



Pack Specialty Badge Ideas



Since the introduction of the Individual and Pack Specialty Badges, leaders occasionally send us ideas for requirements that their Cubs have designed. Here are two that we received recently. With the Pack Specialty Badge for Snowshoeing (designed by the 14th Peterborough

Cub Pack), your Cubs can stroll through the snow with confidence. Although the Winter Olympics are now just a fond memory, the 18th Southview Cub Pack felt as if they were part of it with their own Winter Olympic Specialty Badge. (See From Far and Wide, Page 38 for more Olympic ideas.)

Snowshoe Pack Specialty Badge

At a Sixers' Council, the following requirements were created by the Sixers to award the Snowshoe Pack Specialty Badge:

1. Discover the history of snowshoes. The First Nations people developed snowshoes at least one thousand years ago; likely after observing animals such as a Snowshoe Hare and Lynx (more detail available on the internet or in libraries).



Photographer: Mary Margaret Boone

Snowshoeing proves harder than it looks.

2. Know the types of snowshoes and uses for each type (i.e. Bear Paw and Beaver Tail), according to geographical differences and types of snow.
3. Find out the materials used to make snowshoes (originally willow [which bends] for the frame, oak braces & leather laces; manufactured today usually from aluminum or plastic).
4. Know the care of snowshoes during use and in storage (i.e. not bridging when walking).
5. Participate in one or more snowshoe hikes, usually at camp. X
– Scouter Myrna Greer, 14th Peterborough Pack, ON.

Linking to Strategic Direction #4.

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Pack Specialty Badge Requirements

1. The pack will identify all requirements for this badge with the guidance of leaders.
2. A pack may only have one Specialty Badge at a time.
3. A pack may change its Specialty Badge once a year if it wishes.

Note to leaders: Make sure that the requirements challenge the abilities of those in the pack. Use the creativity of your Sixers' Council to come up with ideas for your Pack Specialty Badge.



FIND OUT MORE



The *Fieldbook for Canadian Scouting*, pages 162-165, contains more detail about snowshoes including a chart showing what weight different snowshoe types and sizes will carry. Make your own snowshoes using directions found in the December 2004 *Leader Magazine*.

WINTER OLYMPIC PACK SPECIALTY BADGE

by Kevin Hawthorne

With 2006 being a Winter Olympic year, the 18th Southview Cub Pack in Medicine Hat, AB decided to use this opportunity to develop a Pack Specialty Badge. What made this idea even better was that Jennifer Heil, a mogul skier on the Canadian Freestyle ski team and a cousin of one of our Cubs, would be competing at the Olympics in Italy.

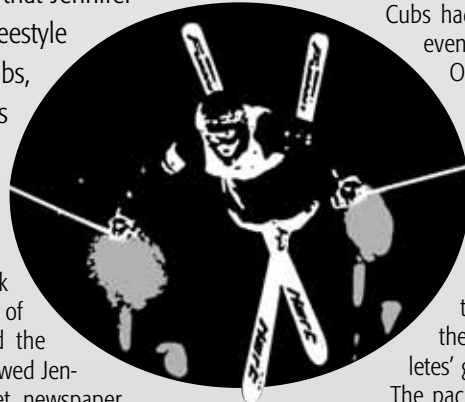
The pack formed their own fan club for Jennifer and all wrote letters to her wishing her well in Italy. We sent her a picture of the pack and a 18th Southview Crest. Every week leading up to the Games we spent a portion of our time talking about the Olympics and the Canadian Olympic team. The pack also followed Jennifer on the World Cup Tour via the internet, newspaper, and television.

At the January winter camp, the pack held their own Winter Olympics with a Scouting touch. The pack learned about the history of the games, opening and closing ceremonies, Rings, Flag, Motto,

Creed and made Olympic torches. All the Cubs had a chance to carry the Olympic torch at the opening ceremonies. Our Olympic events included hockey, curling, bobsled, luge, and biathlon. The biathlon had a real Scouting touch with the Cubs having to do the Grand Howl for every target missed. Instead of shooting at targets, the Cubs had to hit targets with tennis balls. The pack even set up their tents to create their own Olympic village. At the closing ceremonies each Cub received an Olympic medal.

On February 11, 2006 we were all glued to our televisions to watch Jennifer ski. When Jennifer won Canada's first gold that day, it was a great day for all of Canada and the 18th Southview Cub Pack. As the games proceeded, the pack discussed how the Canadian team was doing, what medals they had won and some of the Canadian athletes' great accomplishments and personal bests.

The pack was truly inspired by the entire Canadian Olympic team, especially Jennifer Heil. The leaders of the 18th Southview Cub Pack would not be surprised if there are a few Olympic heroes in the future to come from the 18th Southview Cubs!
 - Kevin Hawthorne, 18th Southview Cub Pack, Medicine Hat, AB.



Here is a list of the requirements the pack set for their Winter Olympic Pack Specialty Badge.



1. To attend their winter Olympic Camp. (2 day camp).
2. Participate in all events at camp.
3. Learn what the intertwined Olympic Rings and the six colors on the Olympic Flag represent.
4. Learn the Olympic Motto.
5. Learn the Olympic Creed.
6. Create their own Olympic Torch (This linked to badge work in the Tawny Star).
7. After the Olympics were completed, all Cubs were required to know how the Canadian team finished and Canada's medal count.



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