

**WORLD SCOUT ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME  
FACT SHEET**



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## **Framework for Environment Education in Scouting and the World Scout Environment Badge**

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The framework for environment education in Scouting and the World Scout Environment Badge is based on the principles and aims for environment education in Scouting. It can be used as a tool for National Scout Organizations to review and update their environmental education programme.

The framework provides a clear structure for the World Scout Environment Badge, which is intended to refocus the attention of WOSM members on the challenges facing our environment from local to global level. The World Scout Environment Badge is intended to replace the World Conservation

Badge during the next triennium, with NSOs phasing out the use of the World Conservation Badge by the 39th World Scout Conference. WWF have been consulted throughout this process and are aware of the intention to replace the World Conservation Badge with the World Scout Environment Badge. They are supportive of this decision and have provided support for the educational content of the World Scout Environment Programme.

## **The World Scout Environment Badge**

The World Scout Environment Badge seeks to create an awareness of personal responsibility for the environment. The badge encourages Scouts to connect with nature, think about how we interact with the environment and take action to protect it. The environment is a global subject and the badge focuses on learning about local and global issues and how taking local action can help both of these.

The World Scout Environment Badge is based on the principles and aims for environment education in Scouting. The badge is carried out in two stages: Explore and Reflect and Take Action. For the first stage each aim is explored through a variety of experiential activities that enable the participant to connect with the subject, learn about it and think about how we interact with it. For the second stage, a need to take action is identified and an environmental project is planned and executed. This should be related to the learning achieved in the exploring stage and the local environmental conditions.

The purpose of the badge is for the Scouts to identify personal responsibility for the environment. This should not stop once they have finished the badge. It is hoped that achieving the World Scout Environment Badge is the first step in awakening enthusiasm for the natural world and creating a generation of Scouts who care about the environment and are prepared to take action to protect it.

The framework for environment education in Scouting and the World Scout Environment Badge provides educational objectives for each aim, based on three age ranges: under 11, 11 to 14 and 15 +. Activity guidelines provide further supportive content that can help with developing and delivering the World Scout Environment Badge. The framework should be used by National Scout Organizations to develop requirements and activities for the World Scout Environment Badge that are applicable to their local environment, using the following process:

1. NSO reads principles and aims for environment education in Scouting and the framework for environment education in Scouting and the World Scout Environment Badge.
2. NSO reviews current environmental education programme against the framework.
3. NSO develops suitable badge requirements for their age sections in accordance with the educational objectives for each aim.
4. NSO informs WOSM (via the World Scout Bureau) of intention to adopt the World Scout Environment Badge.
5. NSO informs members of the availability of the World Scout Environment Badge.
6. NSO provides leader training and ongoing programme support and review for delivery of the World Scout Environment Badge.

## **Scouts of the World Award**

The Scouts of the World Award is aimed at the senior section (over 15 years old) and is focused on the areas of environment, development and peace. The World Scout Environment Programme can support the delivery of the Scouts of the World Award. The World Scout Environment Badge, completed by the senior section, can complement the educational content of the Scouts of the World Award. For more information on the Scouts of the World Award go to: [www.scoutsoftheworld.net](http://www.scoutsoftheworld.net)

## **Supportive educational resources for environment education in Scouting**

The Environment Education Task Team has engaged with other partner organisations and Scouts from many countries to develop supportive educational resources that relate to the framework and World Scout Environment Badge. These were tested between December 2007 to March 2008 with local level Scout groups in 12 countries around the world in order to gather direct feedback on the effectiveness and relevance of this framework and resources for Scout groups. With a diversity of Scouting experience and external reviews, the feedback was very positive and the Scout groups were able to apply the framework and activities to their environmental conditions and needs.

These environment programme activity resources are available directly on the [www.scout.org](http://www.scout.org) website, and sample resources are provided in the Environment Kit available at the 38th World Scout Conference.

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