

# Guide Badges for Girls First

Welcome to the Girl Guides Girls First Program!

This new program for guiding changes the badge structure. There are now just 24 badges that girls can earn, and more meetings and activities are required to earn each one. Girls will likely earn most of them over the course of the three years of guiding if they attend most meetings, but fewer badges will go home than in previous years.

The new badge structure is divided into eight Program Areas (large, diamond shaped badges). Each Program Area has at least three Themes under them. Each Theme translates to a smaller, diamond/square badge. Once a guide earns at least two Theme badges in a Program Area, she is also awarded the larger Program Area badge. To earn a Theme badge (one of the smaller badges), a Guide must complete 10 activities in that area, or 4 complete meetings in that area, or two major challenges in that area.

If you're wondering what badges you earned this year, and what they were for, here's a handy guide to help you understand our new badge awards and how to lay them out on your sash.

Program Area	Themes	Types of Activities that Earn This Badge
<p data-bbox="256 1213 496 1247"><b>Guide Together</b></p> 	<p data-bbox="727 1045 841 1075">Our Story</p> 	<p data-bbox="1036 1066 1409 1239">Practice the law and motto, learn about guiding history and LBP, sell cookies, attend ceremonies like enrolment and advancement</p>
	<p data-bbox="688 1274 883 1304">Spirit of Guiding</p> 	<p data-bbox="1042 1316 1403 1446">Learn guiding songs, attend campfires, practice reef knots, attend crossover events with other units, eat s'mores</p>
	<p data-bbox="695 1503 873 1533">Global Guiding</p> 	<p data-bbox="1026 1524 1419 1696">Learn about WAGGGS, learn about the levels of guiding, write letters to units in other countries, do an international challenge</p>

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<p data-bbox="310 415 431 449"><b>Be Well</b></p> 	<p data-bbox="631 247 937 281">My Healthy Relationships</p> 	<p data-bbox="1032 275 1419 443">Trade swaps, write letters to your fellow guides, gift exchange, working as a team on Escape Rooms or other projects, sharing tea together</p>
	<p data-bbox="683 474 885 508">My Mighty Mind</p> 	<p data-bbox="1040 520 1411 653">Learning to relax at spa night, code breaking and tangrams, sharing in campfire reflections, playing board games</p>
	<p data-bbox="688 701 880 735">My Physical Self</p> 	<p data-bbox="1040 745 1408 877">Learning sports, playing active games, learning to eat healthy, learning about physical development</p>

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<p data-bbox="290 1236 457 1270"><b>Build Skills</b></p> 	<p data-bbox="737 1071 847 1104">Life Stuff</p> 	<p data-bbox="1052 1094 1406 1262">Meeting planning, event planning, learning about careers, practicing communication, create an ad campaign</p>
	<p data-bbox="743 1297 841 1331">How To</p> 	<p data-bbox="1049 1337 1409 1470">Sewing, baking/cooking, using tools, fire safety, first aid, pet or child care, computer skills, city navigation</p>
	<p data-bbox="711 1524 873 1558">Money Sense</p> 	<p data-bbox="1062 1547 1393 1715">Treasurer for group cookie selling events, helping plan budgets for camp, mall shopping trip, learn about foreign currency</p>

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<p data-bbox="272 394 464 474"><b>Connect and Question</b></p> 	<p data-bbox="651 247 915 277">Canadian Connections</p> 	<p data-bbox="1040 273 1414 445">Learn about Inuit culture, learn about women in politics, practice voting, learn about Canadian flags, provinces, and cities</p>
	<p data-bbox="670 478 896 508">Local Communities</p> 	<p data-bbox="1040 499 1414 672">Make a time capsule, attend the community campfires, attend Ottawa-wide events, meet local community leaders, visit local museums</p>
	<p data-bbox="711 703 855 732">World Stage</p> 	<p data-bbox="1040 724 1414 896">Attend WE Day, learn about global water issues, learn about endangered species, practice recycling at home, promote peace, celebrate Earth Day</p>

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<p data-bbox="248 1215 496 1295"><b>Experiment and Create</b></p> 	<p data-bbox="724 1068 846 1098">Art Studio</p> 	<p data-bbox="1029 1092 1419 1264">Create a craft or artwork, create a sewing project, learn to dance, learn to sing, perform a skit, write a story, soap carving, learn photography</p>
	<p data-bbox="708 1293 862 1323">Design Space</p> 	<p data-bbox="1040 1335 1406 1474">Interior design, fashion design, invent a machine, engineering projects, computer programming</p>
	<p data-bbox="716 1518 854 1547">Science Lab</p> 	<p data-bbox="1036 1543 1414 1715">Ecology, physics, chemistry, astronomy, weather – anything involving experiments and learning about our natural world</p>

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<p data-bbox="245 415 521 453"><b>Explore Identities</b></p> 	<p data-bbox="727 254 846 281">Being You</p> 	<p data-bbox="1019 254 1414 464">Create a scrapbook about you, set unit values, lead campfire reflections, present a favourite collection or skill to the unit, self-guided reading goals, try new things</p>
	<p data-bbox="675 478 898 506">Different Together</p> 	<p data-bbox="1019 485 1414 690">Learn about other cultures, celebrate Thinking Day, learn other languages, invent ways to help integrate people with disabilities, celebrate holidays like Diwali and Chinese New Year</p>
	<p data-bbox="699 705 873 732">Gender Power</p> 	<p data-bbox="1019 726 1414 900">Attend WE Day, celebrate Day of the Girl, learn about famous women in Canada and around the world, learn about women's roles in the past</p>

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<p data-bbox="289 1251 472 1289"><b>Take Action</b></p> 	<p data-bbox="716 1073 857 1100">Your Choice</p> 	<p data-bbox="1019 1073 1414 1285">Learn about local charities, choose a charity to help in our Winter Drive, learn about global charities, learn about issues facing women worldwide, figure out what your passion is</p>
	<p data-bbox="721 1297 852 1325">Your Voice</p> 	<p data-bbox="1019 1318 1414 1495">Write to your local representative about an issue, Valentines for Vets, become pen pals with another unit, make a website for a cause we care about</p>
	<p data-bbox="716 1535 857 1562">Your Action</p> 	<p data-bbox="1019 1522 1414 1766">Collect items for a local charity, volunteer for the food bank, shoreline cleanup, build a community garden, visit a retirement home, plant trees, participate in a WAGGGS fundraiser</p>

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<p data-bbox="240 415 524 453"><b>Into The Outdoors</b></p> 	<p data-bbox="673 247 901 277">Nature Discoveries</p> 	<p data-bbox="1019 289 1416 430">Go on hikes, learn about birds and trees, fly kites, go on a pond walk, plant a garden, go geocaching, play outdoor games</p>
	<p data-bbox="604 476 971 506">Camping Skills and Adventures</p> 	<p data-bbox="1031 518 1404 655">Attend camps, practice camp skills like outdoor cooking and compass work, plan menus/kit lists for camps</p>
	<p data-bbox="678 703 896 732">Our Shared Planet</p> 	<p data-bbox="1015 724 1421 898">Learn about endangered animals, visit a water treatment plant, take the recycling challenge, visit the Museum of Nature or a wildlife centre</p>

# Badge Placement on Girl Guide Sashes

There is no longer a set way to put badges on your guide's sash. Choose a pretty pattern to your liking using the diamond shapes.

Here are a few ideas and suggestions – but it's all up to you!

**Sample draft badges for Guiding Program Area**

	Sparks	Brownies	Guides	Pathfinders	Rangers
<b>Program Area: Guiding</b>					
<b>Theme: Camping and Outdoor Skills</b>					

**Sample sash configurations**

**Brownie Fun & Adventure Key** - awarded to girls that completed Brownies. Worn on Guide sash

**Membership Pin** - shows the number of years in Guiding. Replaced yearly

**Patrol Emblem** - shows the patrol the Guide is part of



*\*\*Fun crests & crafts like SWAPS are usually placed on camp blankets/ ponchos &/or camp hats*



**Guide Enrolment Membership Pin** - awarded to Guides and Guiders

**Title Tape** - shows which unit the Guide belongs to

**WAGGGS World Logo Pin** - optional

**Program Area Badges** - There are 7 hexagonal shapes in total

**Theme Badges** - There are 3 smaller square shaped badges for each of the 7 Program Area badges

*\*\*Program Area & Theme badges can be sewn on the sash in any design chosen. These are various design examples.*

**Patrol Lead (2 stripes) or Patrol Second (1 stripe) Stripes** - These are awarded to Guides who are Lead or Second in their Patrols

sash & items not to scale