



The

World Scout

Environment Badge

Resource Pamphlet

Introduction

The World Environment Badge (WSEB) endeavours to connect young people and the natural world through meaningful action projects. The projects should be carried out in small teams following WOSM's age-appropriate time commitments. Examples of successful projects include a 'reduce, reuse, recycle' project where waste was collected and used as craft materials to create works of art and furniture, while another project included tree planting and raising awareness of pollution among young people in the Scouts' local community.

This initiative was established to support the development of environmental education across global scout bodies. The foundations of this badge are built upon the aims that reflect the goals of environmental education in WOSM. It is part of the *Better World Framework*.

Aims

Scouts are working towards a world where...

- People and natural systems have clean water and clean air.
- Sufficient natural habitat exists to support native species.
- The risk of harmful substances to people and the environment are minimised.
- The most suitable environmental practises are used.
- People are prepared to respond to environmental hazards and natural disasters.

These aims parallel the UN's *Sustainable Development Goals* (SDGs) and act as guidelines for the award. Groups should try to cover as many of these aims as possible over the course of their project. The programme encourages Scouts to have a holistic awareness of the natural world and how their everyday actions can impact upon this, progressively building a sense of personal responsibility for the environment.

Requirements

Beavers

The World Scout Environmental Badge allows Beaver Scouts to explore the natural world with the Fox Lodge to achieve their *Bree*, *Ruarc*, and *Conn* Badges. Completing the Badge is intended to last for the duration of an average programme cycle; for Beaver Scouts this could mean 7 meetings and 2 day activities.

Cubs

Cub Scouts explore the natural world and learn about making a positive impact by completing the World Scout Environmental Badge. It allows them to work with the Atlantic Six to achieve their *Turas*, *Taisteal*, and *Tagann* Badges. Completing the Badge is intended to last for the duration of an average programme cycle; for Cub Scouts this could mean 7 meetings and 2 day activities.

Scouts

In their patrols, Scouts can use the World Scout Environmental Badge to make progress in their *Crean Awards* by exploring the natural world, learning how to contribute to the environment, and making a difference locally. Completing the Badge is intended to last for the duration of an average programme cycle; for Scouts this should be about 8 meetings and 2 weekend activities.

Ventures

The Badge is an opportunity for Venture Scout Crews to carry out adventures and projects to help them in their *Fiontar Awards*. Completing the Badge is intended to last for the duration of an average programme cycle; for Venture Scouts this should be about 9 meetings and 2 weekend activities.

Rovers

Rover Scouts can use the ASSES to complete the World Scout Environmental Badge while making progress in their *Rover Challenge* and *Chief Scout Award*. Completing the Badge is intended to last for the duration of an average programme cycle; for Rover Scouts this should be about 7 meetings and 2 weekend activities.

Steps to Getting the Award:

1. **Register:** A crew registers to begin by emailing betterworld@scouts.ie
2. **Plan:** Using activities, explore and reflect on each of the five areas in the programme - Clean water and clean air, natural habitats, risks of harmful substances minimised, suitable environmental practices, and environmental hazards and natural disasters.
3. **Do:** Complete an environmental project based on your exploration of the issues and which helps the local environment.
4. **Review:** Evaluate your project and each scout reviews their role.
5. Submit an application for the World Scout Environment Badge which records all your exploration activities and the environmental project.

