



Junior Forest Wardens
Requirements for earning the Bronze Badge

THE CODE

WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE EARTH FOR OUR LIFE. IT IS A GREAT ENTAIL.
IT BELONGS AS MUCH TO THOSE WHO COME AFTER US, AS TO US,
AND WE HAVE NO RIGHT, BY ANYTHING WE DO, OR NEGLECT TO DO,
TO INVOLVE THEM IN UNNECESSARY PENALTIES,
OR DEPRIVE THEM OF THE BENEFITS WHICH ARE THEIRS BY RIGHT.
(based on the writings of John Ruskin)

THE PLEDGE

AS ONE WHO BELIEVES IN THE AIMS OF THE JUNIOR FOREST WARDENS, I PLEDGE
MYSELF AND MY SERVICES TO THE APPRECIATION AND RESPONSIBLE USE OF OUR
FORESTS, WILDLIFE, AND NATURAL HERITAGE.

MOTTO

KEEP OUR FORESTS GREEN

WATCHWORD

WATCH AND WARN

HISTORY

- 1930** Charles Wilkinson started a program called Junior Fire Rangers in British Columbia
(Boys only). The purpose was for youth to learn – and teach others – about forest fires.
- 1931** The name was changed to Junior Forest Wardens. A Douglas Fir was planted in Stanley Park to commemorate the event, using soil collected from sites throughout BC.
- 1935** The Red Shirt was established as the Junior Forest Warden uniform
- 1944** Bill Myring named the first Chief National Warden (1944 – 1989)
- 1944** Girl Forest Guards began as the “JFW for girls”

1960	First JFW club in Alberta (Hinton), and soon followed in Edson and Slave Lake
1961	Terry Whitely named the first Chief Warden of Alberta
1962	The Honorable Norman Willmore for the Alberta Government officially accepts the JFW Charter, including Alberta in the Junior Forest Warden Association of Canada
1974	The program opened to boys and girls, and JFW's and Girl Forest Guards unite.
1987	JFW is introduced to Newfoundland
1998	First JFW club in Saskatchewan (Meadow Lake)

PROVINCIAL FLOWERS

- The provincial flower of Alberta is the Wild Rose. It is represented as a badge on the pocket of the JFW Uniform

UNIFORM

- The White Lanyard signifies that you are a Warden and is worn on your left shoulder. Leaders wear green lanyards. Council members wear green and gold. Alumni wear blue.
- Your Club Badge and Group ID badge are worn on your left sleeve at the shoulder, as are badges from National Camps & special programs.
- The Bronze Badge is worn directly above your uniform's pocket
- Earned Program Badges & Maple Leaf badges are worn on the right sleeve.
- The uniform is to be worn tucked in & buttoned up at all times.

The 3 R's of JFW are

- Respect yourself,
- Respect other people and your club,
- Respect the earth and nature.

The 4 Program Areas are

- Forestry,
- Ecology,
- Outdoor Skills,
- Leadership

There is a badge for each program area, awarded to Wardens who have gained sufficient knowledge, skill and experience in the program area.

The 4 Age Groups are:

- **Pathfinders (Blue Tree)**
- **Trailblazers (Green Tree)**
- **Adventurers (Silver Tree)**
- **Challengers (Gold Tree)**

Members of these groups are called **Wardens**. A set of Program Badges can be earned in each age group.

The Chief Warden is the Junior Forest Warden 'ambassador' and the head of the organization. The current Chief Warden of Alberta is Cody Howitt. Upon her retirement from the position of Chief Warden of Alberta Terry Garrett was given the title of our Chief Warden Emeritus and the previous Chief Warden Emeritus was Ernst Klaszus.