

Little Sparks, Big Ideas

Joey Scout & Cub Scout Units

Big ideas start small – let's hear what your Joey Scouts or Cub Scouts think of their program and personal progression! Lead this interactive game as part of a Unit night and share what you see or hear.

Aim: To understand the extent to which Joey Scouts and/or Cub Scouts are engaging with the Achievement Pathways and understand how to complete achievements.

Time required: 15 mins

Equipment/resources: At least two adult volunteers are needed to facilitate this activity. Record responses using either a printout of this document or a device.

Instructions:

- This activity follows a similar structure to the game North South East West, where youth members move to different walls within the hall in response to a question.
- An adult calls out a question and youth members run to the wall which best reflects their response. Allocate three walls: yes (left), maybe (back), no (right).
- Once youth members have moved to their wall – count how many youth members are in each group and record these numbers.
- Then ask the follow-up questions and record responses from 2-3 members before moving onto the next question. If you have enough adults, ask the questions for the 'yes', 'maybe' and 'no' groups simultaneously to keep the game moving more quickly.
- Aim to get a variety of responses from different youth members throughout the activity.

Recording and submitting responses:

- Please submit your responses through the online form at bit.ly/scoutslittlesparksbigideas by 5 October
- You can either complete the online form on a device as you undertake the activity (preferred), or record the responses on paper during the activity and copy them into the online form afterwards
- If you have any questions, please email youth.program.support@scouts.com.au

Note: This activity aims to capture youth member experiences engaging with the Achievement Pathways. There are other opportunities for adult volunteers to share their experiences through the Reflect and Refine toolkit.

Question 1: Do you like completing badges at Joey Scouts / Cub Scouts?

Yes	Maybe	No

a. **Yes / maybe groups – Can you tell me what you like about it?**

(Don't read out options, just select all that were mentioned)

- ☐ It's fun
- ☐ Getting the badge
- ☐ Trying new things
- ☐ Other:
- ☐ Sense of accomplishment
- ☐ Doing a challenge
- ☐ N/A – didn't ask this question / no response

b. **No group – can you tell me what you don't like about it?**

(Don't read out options, just select all that were mentioned)

- ☐ It's boring
- ☐ New to Scouts / section (haven't completed achievements yet)
- ☐ Sewing on the badge
- ☐ Other:
- ☐ Takes too long
- ☐ Too hard
- ☐ N/A – didn't ask this question / no response

Question 2: Do you know what you need to do to get a Milestone?

Point to a Milestone badge on a uniform if needed so youth know what you are referring to.

Yes	Maybe	No

a. **Yes / maybe groups – Can anyone explain what you need to do to complete Milestone 1?**

(Don't read out options, just select all that are mentioned)

- ☐ Just show up
- ☐ Be in the Unit for a certain period of time (e.g. 6-12 months)
- ☐ Participate in activities
- ☐ Other:
- ☐ Participate, assist and lead in a certain number of activities across the Challenge Areas
- ☐ N/A – didn't ask this question / no response

b. **Yes / maybe group – Who can tell me an example of 'leading' an activity?**

(Write down 2-3 responses)

c. **No group – does anyone know who you would ask to find this out?**

- ☐ Ask a Leader
- ☐ Look in the record book, on a poster or on Scouts | Terrain
- ☐ Other:
- ☐ No
- ☐ N/A – didn't ask this question / no response

Question 3: Who has completed at least one Special Interest Area (SIA) project?

Point to a Special Interest Area badge on a uniform if needed so youth know what you are referring to

Yes	Maybe	No

a. **Yes / maybe group – what did you like about doing your Special Interest Area?**

(Don't read out options, just select all that are mentioned)

- ☐ It was fun
- ☐ Getting the badge
- ☐ Trying new things
- ☐ Other:
- ☐ Sense of accomplishment
- ☐ Doing a challenge
- ☐ N/A – didn't ask this question / no response

b. **Yes / maybe group – is there anything you didn't like about doing your Special Interest Area?**

(Don't read out options, just select all that are mentioned)

- ☐ Took too long
- ☐ It was hard / difficult
- ☐ Sewing on the badge
- ☐ Other:
- ☐ Having to review it at the end
- ☐ Getting it approved
- ☐ N/A – didn't ask this question / no response

c. **No group – what's the main reason you haven't completed a Special Interest Area yet?**

(Don't read out options, just select all that are mentioned)

- ☐ New to Scouts / section
- ☐ Not interested
- ☐ Don't know what they are
- ☐ Other:
- ☐ We don't do them in our Unit
- ☐ Not sure
- ☐ N/A – didn't ask this question / no response

Question 4: Who has completed at least one Outdoor Adventure Skills (OAS) badge?

Point to an Outdoor Adventure Skills badge on a uniform if needed so youth know what you are referring to.

Yes	Maybe	No

a. **Yes/maybe group – what do you like about doing Outdoor Adventure Skills?**

(Don't read out options, just select all that are mentioned)

- ☐ Trying new things
- ☐ Doing a challenge
- ☐ They are fun
- ☐ Other:
- ☐ Getting a badge
- ☐ Being outside
- ☐ Sense of accomplishment
- ☐ N/A – didn't ask this question / no response

b. Yes/maybe group – is there anything you don't like about doing Outdoor Adventure Skills?

(Don't read out options, just select all that are mentioned)

- ☐ Took too long
- ☐ It was hard / difficult
- ☐ Sewing on the badge
- ☐ Other:
- ☐ Getting it approved
- ☐ N/A – didn't ask this question / no response

c. No group – what's the main reason you haven't completed any Outdoor Adventure Skills yet?

(Don't read out options, just select all that are mentioned)

- ☐ New to Scouts / section
- ☐ Not interested
- ☐ Don't know what they are
- ☐ Other:
- ☐ We don't do them in our Unit
- ☐ Not sure
- ☐ N/A – didn't ask this question / no response

Question 5: Who is currently planning on getting their peak award?

Yes	Maybe	No

a. Yes / maybe groups – can anyone share why they'd like to get the peak award? What interests you about this?

- ☐ Trying new things
- ☐ Doing a challenge
- ☐ It's fun
- ☐ Other:
- ☐ Getting the badge
- ☐ Getting my name on an honour board
- ☐ Sense of accomplishment
- ☐ N/A – didn't ask this question / no response

Thank you for completing this activity. Remember to submit your Unit's responses using the online submission form by 5 October 2025 so your youth members can help shape meaningful improvements to the Achievement Pathways.