Chief Pontiac Trail -Little Brave Program

Central Award Patches

When surrounded by segments, award of next central patch is warrented.







Segment Patches

Segments surround central patches as they are earned.

Service #1 segment patch is reserved for the bottom of the Little

Brave central patch.

Service Central Patch and Service Segments

Service Segments #2 through #7 surround Service Central patch.



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Segment Requirements	
Spring	Spring is a great time to see the woods and watch for birds building nests. Take a hike in the Parks and look for wild flowers (but don't pick them). Spring is also a great time to fly a kite or play a game of Ultimate (Cub Scout Sports Program). The group campsite area of Kensington has a large field that is excellent for kite flying or frisbee throwing. The Spring Segment is earned for an event occurring from March 21st through June 20th.
Summer	Looking for something your Unit can do during the summer? How about a picnic at the Teeple Lake Trailhead area in Highland SRA and a hike. Or ride the Island Queen paddle boat on Kent Lake at Kensington Metropark. The Summer Segment is earned for an event occurring from June 21st through September 20th.
Fall	Fall colors, cool days, animals, preparing for the coming Winter, and mushrooms sprouting in the parks (look, but don't eat). What a great time for a hike in the parks. The Fall Segment is earned for an event occurring from September 21st through December 20th.
Winter	Come play in the snow and earn your Winter Segment. Hike, snowshoe or cross-country ski. Make a snowman or have a snowball throw. Try ice fishing. Make a snowsnake. The Parks abound with things to do when the white stuff falls. The Winter Segment is earned for an event occurring from December 21st through March 20th.
Camping	Highland SRA, Proud Lake SRA, Kensington Metropark, and Camp Agawam all offer excellent group camping opportunities. Proud Lake also has a modern campground and a backpacker camping only a short drive from where you live. Camping really brings families and units together. There is nothing quite like a friendship sealed around a campfire. (Note there are particular restrictions and requirements for camping activities off Clinton Valley Council properties).
Cooking	Plain or fancy, cooking is a basic outdoor skill; and the results are so much fun! Earn this Segment for preparing a cooked meal using a propane stove, charcoal, or wood. Be sure to use designated areas and follow outdoor fire safety procedures.
Ecology	Nature abounds throughout the 'Lil Brave Program area. On an ecology outing you could learn about plants, animals, water systems or geology and how they interact. You could go bird watching and learn to identify birds by appearance, flight, calls, and songs. An occasional chipmunk or rabbit may surprise you as you visit the parks.
Fishing	Every Kid loves to fish, young and old. From the small streams and lakes of the Recreation Areas to the large lakes of Kensington and Stony Creek Metroparks, fish abound throughout the Huron River Basin. And don't overlook ice fishing license. Children (under 16) do not. A trout stamp is required for trout fishing at Proud Lake SRA during specific times of the year.
Friendship	Whatever your activity, outings are great ways to form new friendships and renew old ones. Perhaps your Unit could arrange an outing with another Unit. A Pack and a Troop could become better acquainted with an eye towards Webelos-to-Scout transition. Why not invite your Grandparents or some Senior Citizens to join you for a walk in the woods? Expand your circle of Scouting Friendships using the 'Lil Brave Program.
Hike	Take a hike and earn this segment. The distance and Trail section should be appropriate to the age(s) involved, but should be at least 1 hour, with 1 to 2 hours being typical. Although many of the other Segments may involve a hike related activity, earn this one for the pure joy of hiking.
Indian Lore	Have you ever wondered about the Indians who once populated this part of Michigan, traveled these same woods and fished from these same streams? Or how the area was settled and brought to its current form? Plan an outing around this Segment and discover the history of the local Indians.
Land Transportation	The settlers around the 1700's used covered wagons to go from place to place. Some of these wagons wound up in Michigan and may be seen at some Historical sites. Plan a trip to your next Lil Brave unit or Council event using road maps and maybe some travel literature. Compare how we travel to today to how the early settlers traveled. That your unit bicycling or on a hay ride in the parks. This segment is available an event which includes traveling on wheels of some sort.
Map/Compass	Learn the skills of map and compass, and how to "read" the terrain. Excellent orienteering maps are available at the Highland SRA for a nominal fee, from the Chief Pontiac Trail Committee, or the Southern Michigan Orienteering Glub. Topographic maps of the area are available at the Oakland County Executive Office Building (just across the street from the CVC office). A simple Orienteering event could add an interesting twist to your experience of the surrounding area.
Night Sky	Although the Parks are not far from the "big city", they are surprisingly removed from the light pollution that exists "in town". With the right weather conditions, you can enjoy star gazing at its finest. Bring binoculars and/or a telescope and don't forget your planisphere. Plan this activity in conjunction with a campout.
Photography	Introduce your youth to the wonderful world of photography. The Parks offer photo opportunities for scenery, plants, animals and people (people often make the most interesting photos). This would make an excellent project for a Scout working on the Photography Merit Badge. It's also a great way to share Scouting experience with fellow Scouts, friends and family. And why not share some of your pictures with the CPT Committee for the Chief Pontiac Trail Scrapbook or the slide show we present to interested Units?!
Service	The Lil Brave Program is ministered on public lands. In the course of a year it is used by many people, not just Scouts. The DNR and Metroparks do an excellent job of maintaining trail systems, but there is always welcomed and other projects are possible. The service projects need to be done at one of the 12 approved Lil Brave locations. The projects should also be approved by the ranger of that particular park. Two hours of service is the minimum requirement to earn this patch. The hours do not have to be all completed at one time. If you need ideas, you can contact the Chief Pontiac Trail Committee or one of the 12 approved parks. The service #1 segment patch is reserved for the bottom of the Little Brave central patch. Service Segments #2 through #7 surround Service Central patch.
Snow Event	Cross-Country skiing along the Trail is great! Come out and enjoy this increasingly popular activity. If you are a devoted hiker and "sliding" through the woods in the snow isn't quite your thing, try snowshoeing. The woods and meadows are very different in the Winter, and few people see them. You can make simple snowshoes or they can be rented. Other snow related activities include sledding, tobogganing or building a snowman. Or, you can identify animal tracks. What's your idea?

A picnic and swimming party makes a great summertime Unit event. Powers Beach in Proud Lake SRA provides public swimming on a cove off of the Huron River and Highland SRA provides a swimming beaches at Kensington and Story Creek Metroparks and numerous picnic grounds. Go ahead, make a splash! You say you're an experienced canoeist? The how about a canoe race?! Fastest time from the livery to Moss Lake dam and back wins! (Or maybe, slowest time wins.) Kent Lake in Kensington Metropark and the lake at Story Creek offer opportunities for sailing. Or try out your fins, mask and snorkel tube at one of the beach areas (with proper supervision). All Scout units must use the Safety Affloat and/or Safe Swim Defence plans which must be submitted to the CVC Program Office for approval prior to the event.