

# FACT SHEET #06

## Service Badge

The Service Badge is designed to develop the personal skills that come from providing service either within Scouting or to the broader community.



### THE SERVICE BADGE

The Service Badge is worn on the right sleeve in the bottom left quadrant of the Baden-Powell Scout Award progress badge diamond.

The Crew awards the Service Badge after completion of the badge requirements.

### THE REQUIREMENT OF THE BADGE

The following tasks will need to be signed off by your Rover Crew.

- Give a minimum of **6 months regular, active service.**

### WHAT IS SERVICE?

Service is defined as help that a Rover Scout gives to someone, a community or an organisation, to further the Rovers' development, especially by using Scouting skills, ability and knowledge.

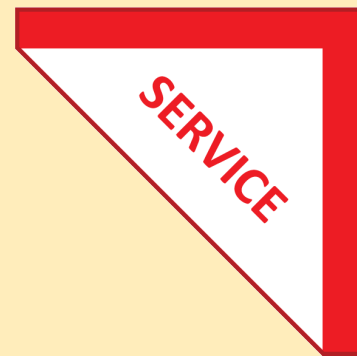
It must be planned within a reasonable time frame and agreed by both parties.

### WHAT COULD YOU DO?

Having completed service in the past does not exclude you from continuing to work with a particular organisation. If you choose to work with a particular organisation, you should look to build on service undertaken previously.

You should find a new way to challenge yourself. For example – if you helped out at a youth centre for 10 hours as part of your Squire Training Badge, you could build on this by running a specific program or activity at the youth centre over six months. (That is, you are finding new ways to challenge yourself).

You cannot seek credit for the same service activity for more than one badge. For example, if you are Crew Treasurer for 12 months you cannot count six months for your Rover Skills Badge and six months for your Service Badge.



Some examples are below

- Become a Leader (Sectional, Activity, Group, District etc.) within the Scout or Guide Movements
- Become a Youth Helper
- Join the SES/CFA/RFS/CFS
- Join Meals on Wheels or St John Ambulance
- Join Surf Life Saving/Snow Patrol
- Become an active member of Rotary/Lions/Apex
- Join your local Landcare group
- Volunteer at a Drop-in Centre
- Help out at an OpShop

The *Rover Award Scheme Handbook* contains further details regarding the Service Badge and how it applies to Rover Scouts.

**For more information contact the Baden-Powell Scout Award Support Team in your Branch.**

October 2013