



# Scout Chief Scout Award

## ***The Crean Award:***

### **Endurance:**

Planning  
Promise & Law  
Scouting Involvement  
Patrol Responsibility  
Patrol & Troop Activities  
Environment  
Community  
Skills

### **Polar:**

Self Awareness  
Promise & Law  
Patrol & Troop Activities  
Share Skills  
Environment  
Community  
Skills

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## ***SPICES***

All

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## ***Adventure Skills***

3 Different Skills

## ***The CSA Guide***

### **Objective:**

*To introduce and explain what is involved in the Chief Scout Award for the Scout Section*

### **Roles:**

Scout  
Programme Scouter  
Chief Scout Award Mentor  
Advisors, Instructors, Supervisors, Coaches





## Plan...CSA

The Chief Scout Award is an Award open to all older Scouts. For it you need to do 4 Special Interest Badges, progress in 3 Adventure Skills, an expedition and a four day camp.

### **Requirements:**

A Scout must be at least 14 to begin the Award.

- 1 Skill Special Interest Badge
- 1 Physical Special Interest Badge
- 1 Community Special Interest Badge
- 1 Environment Special Interest Badge
- 2 Adventure Skills to Stage 4
- 1 Adventure Skill to Stage 6
- An Expedition: Walking 25 -35 km (or an alternative travel method) over 2 consecutive days and one night
- Residential/Intercultural: Shared activity with a group in a residential/camp setting for 4 days and 3 nights, must include an *intercultural aspect* and a *community project*.

Note: A Special Interest Badge for the Scout CSA must involve at least an hour a week for 13 Weeks for Skill, Physical and Community. Also, an additional 13 weeks must be completed for one of these. The Environment Special Interest Badge should involve a similar a time commitment to the other Badges but it can be spread over a shorter time scale.

### **International Award:**

The Chief Scout Award is linked with the International Award, which is known as Gaisce – The President’s Award in the Republic of Ireland and as the Duke of Edinburgh Award in the United Kingdom. When you get your Scout Section Chief Scout Award, you will also receive your Bronze Gaisce or DoE.





## Plan...CSA

### *Main Elements of the CSA:*

#### **1. Marathon, not a Sprint**

The CSA will take several months to complete, so it is important that you think of it as something you work on over a long period of time. You will need to combine weekly activities, with progress in your adventure skills, as well as large projects like the residential activity. With a good plan, you can complete it all in time.

#### **2. NEW Challenges**

The CSA is about doing new things. The Award begins when you register for it and meet your CSA Mentor. However, any Special Interest Badges or Adventure Skills you have at that stage, do not count towards the CSA. It is about new challenges.

#### **3. The Spirit of the Award**

You need to get into the spirit of the Award. There are some technicalities, but mainly it is about you trying new things, committing to activities and doing your best.

#### **4. Part of your Programme**

The CSA should be part of your main programme. The activities, camps and expeditions you organise should be done with your Patrol and Troop.





# Plan...CSA

## ***Special Interest Badges***

Community \_\_\_\_\_

Physical \_\_\_\_\_

Skill \_\_\_\_\_

Environment \_\_\_\_\_

## ***Expedition:***

Type \_\_\_\_\_

Route \_\_\_\_\_

When \_\_\_\_\_

## ***Adventure Skills***

Skill to Stage 6 \_\_\_\_\_

Skill to Stage 6 \_\_\_\_\_

Skill to Stage 6 \_\_\_\_\_

## ***Residential & Intercultural:***

Type \_\_\_\_\_

Other Group \_\_\_\_\_

Location \_\_\_\_\_

Project \_\_\_\_\_





# Plan...CSA

## **Adults involved:**

### **Programme Scouters**

Your Section Scout will help you plan, do and review many of the parts of your CSA.

### **Chief Scout Award Mentor**

The Mentor is someone who has received special training to help you with the CSA. They may be a Scouter from your Group or another Group in your County. You will meet them at the start to help you plan your Award, they will then meet you every few weeks to discuss things with you and review progress. They will be the person who signs the forms to say you have completed the Award.

### **Advisors, Instructors, Supervisors, Coaches**

Some of the Special Interest Badges will involve you doing activities outside of Scouts, in that case, you will need an appropriate person, such as a coach or an instructor, to sign off on these specific challenges.



## **Technical Bits:**

There are some technical parts to the CSA you need to be aware of before you start.

### **Registration**

You need to register for the CSA with Scouting Ireland's National Office, you have not begun the Award until you are registered and have received your CSA booklet. Talk to your Section Scouters about arranging getting forms and sending them off.

### **Forms and Records**

There are some forms and records you will need to keep and fill out as you are doing the CSA. It's nothing too complicated, but they are important. Also, you will need to keep logs and records of any Scouting activities you complete.





## Do...CSA

### *Special Interest Badges:*

**Skill:** This can be to acquire a new skill or develop an existing one – e.g. drama, cooking, painting, martial arts, web site design, musical instrument, foreign language.

**Physical:** Any physical pursuit or activity – e.g. athletics, sports team, caving, archery, training for a marathon.

**Community:** Participation in a community organisation: helping out in Beaver Scouts or Cub Scouts, volunteering with St Vincent de Paul or an After School Club.

**Environment:** An activity or sets of events which makes a positive impact on the environment and natural world – e.g. running a Leave No Trace day for a Scout Group, caring for an allotment, learning about pollution and personal responsibility.

### *Expedition:*

- It should be a challenge for you and your patrol, it can be walking, hillwalking, cycling, kayaking or canoeing.
- It has to be a substantial expedition with an overnight component.
- You will need to organise and lead it
- You must keep records: a short written log, an activity programme, a route card, sketch map, a budget, a menu and photos.

### *Residential/Intercultural Events:*

- You will need to organise and lead it
- It needs to be a shared activity with another group of people who you do not know: eg. A Scout Troop from another Scout County, a Girl Guide Group, a youth club/youth café group, a youth group from a culturally or socially different area, a youth group for special needs.
- It needs to have a substantial intercultural element
- Run a community project
- You must keep records: a short written log, an activity programme, a budget, a menu and photos.





# Review "SPICES"

## Social

- Relationships
- Communication Skills
- Other Cultures
- Community Involvement
- Promise & Law

## Physical

- Eat Well
- Personal Hygiene
- Balanced Lifestyle
- How Body works
- Physical Limitations
- Health Choices
- Access Help

## Intellectual

- Achieving Goals
- New Ideas
- Learn from Decisions
- Team Member

## Character

- Promise & Law
- Friends & Friendships
- Plan before do
- Ensuring Fairness
- Respect
- Differences & Views
- Following Dreams
- Live the Scouting Spirit

## Emotional

- Aware of feelings
- Asking/Giving Help
- Responsibility for Emotions
- Controlling Emotions
- Going Further
- Beliefs & Values
- Developing Talents

## Spiritual

- Promise & Law
- Impact on Environment
- Reflection
- Changing Beliefs

