



Special Interest Area (SIA) Projects

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Joey Scouts	2 hours
Cub Scouts	4 hours
Scouts	8 hours
Venturer Scouts	12 hours
Rover Scouts	18 hours



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Section: Joey Scouts & Cub Scouts

Project: Visit to Museum / Heritage Centre

How to earn your badge:

1. Visit a Scout Museum / Heritage Centre or your local Community Museum with your Unit, Leaders or Parents.
2. Select your six favourite exhibits and ask your adults to write down the names and information and what you find interesting about these exhibits.
3. Take photographs of these exhibits, and other areas of the Museum.
4. With assistance from your Leaders or Parents, prepare a small photo book with the information about what you saw and learnt from your visit.

Steps to Completing your SIA:

1. Choose the site you are going to visit and help prepare a plan for your visit.
2. Complete the activity and write some notes and take some photos or videos, noting what you did and learnt.
3. Report back to your Unit for approval to receive your SIA badge.

Note: There are several Scout Museums around Queensland including:

- Scouts Queensland Heritage Centre at Baden-Powell Park, Samford
- Murrumba District Scout Museum at Old Petrie Town, Petrie.
- Scout Room in the Nambour Museum
- Longreach Scout Museum
- And others in Scout Dens and Campsites.



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Section: Joey Scouts & Cub Scouts

Project: History of Scouting 1

How to earn your badge:

1. Find out who started Scouting and how Scouting began.
2. Find out three facts about the history of Scouting in Australia or Queensland.
3. Learn about one of the traditions of Scouting, such as the Left Hand Shake.
4. Find three facts about the history of your own Scout Group.

Steps to Completing your SIA:

1. Prepare a plan for how you are going to complete each activity.
2. Complete each activity and write some notes and take some photos or videos, noting what you did and learnt.
3. Report back to your Unit for approval to receive your SIA badge.





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Section: Cub Scouts & Scouts

Project: History of Australia 1

How to earn your badge:

1. Find out three things about Australia and its people before it was discovered by explorers from Europe.
2. List the names of three sea explorers who discovered different parts of Australia and name the country from which each came.
3. Make a model of one of the following from natural materials: gunyah or bark hut.
4. Learn about one event in the history of Australia which you consider important.

Steps to Completing your SIA:

1. Prepare a plan for how you are going to complete each activity.
2. Complete each activity and write some notes and take some photos or videos, noting what you did and learnt.
3. Report back to your Unit for approval to receive your SIA badge.





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Section: Scouts

Project: History of Australia 2

How to earn your badge:

1. Learn about one of Australia's early explorers and draw a map of their journey of exploration, eg Burke and Wills.
2. Find out the year and location of the first settlement in Queensland and three other interesting facts about it.
3. Name one important event in the history of Queensland in the last two years and explain why you consider it important.

Steps to Completing your SIA:

1. Prepare a plan for how you are going to complete each activity.
2. Complete each activity and write some notes and take some photos or videos, noting what you did and learnt.
3. Report back to your Unit for approval to receive your SIA badge.



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Section: Scouts & Venturer Scouts

Project: History of Scouting 2

How to earn your badge:

1. List ten early milestones of Scouting, starting with how the Movement began.
2. Find books about Scouting in your Scout Group or Local library.
3. Find out five facts about the history of Scouting in Australia.
4. Find out three facts about the history of Scouting in any overseas country.

Steps to Completing your SIA:

1. Prepare a plan for how you are going to complete each activity.
2. Complete each activity and write some notes and take some photos or videos, noting what you did and learnt.
3. Report back to your Unit for approval to receive your SIA badge.



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Section: Venturer Scouts

Project: Historian

How to earn your badge:

1. Find out five facts about the history of the locality (suburb, town, or country) where you live.
2. Meet a local senior citizen and learn the history of the local area.
3. Choose three countries, other than Australia, and learn the brief history of these countries with five facts you find interesting about each country.
4. Give a talk to the Cub Scout Unit on the learnings from your project.

Steps to Completing your SIA:

1. Prepare a plan for how you are going to complete each activity.
2. Complete each activity and write some notes and take some photos or videos, noting what you did and learnt
3. Report back to your Unit for approval to receive your SIA badge.



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Section: Rover Scouts

Project: Local Scouting History

How to earn your badge:

1. Research the history of a Scouting topic of your choice, eg Your Group, Rover Unit, Jamborees, Moots, Banana Bash, etc.
2. Meet a past Leader or member of the Group, District, Unit etc and conduct an Oral History of their memories of Scouting.
3. Document the findings of your research and produce a History document of your chosen topic as a hardcopy book, website, or electronic presentation.
4. Present your work to the Cub Scout, Scout Unit and/or Venturer Scout Units.

Steps to Completing your SIA:

1. Prepare a plan for how you are going to complete each activity.
2. Complete each activity and write some notes and take some photos or videos, noting what you did and learnt
3. Report back to your Unit for approval to receive your SIA badge.

Note: To assist in this research, there are many resources available in the Scouts Queensland Heritage archive and library, eg Digitised past Scout magazines, Group Archive files, etc.