

The Baden Powell Scout Award

The Highest Youth Award in Scouting



Method A

Service Badge – This badge incorporates the Rover motto of ‘Service’, where a Rover undertakes some form of service for at least six months. Rovers have taken on roles as Section leaders within Scouting, often following these on for much longer than the initial six-month period. Other examples include helping with Surf Lifesaving, State Emergency Service and the Country Fire Authority.

Scoutcraft Badge – Here the Rover takes on outdoor skill development, incorporating at least 10 nights under canvas on camps, demonstrating a high standard of Scoutcraft skills. These often involved standing camps, hikes, four-wheel drive trips or even canoeing expeditions.

Rambler’s Badge – A challenging four-day expedition is required to earn the Rambler’s badge, as well as demonstrating a thorough knowledge of survival techniques and first aid. Examples of Rambles include bushwalking in the Grampians, canoeing down the Murray, a car rally covering thousands of kilometres. One Rover took the extreme challenge of climbing the highest peak in each State of Australia – and did it!

Project Badge – Possibly the most individual of the badges in Method A is the Project Badge, where a Rover takes on a project which they usually have had little to do with, and aims to produce some form of final product at the end of at least a six month period, demonstrating the new skills they have learnt along the way. Examples include making a quilt, lead lighting, producing a photography folio on Rovers, building a house, writing and performing a musical theatre show and building a computer jukebox.



Method B

Spiritual Development Badge – This involves the Rover exploring spiritual aspects of life, which may involve an exploration of philosophy, other religions or cultures.

Intellectual & Emotional Development Badge – This can involve a research project on a particular topic, explore politics, learn to play a musical instrument or write music, or exploration of the various arts.

Social Development Badge – Exploration of social systems different to what the Rover usually experiences can be good projects for Social Development. For example, the Rover may participate in a conservation group, coaching a sporting team, teaching English to migrant communities.

Physical Development Badge – An overall fitness regime with specific goals suited to the individual may be a suitable challenge for Physical Development. Alternatively, undertaking an expedition similar to the Method A Rambler’s Badge may also be suitable.



As with the other award schemes as a youth member moves through the sections, the Baden Powell Scout Award is tailored to the Rover age group of 17 – 26 year olds. It is an outstanding achievement for any Rover, as they have set personally challenging goals, worked towards them and achieved them, and have been judged by their peers as reaching a deserving standard and demonstrating that they live a Scouting way of life in the number of Rovers attempting this award.

For further support and information, speak with your Branch Rover Council or Rover Advisor

For more information check out the Australian Rovers website: www.rovers.com.au