



Try Scouts badge

With membership of the Scout Section in New South Wales on the increase, it is easy time to recruit new members and make Scouting even stronger.



Cub Scouts are a very important source of new members for the Scout Troop. To help spread the message and to encourage older Cubs to build their excitement for moving to the Troop, we have launched the **Try Scouts** badge.

This is a simple badge awarded by a Patrol Leader to a 10 year old Cub Scout after completing two activities with the Scout Troop – one a camp or activity out of doors and the other a joint meeting with the Pack and the Troop. The badge can be worn by the Cub Scout on the right shoulder of their Cub uniform until they transfer.

This scheme is only available in New South Wales. It is another fantastic way of linking your Scout Troop and your Cub Pack together.

To help you get the scheme launched in your Group, we have prepared some resources for you that can be downloaded from www.nsw.scouts.com.au. Just visit the Scout Section pages and make plans for some joint meetings with the Pack. The resources include:

- A letter to your Cub Pack leaders
- A set of posters to print and put up in your meeting place
- A record card for the Cub Scout taking part in the badge
- An insert for the Cub Scout record book

The badges are available exclusively from the Port Kembla Scout Shop, through mail order. Please call 02 4274 1193 or email sctshop@nsw.scout.com.au.

Your District Scout Leader or Regional Commissioner (Scouts) will be able to provide you with more information on this scheme. They would also enjoy hearing about the opportunities you have created for Cubs to **Try Scouts** – give them a call or drop them a line when you have the first badges ready to go. You can also send your story to us at scouts@nsw.scouts.com.au.

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