

Girl Sprouts Unofficial Badge of the Month

Animals



Each BOTM for our Sprouts Group is a short activity plan with three phases of learning (call these “requirements” if you like) that should be done in sequence. Feel free to be creative and flexible with these steps, and to adjust them to your needs.

ANIMALS

1. Choose one of the following animals to learn about: Kangaroo, Iguana, Parrot, Salamander, Shark, Butterfly, Octopus, Earthworm. For your animal, learn a) what it looks like, b) where on Earth it lives, and c) what it eats.
2. For your animal, learn about its special body parts. These are called “*adaptations*.” What does your animal’s adaptations allow it to do?
3. Visit a local zoo, nature center, aquarium, science center, or other place where you can watch live animals. Find any animal to watch for a few minutes. Look at the place where they live – this is called a “*habitat*.” Is there anything special about their habitat that makes it a good place for them to live? What else do you notice in or around their habitat?

Next, you can do steps 1 and 2 again as many times as you want to keep learning more about animals. Add other animals to this list if you want. Try to think of unusual animals – like animals without bones, or ones that live in different places from you.

To purchase the badge: You can choose the badge shown above, or select any other badge or patch that you like. Other suggestions can be found on [this post at The Badge Fairy](#), or ask others in [our facebook group](#) what they chose.

To wear the badge: This badge can be worn wherever you like; there are no official rules. However, I recommend sewing it onto a [Girl Sprouts vest](#). BOTMs can be worn on the front, and fun patches can be worn on the back – or whatever you decide is fine. There are no rules.