



# A New Specialty Badge for Cubs

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“Once upon a time...” We’ve all read those stories about lives lived a long, long time ago. Everyone living today is linked to the past which created and moulded us into the people we are now. Stories of adventure, hardship, suffering, bravery and courage will inspire you as you delve deeper into your own personal history.

By discovering your ancestors and their personal stories, you gain an understanding about your own life. This will bring you closer to all your family members: parents, aunts, uncles and grandparents, as well as those relatives who lived many years ago. Now, EuGENEus, Galactic Genealogical Genius (GGG) can help you, your Six or your Pack earn a new Specialty Badge. Surf to <http://www.collectionscanada.ca/genealogy/scouts>. Or access the French version of the site at <http://www.collectionscanada.ca/genealogie/scouts>.

EuGENEus, your special GGG agent, will help you complete the requirements for the Genealogy Speciality Badge. You may find that some families have participated in Scouting activities for several generations. Finding out more about Scouting or military history in your family is a natural step to discovering more about who you are and where your ancestors come from.

Research your family history and reveal tales of adventure for yourself! \X  
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*Thanks!*

Thanks to Maggie Shaddick of Montreal who started this idea! She was researching some of her own family’s history at the National Archives and thought a similar experience would be really great for our members. Maggie arranged for a meeting between Scouts Canada and the Canadian Genealogy Centre to take this one step further. The rest they say, is history!

Scouts Canada partnered with Les Association du Scouts du Canada and the Canadian Genealogy Centre (a part of Library and Archives Canada) in creation of this specialty badge. Together we worked on the badge criteria and concept for this badge.

We hope your Cubs have a lot of fun exploring their family’s past!



## CUB SWIMMER’S BADGE UPDATE

The Canadian Red Cross Aquaquest program is changing to the Red Cross Swim Program. The Cub Swimmer Badge refers to Aquaquest Level 7, which is now replaced with Red Cross Swim Level 6.

## Genealogy Speciality Badge Requirements

To earn this badge, complete the first requirement and any four of the remaining requirements:

1. To the best of your ability, complete a family tree going back five generations. Don’t be afraid to ask members of your family for help!
2. Identify family members who:
  - a) Were in Scouting either in Canada or elsewhere in the world; or
  - b) Served in the Canadian military or for another country.
 Ask them about their experiences. Record two or more experiences you learned from your discussion.
3. With the help of a family member, prepare a recipe that has been served in your family for generations. Share with your Six or Pack, and describe the preparation steps (i.e., beat eggs, add spices, cook in oven).
4. Present a family custom that may also be a cultural custom. This custom can be the celebration of a holi-



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day or a major step in your life. You should be able to tell your Six or Pack where this tradition comes from and when it was started.

5. Present a game or hobby that was played or practiced by a third-generation family member to your Pack. (This game should not be a commonly practiced Canadian sport, hobby or activity.)
6. Talk to your second and third generation family members, and find out what types of outdoor activities they did when they were your age (i.e., camping, canoeing, sailing). What challenges did they have in doing them? Did they go anywhere special? Compare the equipment you use today to the types of equipment they used.
7. Present an object or item from another generation that is, in some way, linked to Scouting. Some examples might include: badge(s), a part of their uniform (e.g. a necker), awards, photos, or books.