



The Baden-Powell Challenge Award



Information Pack for Guides

What is the Baden-Powell Challenge?

The Baden-Powell Challenge Award is the highest award you can achieve as a Guide.

To start the Baden-Powell Challenge you need to have:

- made your Promise
- gained at least two Guide Challenge Badges and have
- gained at least two interest badges

This shows your commitment to guiding.

The Baden-Powell Challenge has two parts, the ten challenges and the Baden-Powell Adventure.

What do I do to gain the Baden-Powell Challenge?

There is a lot of work involved with the Baden-Powell Challenge and it can take 12 -18 months to complete it. You **must** be registered as a Guide when you complete the Award. If you decide to become a Senior Section member, you will then not be able to complete the Baden-Powell Challenge.

The Baden-Powell Challenge is divided into five zones, each containing lots of different clauses.

You will need to choose your challenges and make a plan to complete them.

You should complete ten clauses in total, one from each zone, then five more, which can come from any of the zones. Up to two of them can relate to Country/Region or Girlguiding initiatives.

Once you have completed at least eight challenges, you can attend a Baden-Powell Adventure to finish the Award. These are usually residential events organised by your County or local regional group who are doing the Baden-Powell Challenge.



How do I start working towards the Baden-Powell Challenge?

Baden-Powell Challenge Registration

Once you have decided you would like to work towards your Baden-Powell Challenge you will need to complete the Baden-Powell Challenge registration form included in this pack.

Once it is complete, give this form to your leader, so she can register you within the County.

Choosing your Challenges and Making a Plan

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You should choose and complete ten clauses in total, one from each zone, then five more, which can come from any of the zones. Up to two of them can relate to Country/Region or Girlguiding initiatives.

While you work on your challenges, remember to keep all the evidence you have collected (posters, wall charts, etc) as you will need these to discuss your Challenge with your District

Commissioner before you get your badge and certificate.

Making a Plan

You will need to make a personal plan for completing your Baden-Powell Challenge. Use the form included in this pack.

In your plan, you should include:

- What you have chosen from each zone, making sure each clause is a personal challenge to you
- When you plan to complete each challenge
- What help you will need from your Patrol/unit
- What help you will need from your Leader
- What help you will need from your family

Choosing Challenges

The Challenges:

Zone 1: Healthy lifestyles

Aim: To encourage Guides to lead a healthy lifestyle by promoting physical, emotional and spiritual well-being.

1. Organise and run a Patrol cooking competition. You could provide ingredients and challenge the Patrols to produce dishes in a set time.
2. Set yourself three personal fitness goals and keep a diary for a month to show how you have worked towards them.
3. Run an activity session for your Patrol on an issue which concerns young people today.
4. Help to organise a sports competition with another Patrol or another Guide unit, e.g. mini-Olympics, fitness trail or team games evening.
5. Complete one of the following badges: Agility, Cook, Healthy Lifestyles, Sports.
6. With your Patrol, plan and carry out a 'Reflections' session around a chosen theme. You could include a relaxation or meditation aspect or use mime, readings, music, dance or slides.
7. Organise a sponsored fitness event for a good cause.
8. Produce a cookbook of healthy recipes appropriate for Rainbows, Brownies or Guides to use at an event, holiday or camp.

Zone 2: Global awareness

Aim: To increase awareness of global issues and of the contribution each Guide can make.

1. Find out about the life a child from a country in the global south (the developing world) leads. Share your findings with your Patrol.
2. Organise an activity for your Patrol or unit which will help somebody from a country in the global south (the developing world). Let your local International Adviser know what you are doing.
3. Complete one of the following badges: World Cultures, World Guiding, World Issues.
4. With your Patrol, organise an international evening with games, crafts, food or music and dance.
5. Design a poster on a current global issue and use it to make a presentation to your unit.
6. Use the Internet or your local library to find out about fair trade. Survey what fair trade items are available in your area, for example in your local supermarket. Organise an activity about fair trade with your Patrol.
7. Find out about the Guide Friendship Fund or World Thinking Day Fund and hold a fund-raising evening to support its work.

Zone 3: Discovery

Aim: To challenge Guides with new experiences and adventure.

1. Make a bivouac and spend the night in it. Make your own breakfast the following morning.
2. Start a new hobby or craft, or extend an existing one, and work on it for at least three months. You could try glass painting, learning a musical instrument, football, candle making, rollerblading or stargazing. Find out about your hobby's origins, history and rules. Do a presentation on your hobby for your Patrol in a way that is new to you.
3. Attend a residential event somewhere new to you, e.g. in a youth hostel or on a narrowboat. Your Baden-Powell Adventure cannot count for this clause.
4. Complete the Outdoor Pursuits, Survival or Community Action badge.
5. Visit a city farm, rescue centre or nature reserve. Discuss with your Patrol why it is important to have these and who benefits from them. What could you do to help?
6. With friends, attend an event such as theatre, ballet, an open air concert or a pop concert. Record your thoughts and impressions and share them with your Young Leader or Leader. Stay safe when you are out and about.
7. Use ICT skills to make a new resource for your unit. What about making a 'Welcome to Guides' pack, a 'Guide to camp' or a songbook? You could use photography, video, computers etc.
8. Complete the Guide Camp Permit.

Zone 4: Skills and relationships

Aim: To develop Guides' self-confidence and self-worth and to improve their interpersonal and life skills.

1. Organise a party for someone outside your unit, such as your local Brownies, your family, or girls not normally involved in guiding; or hold a bring-a-friend party at Guides.
2. Organise a cooperative games evening for your unit, e.g. parachute games.
3. Help organise a trip with your Patrol to see something of interest to you. Go on the trip and report back to your unit.
4. Find out what there is available for young people in your area. With your unit, organise a discussion to find out about local issues which affect you and what young people can do to assist. Check out your local Connexions centre or speak to a local councillor.
5. Complete one of the following badges: Communicator, Independent Living, Water Safety.
6. Organise an activity based on today's clothing. You could do an analysis of what is suitable for certain activities, what's currently fashionable and what makes you feel good. Present your findings in an interesting way.
7. Raise money to take part in your Baden-Powell Adventure. Could anyone else benefit from your fund-raising?
8. Complete the Active Response or First Aid badge. Hold a First Aid evening for your unit, including incidents and fake wounds, to demonstrate your new skills.

Zone 5: Celebrating diversity

Aim: To promote active citizenship among Guides, developing their awareness of rights and responsibilities for all.

1. With your Patrol or unit, celebrate a festival from a culture other than your own, e.g. Diwali, harvest festival, Chinese New Year, Thai Festival of Lights.
2. Organise a disability awareness activity evening or invite someone to your unit to talk about disabilities.
3. Find out about the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. Organise an activity to share what you have found out.
4. Complete one of these badges: Culture, Discovering faith.
5. Take part in a practical activity to benefit the environment in your local community, such as tree planting, nature conservation or bulb planting.
6. Take part in a WAGGGS initiative. Check out www.wagggsworld.org.
7. What is 'being you' all about? Make a collage to reflect your culture and lifestyle. Share this with your Leader.
8. Look at guiding in your area and think about units that may not be as fortunate as yours. Think of ways you could offer them assistance. Carry out your ideas and tell your Commissioner how you were able to make a difference.

The Baden-Powell Challenge Adventure

Once you have completed the 10 challenges (or at least 8, with a plan to do the other 2) you can participate in a Baden-Powell Adventure.

You need to complete the 'Ready to Attend a Baden-Powell Adventure Notification' form included in this pack.

Once it is complete, give this form to your leader, so she can register you within the County.

The Baden-Powell Adventure is usually a residential event with Guides from other units in your County. Sometimes, Guides from other counties can attend or you can participate in another county's BP Adventure. It is an opportunity for you to meet new people, take part in new experiences and find out about Senior Section and other opportunities available to you in guiding.

There is usually some cost involved in attending a BP Adventure. Talk to your leader about doing some fundraising with other Guides working on their BP Challenge or as part of a unit event.

There is a badge and certificate which you can be presented with once you complete the BP Adventure.

Finishing your Baden-Powell Challenge

To complete your Baden-Powell Challenge, you must:

1. Complete all 10 challenges
2. Attend a Baden-Powell Adventure
3. Decorate a brick for the BP wall at the Newbigging outdoor centre
4. Ask your leader to arrange for your District Commissioner to visit you to discuss your Challenge. Your District Commissioner will be pleased you have completed the Baden-Powell Challenge and will talk to you to find out what you did and how you feel your understanding of the Promise will help you in the future. The District Commissioner will sign your Support and Action plan on completion of the Baden-Powell Challenge.

Getting Your Baden-Powell Challenge Certificate and Badge and Celebrating Your Achievement

When you have completed items 1 - 4 above, you can be presented with your certificate and badge.

Talk to your leader about the presentation of your certificate and badge. You may want to be presented along with other Guides who have gained their Baden-Powell challenge with you. It should be fun, a celebration and 'something a bit different'!



The Baden-Powell Challenge Award Registration of Intent

To help plan the Baden-Powell Challenge Adventure, please complete the details below and forward to the Baden-Powell Challenge Coordinator, as soon as your Guide starts to work towards the Baden-Powell Challenge.

Guide Name:

Unit:

DOB:

Age:

Start Date:

Contact Phone Number:

Email*:

Leader's Name:

Leaders Phone Number:

Leader's Email Address:

*Please be sure you have permission to use this email address and that you will check for and read messages.



The Baden-Powell Challenge Support and Action Plan



Name:

Date Started:

Date of Birth:

Leader's Signature:

No.	Zone	Clause	Support needed from Patrol / Unit	Support needed from Leader	Support needed from Family	I will complete the clause by:	Date clause completed
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
7							
8							
9							
10							

District Commissioner

Signature:

Date:



The Baden-Powell Challenge Award Ready to Attend a Baden-Powell Adventure Notification Form

When you have completed eight clauses of your Baden-Powell Challenge, fill out this form and ask your Leader to sign it. Ask your leader to send it to the person responsible for organising the Baden-Powell Adventure in your area.

Guide's Full Name:

Address:

DOB:

Contact number:

Email address:

Unit:

District:

Division:

Promise made on:

Challenge Badges received on:



Interest Badges completed on:

Please list any special interests:

Please list any special dietary, cultural or mobility requirements:

I confirm that _____ (name of Guide) has completed / almost completed the required ten clauses of the Baden-Powell Challenge.

Signed:
(Leader)

Print Name:

Date:





The Baden-Powell Challenge Award Application for Award Badge and Certificate

Unit

	Guide's Name	BP Challenge Badge & Certificate (please tick)	BP Adventure Badge & Certificate (please tick)
Name(s) of Guides and badges/certificates required:		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	(Print names as you would like them to appear on the certificate)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Date of Presentation:

Details of BP Adventure

Date:

Description:

Location:

Approved By:

(on behalf of County)
(BP Coordinator / GDA)

Leader's Contact Details

Telephone Number:

Email Address:

(You will be contacted when the certificates / badges are prepared)

Please allow at least two weeks for delivery as certificates and badges have to be obtained from SHQ

