



## About Cub Badges, Insignia, and Crests

Scouting is about many things like learning skills, making friends, leadership, adventure, the outdoors, and fun. One of the most visible parts of scouting is the uniform and all of the badges, insignia, and crests. For new cubs and their parents, the number and variety of these can be a bit confusing.

### Insignia

Insignia are attached to the cub shirt and identify our area and group. There is a Cub Uniform Chart in the Wolf Cub book, Chapter 2: How to become a Wolf Cub. We've also attached a photo of a 443<sup>rd</sup> uniform showing the insignia. When new cubs know the Cub Promise, Law, and Motto they get their insignia and scarves.

### Crests

Crests are given for participation and are not part of the uniform. These are for events like camps, apple day, and so forth. Crests can be sewn on camp blankets, ponchos, or kept for collections.

### Badges, Stars and Awards

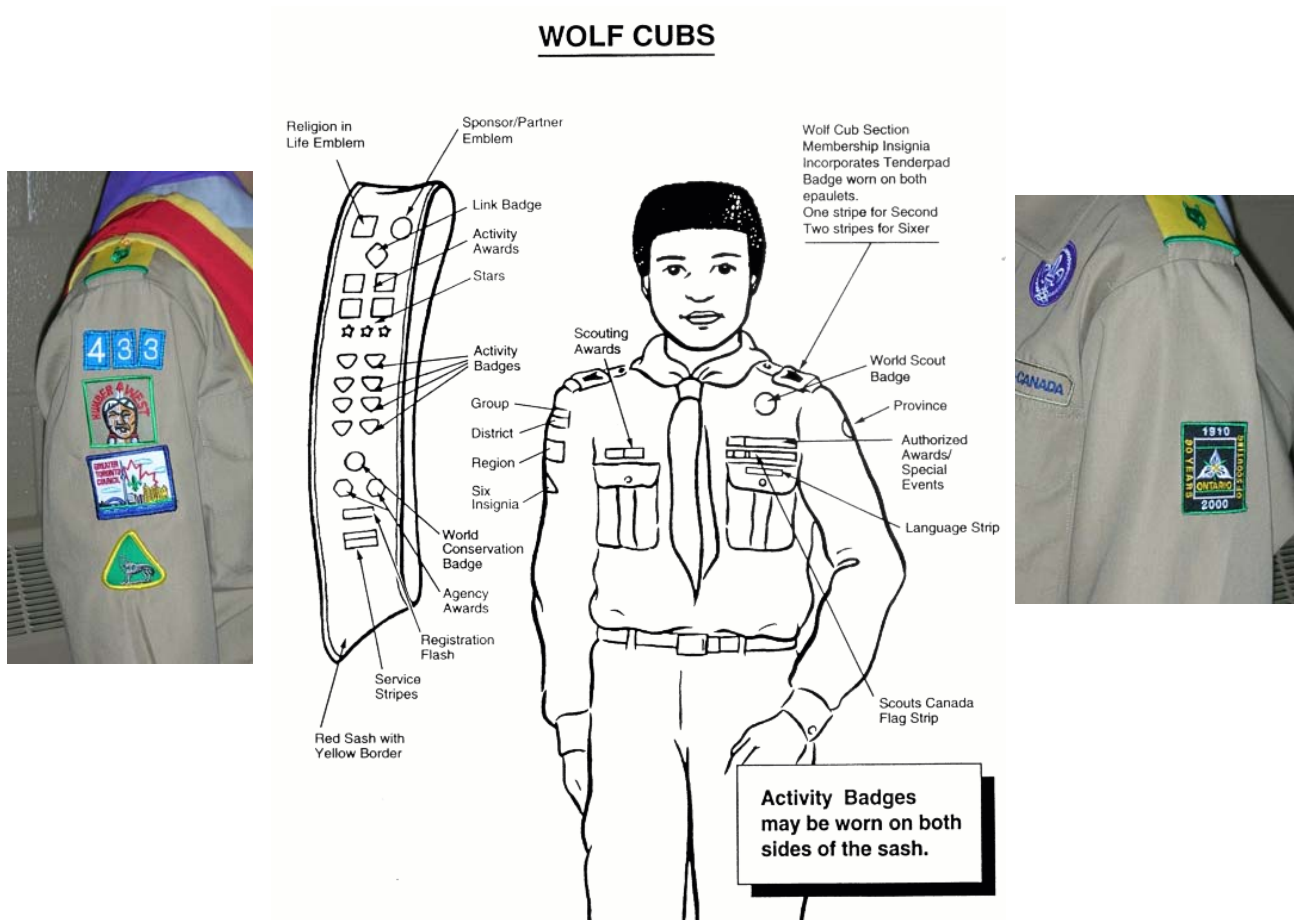
Badges, stars, and awards are earned by Cubs on the basis of merit. These can be earned at official Cub activities, through school projects, sports teams, hobbies, and family events. As long as they are earned while the youth is a Cub from the time they join or swim up from Beavers until they move on to Scouts. Badges cover single subjects like "Team Player", "Reading", "Pet Care", or "Swimming". Stars cover a number of related subjects. Awards are special badges that also require some additional work.

Each year we try to set our program to allow cubs to earn two stars and some badges. Badges, stars, and awards are worked on during meetings, camps and other official events. Cubs can also work on badges that fit their own talents and interests. Cubs often bring in their projects to show the leaders their badge work.

You can also help your Cub by encouraging them to read the book and find things that fit their interests. The Cub Book is divided into six badge related sections dealing with the Natural World, Outdoors, Creative Expression, Health and Fitness, Home and Community, and Canada and the World. Each section has some simple projects that can be used to earn stars and badges.

## How to wear insignia, badges, stars, and awards.

The diagram below is taken from the Cub Book. It shows where everything goes on the uniform. We've also included a photo of one of our older Cubs uniform to show the 443<sup>rd</sup>'s insignia.



Note (1): The 433<sup>rd</sup> scarf should be rolled with the purple to the right side.

Note (2): The special 2007 crest goes just above the left chest pocket.

Thank you from your Cub leaders:

**Akela, Mang, Baloo, and Bagheera**