# badges to do at home



# **Introduction**

Due to the presence of the COVID-19 virus in South Africa, school children throughout the country have been given extended school holidays. Everyone has been asked to limit their social interactions. We urge Scouts to follow these precautions and recommendations while we encourage them to continue learning and progressing through the Scout program. The Entsha program requires Scouts to complete ScoutCraft and Interest badges throughout their Advancement progress. This booklet contains a poster showing which badges are required in the advancement program, as well as some other suggestion to look at.

For a full and detailed list of all ScoutCraft and Interest badges, please go to the Scouts South Africa website (www.Scouts.org.za), click on the 'Members' tab at the top and select 'Scouts' from the drop down menu. Scroll down the Scouts page to the heading 'Additional Scout Programme Material' and click on the link which says 'Scout Interest Badges'.

OR go to www.scoutwiki.scouts.org.za, find the round fire emblem of the right of the page. Next to the fire emblem it says 'Scouts'. Just below 'Scouts' click the link which says 'Interest Badges'

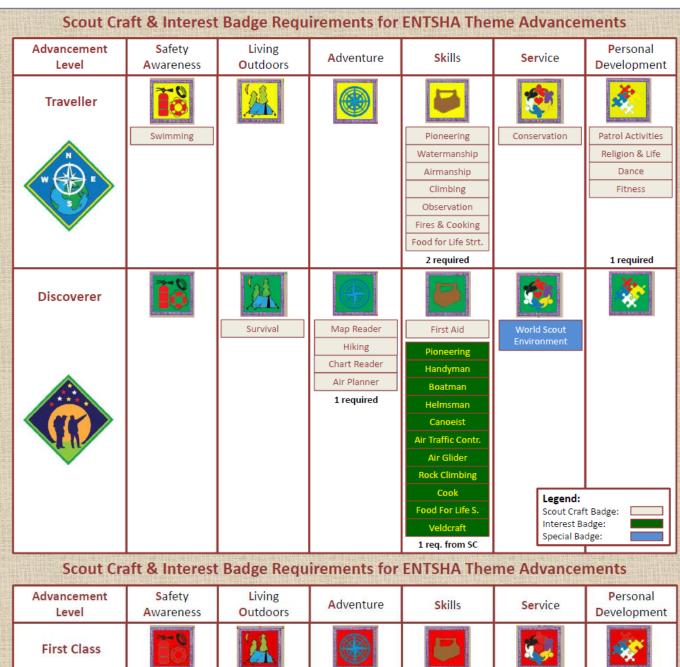
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By logging on to Scouts. Digital you should be able to see which badges you have completed, where you have done only some of the requirements towards a badge and which badges you can still do.

Please keep in regular contact with your Scouter and ask you Patrol Leader or Scouter when you need help or have questions.

## For more information on the COVID-19

- COVID-19 hotline telephone number: 0800 029 999
- The Department of Health has launched a WhatsApp service providing information and updates regarding COVID-19. Simply add this number: 060 012 3456 as a WhatsApp contact and send "Hi" to start.
- COVID-19 resource website, providing information and updates: https://sacoronavirus.co.za/
- Current updates on Twitter: https://twitter.com/HealthZA
- https://www.scouts.org.za/members/covid-19-info-formembers/





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# **ScoutCraft Badge suggestions**

## Air Planner

Several requirements require you to explain things. You could put these explanations down in writing and send them to your Scouter.

## Aviation Skills

Several requirements require you to explain things. You could put these explanations down in writing and send them to your Scouter. You also need to make a scrap book, which you can do from home.

# Camping

Although it can't be completed without packing your own personal kit and going on camp. Requirement 1, 2, 3 and 5 all involve the planning elements of a camp, which need to be done before going camping and can be done from home.

### Conservation

This badge requires that you have understanding and knowledge about things like the Outdoor Code. You could complete these requirements by writing them down, sending your Scouter a voice note, or arranging a time to discuss it over the phone with your Scouter. Depending on your choices for requirement 6 and 7, many of these could be completed at home too.

### Dance

Using something like a video to record your dances, you could complete this badge at home.

## Fires and Cooking

Within your personal limitation of home, you should be able to complete several if not all of these requirements from home.

## Map Reading

You can do some, but not all of the requirements. For example, you need to know the different types of compasses and how a compass works. You could do a written or video explanation of that.

# Pioneering

Within your personal limitation of home, using suitable resources, you could do a number of these requirements. For example, using the ropes that you have whipped, tie a certain knots and demonstrate their uses.

# Sports Fan

You could complete this badge at home by explaining, describing and talking about your chosen sport as set out in the requirements.

# **Interest Badge suggestions**

## Artist

This badge can be completed at home. For example, you can do practical examples of perspective and colour sense at home and send photos to your Scouter. Don't just send photos of your art works, ask someone to take photos of you doing the art.

## Astronomer

Many of these requirements can be done from home. Perhaps, depending on how innovative you are and your skills with technology you could complete the whole badge. Several requirements require you to point out and demonstrate things in the stars.

## Campfire Leader

You can do requirements such as making a portable indoor campfire, make your own campfire blanket and create your own campfire notebook with songs, yells, yarns, skits etc.

# Computer

This badge can be completed at home. One requirement says that you need to show a general knowledge of computer technology. For another requirement you select to do three tasks from a list which includes things like typing two notices, using a spreadsheet to do a food budget for camp, design and print a poster, search information on the internet etc.

## Genealogy

Most of this can be done at home, but will require you to engage with your family. You need to do things like make a pedigree chart of your family and interview an older relative to find out information about your family.

## Home maintenance

This badge is completed at home. You need to do 7 requirements from a selection of 12. Choices include: rehang a door, mix concrete, paint a ceiling or room, clean a stove, repair a fence, clean and care for a swimming pool for a month. Remember to take photos of what you do and ask someone to take photos of you doing the work.

## Model Engineer

This badge can be completed at home. This badge only has two requirements. You need to have detailed plans for three working models and you need to build and paint two of these models. \*You may not use kits.

## Public Health

A very relevant badge to do. Requires some discussion and explanation of things like sewage purification and refuse disposal. You need to name childhood diseases which can be prevented by immunisation and know where and when people can get immunisations. One requirement says that you need to learn about two infectious diseases in your community.

### Reader

Prior to doing this badge with the examiner, you need to read 12 books. The list should include fiction, non-fiction and at least 2 classical books.

# Safety Code

Although this badge is quite a lengthy badge, almost all of it can be completed at home. The requirements include things like using a checklist to make an inspection of your home, know common causes of electrical accidents, dangers of veld fires and making a plan for accident prevention.

## Weatherman

Good weather knowledge or some research would be required for this badge. Requirements include things keeping daily weather records for a month, making a rain gauge and wind vane, explaining the formation of different types of precipitation and different cloud types and explaining how weather forecasts are compiled.