



A GUIDE FOR THE

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP BADGE

"Includes instructions, information and the method of making the report for Junior, Senior and Rover Scouts."



INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP BADGE

- The International Friendship Programme is supported by the International Friendship badge.
- This is an activity badge.
- The International Friendship badge can be worn on the uniform until such time the specific friendship with an overseas friend lasts - new International friendships can be substituted to the old one and the badge holder can keep wearing the badge earned on an earlier friendship - the main point being, one should have a current international friend to wear the badge.
- Friendship levels & behavior expectations have been based on the friendship pyramid adapted from the book '**Socially curious and curiously social**' by **Michelle Garcia Winner and Dr. Pam Crooke**, copyright 2011 Think Social Publishing, Inc. All rights reserved. www.socialthinking.com
- The badge will have 3 levels as Junior, Senior and Rover levels with different syllabus to achieve the badge.
- The Point system will ensure that weakness in one area will be compensated by other strong areas of the friendship.
- The testing authority will be the Colombo District ADC-International.
- Communication could be internet based, conventional letter writing or telephone conversations.
- **At least** some communications should use video calls - demonstrated in front of the badge examiner.



- The badge will be awarded in duplicate - one for the scout and one for his / her international friend. Also we hope to write to international Commissioners worldwide and get their permissions so that "friends" of our scouts can also wear the same badge in their uniform.
- The scouts and rovers must maintain a log of activities which gives details of their talks/ chats/ calls/ letters/ emails/ other communications and its content.
- The badge will be worn in the sash with the Better World Framework Badges.
- The badge (size is 7cm in circumference; same as all the Better World Framework Badges.)



THE BADGE SYLLABUS

The syllabus for the three divisions Junior, Senior and Rover are different for each other. The minimum requirement of the syllabus must be fulfilled in order to achieve the International Friendship badge

JUNIOR SCOUTS

(Membership Badge should be completed to start on the International Friendship Badge)

Friendship for 3 months as follows -

- Connect 6 times over 3 months = 3 points
 - Can Score maximum 6 points for 12 contacts
 - Know your friends socially = 1 point
 - Know the likes and dislikes = 1 point
 - Share school related material = 1 point
 - Connect with text chat = 1 point
 - Basic foreign language dialogue = 2 points
 - Fluent foreign language dialogue = 3 points
 - Demonstrate friendship benefits = 3 points
 - Maintain Friendship log (E/Book) = 3 points
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- **In order to achieve the badge 10/18 points are needed from the above mentioned factors**



SENIOR SCOUTS

(Scout Master's Award should be completed to start on the International Friendship Badge)
Friendship for 6 months as follows -

- Connect 12 times over 6 months = 3 points
 - Can Score maximum 12 points from 24 contacts
 - Know your friends family = 2 points
 - Know lots of details of your friend = 2 points
 - Connect with text chat = 2 points
 - Basic foreign language dialogue = 4 points
 - Fluent foreign language dialogue = 6 points
 - Exchange experiences = 4 points
 - Exchange Photos = 4 points
 - Share celebrations = 4 points
 - Maintain Friendship log (E/book) = 4 points
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- **In order to achieve the badge 20/40 points are needed from the above mentioned factors**



ROVER SCOUTS

(Investiture should be completed to start on the International Friendship Badge)
Friendship for 6 Months as follows :

- Connect 60 times over 6 months = 30 points
- Have deep contacts (length/depth) Share important personal thoughts / Always share every experience = 10 points
- Know most details of your friend = 5 points
- Know your friends family = 5 points
- Interact with friend's family = 5 points
- Interact with friend's friends = 5 points
- Exchange Albums = 5 points
- Include friend in celebrations = 5 points
- Exchange Badges / Souvenirs = 5 points
- Maintain Friendship log (E/book) =5 points
- **In order to achieve the badge 60/80 points are needed from the above mentioned factors**



SAMPLE REPORT

The following are the details to be included in a report to complete and achieve the international friendship badge.

● PERSONAL INFORMATION

In your International friendship badge's report you are enlisted to include your personal information including like your Name, Age, School, etc.

- Name - Your name
- Date of Birth - DD/MM/YYYY
- Home Address - Your Address
- Reg. No - xx/xxxx/xxJ
- School - Your School
- Junior/ Senior / Rover scout - Mention the respective option
- Scout Troop / Rover Crew - Your respective troop / Crew
- Position - Your position in the troop
- Contact Number - Your contact number
- Email - Your email



● INFORMATION OF INTERNATIONAL FRIEND/ FRIENDS

In your International friendship badge's report you should also include the information of your international friend/ friends. Each friend should have a separate table.

The report changes between Junior, Senior and Rover in minor levels because of the change of badge requirements in the badge syllabus mentioned above.

● INCLUDING PICTURES

With the consent of your friend from a overseas country you can include his/her photos and other pictures in which you'll interacted with.

● INCLUDING PROOFS OF CHATS, CALLS

In your report you are expected to include the screenshots of your chats, calls and other types of media used for communication

● INCLUDING OTHER INFORMATION ACCORDING TO THE BADGE SYLLABUS

Inclusion of other necessary information according to the requirements mentioned in the badge syllabus should be also included. (eg - Details of friend's family, etc)



AIDS TO FRIENDSHIP

- There is an extensive section on friendship, how to build friendship, who are bad friends, what to do when a friendship goes bad in the 'Safe from Harm Training Manual of SLSA'
- Possible topics for discussion with friends such as their hometown, where they grew - up, school life, activities they love, sports they play and love, home and chores, cultural highlights, family & friends, favourite dishes & food, religious festivals and accomplishments.
- Friends will be encouraged to teach each other their own favourite games/ songs/ activities; with the help of their parents, they can even exchange easy recipes from each nation involved with their friends. It is expected that these mutual exchange of ideas will be taught to their own troops.
- SLSA plans to have its own friendship Bank in the near future. After that initiation scouts can obtain contacts for their communication and the achievement of their badge.
- Scouts and Rovers also can contact friends formed from International World Scout jamborees, Jota Joti, etc.
- <https://www.facebook.com/intscoutingslsa> will function as the resource for the international Friendship Programme and Badge

After the completion of the report, it should be sent to ADC-international / Colombo district, Carbon Copying to the e-mail of the District Commissioner of the Colombo district as given below.

(To) ADC - International - Steinwall@gmail.com

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