

DID YOU KNOW?

AN INFORMATION SHEET FOR ST. JOHN AMBULANCE MEMBERS



LINK BADGES

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DID YOU KNOW that the St. John Ambulance Youth Program has three separate programs for different age groups? Beginning in January 2000, there will be a new badge that links them together.

The *St. John Junior Program* is designed for children from 6 to 10 years. The focus is on learning about home safety skills, first aid training, and making new friends. Personal development is achieved while having fun and earning badges.

The *St. John Cadet Program* is for young people aged 11 to 15. Cadets are encouraged to expand their personal skills and knowledge by working on Proficiency Subjects, attending camp, providing community service and training in Emergency First Aid.

The *St. John Crusader Program* is designed to provide leadership skills and opportunities for young people between 16 and 20 years of age. It provides more advanced patient care training and an emphasis on individual leadership qualities and performing community service.

The actual *Link Badge* is really three separate small badges, each with three links (one white and two red) embroidered on it from left to right. It is worn on the right side of the uniform, centered above the waist tag.



Link 1

Link 2

Link 3

Eligibility:

- you must serve a minimum of at least one year of active service in the corresponding youth program
- transition from one youth program to another, or to the Adult program must have taken place
- It is not necessary to take part in all portions of the St. John Youth Program (eg someone joining the Brigade as an Adult, who at one time spent at least a year as a Junior, is eligible to receive the Link One Badge; someone who has been a Cadet for at least a year and is moving up to Crusaders has earned the Link Two Badge even though they were not a Junior and did not receive the Link One Badge)
- any currently active Brigade member is eligible to apply for receipt of one or more badges

Process:

- if you have at least one year of active service in any of the three youth programs, you may apply to your Council (ask to see the *Application for Link Badge*, Annex E to SUCJ 2-6-1, — also available from your Council)
- the Council will issue the appropriate badge, hopefully during an awards presentation

Once someone has earned one or more Link Badges, they may wear them on their uniform as long as they remain a Brigade member.

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