p><b>Skills</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue/improve a skill which you are already doing i.e. music</li> <li>• Tie four different knots and know where and when you can use them.</li> <li>• Learn to tell the time and learn 24 hour clock.</li> <li>• Learn a new skill i.e. Photography, Painting, Cooking, and Gardening.</li> <li>• Write a story with pictures and read it out loud.</li> <li>• Tell a joke, story or legend to the troop</li> <li>• Teach your family member, aunt/uncle/cousin something new</li> </ul>
<p><b>Adventure</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Journey to a new location</li> <li>• Treasure quest</li> <li>• Cycling expedition</li> <li>• Exploring</li> </ul>		

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Planned Start Date :	Signed (youth member)
Planned Finish Date:	Signed (Mentor)

**Which Special Interest Area are you going to work on?**

SKILLS	PHYSICAL	ADVENTURE	COMMUNITY	ENVIRONMENT
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**What is your project? Describe what you want to do and the steps to get there**

**What do you hope to achieve doing this badge? How will you know you are finished?**

**At the end: How did your plan go? What did you learn from it?**