Canadian Guiding Badges and Insignia: 1910 - 2010

2: Sparks

A program for five-year-old girls was started in 1988. The name Sparks was adopted in 1989. In 1995 it became a two-year program for girls aged 5 and 6.

In 2004 badges were introduced into the Spark program. The program was organized into nine program areas, known as Keepers. The associated badges are referred to as Keeper badges or just Keepers.

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Advancement Badge

- 1. S1001
- 2. Catalogue 1990-91
- 3. 1990-1992
- 4. Round; navy; cotton: starburst and edge binding in pink stitching. Note: Worn as a Brownie.



- 1. S1002
- 2. Catalogue 1992-93
- 3. 1992-1995
- 4. Round; brown; cotton: starburst in pink stitching, edge binding brown stitching. Note: Worn as a Brownie.
- 6. Fun and Friendship Crest 1995.



Being a Spark

- 1. S1003
- 2. Sparkling ideas!: Program ideas for Spark leaders (2004)
- 3. 2004-
- 4. Oval; woven polyester thread, no edge binding: medium blue ground, smiling sun under arcing rainbow, pink border.



Being Healthy

- 1. S1004
- 2. Sparkling ideas!: Program ideas for Spark leaders (2004)
- 3. 2004-
- 4. Oval; woven polyester thread, no edge binding: orange ground, smiling sun, glass of milk, cereal in bowl, assorted fruit, pink border.



Being Me

- 1. S1005
- 2. Sparkling ideas!: Program ideas for Spark leaders (2004)
- 3. 2004-
- 4. Oval; woven polyester thread, no edge binding: light pink ground, smiling sun, mirror, pink border.



6. Subsequent Name

Belonging Button

- 1. S1006
- 2. Program for Five-Year-Olds (1988)
- 3. 1988-1992
- 4. Round; metal: medium blue sky, white clouds, dark blue Trefoil; text "I Belong" and large "5" in pink.
- 6. Spark Button (Enrolment) (1992).



Brownies and Beyond

- 1. S1007
- 2. Sparkling ideas!: Program ideas for Spark leaders (2004)
- 3. 2004-
- 4. Oval; woven polyester thread, no edge binding: light orange ground, smiling sun, toadstools, pink border.



Enrolment Pin

- 1. S1008
- 2. The Spark Program (1995)
- 3. 1995-
- 4. Round; metal: edge and text "SPARK" in gilt; yellow sun on rainbow with bands of pink, brown, medium blue, green and red on a dark blue sky.
- 5. Spark Button (Enrolment) (1992).



Enrolment Pin (five-year-old pilot project)

- S1009
- 2. National Council. Executive Minutes (January 1988)
- 3. 1986-1987
- 4. Semi-circular; silver; metal: arc across top with bands of pink (inner) and brown (outer); embossed Trefoil beneath the bands, in silver.
- 6. Belonging Button (1988).



Enrolment Pin (pilot project for two-year program)

- 1. S1010
- 2. National Council. Minutes (May 1993)
- 3. 1994-1995
- 4. Round; metal: edge and text "SPARK" in gilt; white sun on rainbow with bands of pink, brown, medium blue, green and red on a white sky.
- 6. Enrolment Pin (1995).



Exploring and Experimenting

- 1. S1011
- 2. Sparkling ideas!: Program ideas for Spark leaders (2004)
- 3. 2004-
- 4. Oval; woven polyester thread, no edge binding: blue sky with smiling sun, green hills, gray road, pink border.



Fun and Friendship Crest

- 1. S1012
- 2. Catalogue 1995-96
- 3. 1995-2003
- 4. Kite-shaped; white; cotton: Spark and Brownie superimposed on rainbow; Brownie in brown stitching; Spark and edge binding in pink stitching; bands of rainbow in blue, yellow and pink stitching. Note: Worn as a Brownie.
- 5. Advancement Badge (1995).
- 6. Fun and Friendship Pin



- 3. 2004
- 4. This polyester version was briefly in use.
- 6. Fun and Friendship Pin (Advancement)





Fun and Friendship Pin (Advancement)

- 1. S1013
- 2. MC News March 2004
- 3. 2004-
- 4. Rectangle (curved); enameled metal pin: Spark and Brownie holding hands against rainbow background.
- 5. Fun and Friendship Crest.



Going Camping

- 1. S1014
- 2. Sparkling ideas!: Program ideas for Spark leaders (2004)
- 3. 2004-
- 4. Oval; woven polyester thread, no edge binding: blue sky with smiling sun, green hills and trees, gray road, beige tent, pink border.



Legend: See introduction

1. Catalogue Number 2. Earliest Reference 3. Dates in use 4. Description 5. Former Name 6. Subsequent Name

Going Outside

- 1. S1015
- 2. Sparkling ideas!: Program ideas for Spark leaders (2004)
- 3. 2004-
- 4. Oval; woven polyester thread, no edge binding: blue ground, smiling sun, two orange butterflies, pink border.



In My Community

- 1. S1016
- 2. Sparkling ideas!: Program ideas for Spark leaders (2004)
- 3. 2004-
- 4. Oval; woven polyester thread, no edge binding: blue sky with smiling sun, green grass and trees, gray road and houses, pink border.



Membership Pins see 1 - Multi-Branch - Service Stars

Service Stars see 1 - Multi-Branch

Spark Button (Enrolment)

- 1. S1017
- 2. Catalogue 1992-93
- 3. 1992-1995.
- 4. Round; metal: blue sky with white clouds; text "SPARK" in pink superimposed on rainbow with bands of violet, blue, yellow and orange, Trefoil in navy. Note: Sale item after 1995.
- 5. Belonging Button (1992)
- 6. Enrolment Pin (1995)



Spark Helper Badge see 1 - Multi-Branch

The World Around Me

- 1. S1018
- 2. Sparkling ideas!: Program ideas for Spark leaders (2004)
- 3. 2004-
- 4. Oval; woven polyester thread, no edge binding: blue sky with smiling sun, partial globe in blue and green, pink border.

