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BADGE REVISION

New rules for proficiency badges come into force today, 1 November. If you have not yet got your copy of the new Policy, Organisation and Rules, we trust that the following summary of the changes will help to bridge the gap.

TENDERPAD

No change.

FIRST STAR

Renumbered: 1, Union flag. 2, Saints now, "in a very simple form". 3, National anthem. 4., Knots. 5, Somersault. 6, Leapfrog. (Hopping is OUT) 7, Ball throwing. 8-14, as old rules).-10. 15, Re-pass the Tenderpad tests. This test will be taken last.

SECOND STAR

1, Swim 15 yards or skip (as old rule 7). 2, No change. 3, *Knots: bowline, and round turn & two half-hitches. 4, Thrift: add: Show evidence of the care of his Cub uniform. 6, Lay and light a fire, indoors or out-of-doors. 7, Make a pot of tea. 8, Run or cycle over a stated route with a verbal message of 15 to 20 words including figures, and repeat it correctly. Be able to use the public telephone; know where and how to ask for assistance in an emergency (ambulance, fire, police) 9, old rule 8 unchanged. 10, Observe and point out from life three birds (not domestic), three trees, and three other natural things such as insects, flowers, fishes, the choice to be made by the Cub in each case.

11, Demonstrate the safe way to use a pocket knife, strike a match, guard a fire and handle an iron. Understand the dangers of broken glass, rusty nails and frayed electric flex. Know the safe way to plug in and disconnect domestic electric appliances; or how to light a gas fire or ring; or how to light oil stoves or lamps.

12, old rule 11 unchanged. 13, Re-pass the First Star tests. This test will be taken last.

LEAPING WOLF

Unchanged except that of the three special proficiency badges, one must be the First Aider, Guide or House Orderly badge; and he can wear it in the Troop until he has passed his First Class tests.

CUB SPECIAL PROFICIENCY. BADGES

ARTIST, no change. ATHLETE, class B is for those over 10; handstand and cart wheel are OUT; class B must now sprint 70 yards in $12\frac{1}{2}$ seconds. BOOK READER, new badge. COLLECTOR, now "make a good collection"; a collection of birds' eggs is not admissible. CYCLIST, no change. ENTERTAINER, new badge. FIRST AIDER, considerably changed. GARDENER, considerably changed. GUIDE, no change. HANDCRAFT, a revision of the old Toymaker badge, with some of the Homecraft. HOUSE ORDERLY, some changes, with part of the old Homecraft badge included. OBSERVER, some changes including a nature log as alternative in part 1. SIGNALLER, new badge. SPORTSMAN, a revision of the old Team Player badge, now requiring knowledge of rules, proficiency, and sportsmanship in the Pack. SWIMMER, no change except backstroke is excluded from part 1.

BADGE REVISION CONTINUED

TENDERFOOT

Renumbered: 1, Law. and Promise. 2, Salute, 3, Union flag. 4, Health. 5, Observation. 6, Knots. 7, Whipping.

SECOND CLASS

Renumbered: 1, Wounds '(omitting sprains and bruises). 2, Rules of health. 3, Kim's game. 4, Trees. 5, Knots. 6, Lashings. 7, Axe and knife. 8, Compass. 9, Firelighting, and cooking sausage and potatoes and a twist or damper, and make tea. 10, Public service. 11, Go by day on foot with another tenderfoot Scout a journey of eight miles; the journey will have a route laid down by the SM and an objective will be given. A verbal report from notes will be made to the SM immediately he returns. Note: If both Scouts. are taking the test, each will report independently. 12, Three months' service. 13, Re-pass the Tenderfoot tests. This test will be taken last.

(Note. 'Before the Second Class badge is awarded, the SM will ensure that the Scout understands the Promise and Law in accordance with his age and development and is a satisfactory member of his patrol.)

SENIOR SCOUT INITIAL TEST

No change.

FIRST CLASS

Renumbered: 1, Camping. 2, Emergencies. 3, Arteries and bleeding unchanged; demonstrate how to deal with fractures of the collar-bone; understand the importance of immobilizing a fractured limb, and the importance of not moving other suspected fractures; bandaging unchanged; demonstrate how to deal with shock. Note: a Scout who has the First Aid badge will be deemed to have passed this test.

4, Swimming, unchanged except. in alternatives, where Senior Pioneer replaces old Pioneer badge, and allowance may be made by the DC instead of the CC. 5, Tracking. 6, Trees and birds. 7, Estimation. 8, Knots and lashings unchanged. 9, Axemanship, adding: use a bush or cross-cut saw, and also demonstrate the care and maintenance of an axe. 10, Map & compass.

11, Re-pass Second Class tests 1-10. This test will be taken next to last. 12, Journey, unchanged except that the log is to be "sufficient to show he has carried out those instructions".

(Note for First Class as for Second Class badge.)

SCOUT CORD

Hold the First Class badge and six proficiency badges, one of which must be selected from Backwoodsman, Explorer and Pioneer, and one from Camper, Cook, Stalker, Starman, Weatherman and Woodcraftsman.

QUEEN'S SCOUT

(i) unchanged. (ii) In the opinion of the Group Council, be setting a personal example of the Scout way of life. (iii) formerly rule (ii).

SCOUT SPECIAL PROFICIENCY BADGES

Minor changes are not shown in the following list. New badges are given in capitals.

SENIOR SPECIAL PROFICIENCY BADGES

ROVER PROFICIENCY BADGES

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LISTS OF EXAMINERS. Both the Scouters' Council and Rock Council last month urged the compiling of up-to-date lists of examiners. If you know anyone who has examined, does examine or will examine in any of the special proficiency badges, jot down their name and address and give it to the DC, ADC, or any member of LDRC, even if you think we know them already. As complete a list as possible will appear as soon as possible in CO-ORDINATOR.

The Date Page

A whole page of dates?

Yes: This is now the official list of arrangements in our District. It includes meetings which concern YOU, and we are telling you about them HERE, to save a lot of time and money on POSTCARDS which you are not going to GET. Keep this list handy and mark the dates you need to remember.

NOVEMBER

- 9 LA meeting, DHQ, 8.0 (POSTPONED ONE WEEK, FROM 2 NOVEMBER)
 7-8 and 14-15 Scouters' (Boy Scout section) preliminary training course at Aston House, Stevenage. Applications should be in to the DC by yesterday, 31 October, so HURRY:
 12 Rock Council, DHQ, 8.15 ; all Cubbers please D.Y.B. to attend.
 11 Cub football tournament, first round, Westbury School field, High Avenue
 Drawn as follows: 10.0, 1A v. 1B. 10.30, 7L Tuesday v. 1L.
 11.0, 3L v. 2L Thursday. 11.30, 1W v. 2B.
 12.0, 2L Friday v. 5L. 12.30, 7L Wednesday v. 4L.
 14 Winter patrol competition (BP Guild Cup) at li HQ (old St Paul's church rooms). Patrols of 5 boys will report in uniform, without staves or equipment. They must be genuine patrols, but may borrow one boy. Eric Oldham (GSM, 2L) is officer in charge. Stewards, LDRC. 50 points each for inspection, pioneering, health, public service, observation, exploring, all at second-class standard. Times to report: 2.30 for 1L, 2L, 3L and 4L. 3.45 for 7L, 1B, 2B, 1A and 1W.
 14 Gang Show General Meeting, DHQ, 6.30. The committee will welcome any Scouter, lay member, parent or friend who is interested in our District show. Objects of the meeting: (i) to present the proposed 1960 programme, (ii) to form sub-committees for costume, make-up, stagehands, scenery, refreshments, publicity, managing, transport, (iii) to consider any other suggestions.
 18 District Cub quiz, DHQ, 6.30. Teams of four boys; questions on the Jungle Books, first star work and second star knots (old rules still to apply!)
 21 Cub football tournament: semi-final, Westbury School field, 10.0.
 21 All news in to Ken Johnson for "Citizen" Scout Notes, please:
 23 Scouters' Council, DHQ, 8.30.
 25 All dates and correspondence in to DC or LDRC for CO-ORDINATOR 7, please:
 28 CUB FINAL, Westbury School field.
 28 Another Dance arranged by Letchworth District Rover Crew at St Paul's new hall. Master of ceremonies, John Baker. Tickets 3s. each including refreshments.
 29 Distribution of CO-ORDINATOR 7

DECEMBER

- 6 Should Teenagers Be Discouraged? See next month's CO-ORDINATOR.
 12 4L party 17 2B party 19 1L party

JANUARY 1960

- 2 First Gang Show rehearsal, DHQ, 6.0
 29 BP Guild annual dinner, Wilbury Hotel

FEBRUARY

- 6-7 North Hertfordshire Sub-county Senior Gathering, DHQ

MARCH (dates to be arranged)

District Cub first aid competition County Oubbers' palaver, at DHQ

APRIL

- 22-23 Gang Show at Baldock Secondary School 28-30 Gang Show at St Francis' Theatre

MAY

- 14 Third Tour of Hertfordshire for Senior Scouts