ETUG 2014: Badges

What are badges?

You remember badges, don't you? Maybe you even earned some merit badges when you were a kid: perhaps a Scout or Guide badge, or a swimming badge? Well, badges didn't end with your childhood: they are being reborn as a leading-edge way to recognize learning in the content-rich learning environment that surrounds us now.

And you can earn cool badges at ETUG Spring Workshop 2014!

When you receive your registration package at ETUG this June, you'll see a handsome ☺ identification badge, with the workshop logo, and your name. But you'll also see space at the bottom of the badge for 3 mini-badges (stickers). Once again at the ETUG workshop, you'll have a chance to try to earn these badges: *Social Networker, Sharing Star,* and *Helpful Hero.*

What do you have to do to earn a badge?

The requirements are EASY!

To earn this Badge….

Social Networker

Here's what you have to do:

- Participate in at least 3 of the 5 ETUG activities: Pub night, Poster Session, ETUG Dinner, Ed Tech Jeopardy Game or Welcome Breakfast
- Post to the ETUG 20th Anniversary Face Wall (ETUG Pinterest group board)

AND

- Meet and chat with 2 ETUG members who are new to you

Sharing Star

- Share your tips, best practices, Open Education Resources

OR

- Contribute at least 2 or more of the following:
    - share photos on the workshop and tag "etug"
    - ask a question or initiate a discussion at the workshop or in scope.bccampus.ca
    - write 6 or more tweets about the workshop with #etug
    - contribute your blog URL for the ETUG Blogroll
    - write a blog post about ETUG or the ETUG workshop
    - participate as an interviewee on ETUG106Radio

Helpful Hero

- Assist as session convenor at ETUG

OR

- Provide technical assistance

OR

- Volunteer in a leadership or supporting role for workshop activities such as the ETUG106Radio, Graphic recording of the keynote or workshop session sketch notes

How do you get your earned badge?

1. Keep track of your contributions and participation in the ETUG Spring Workshop. Include both your online and your on-site activities!
2. When you have met the criteria for a badge (or badges), look for an official ETUG Badge Issuer – the members of SCETUG or designates, wearing one of the green name badges as shown on the left.
3. Peel and stick your badges on your ETUG nametag.
4. Flaunt your achievements to your friends and colleagues ☺

Want to know more about badges?

You can view some cool badge systems here:

- Mozilla Open Badges: which explains the concept of digital badges & gives you the opportunity to earn a few (easy!) ones: http://openbadges.org/earn/
- Khan Academy has a very sophisticated badge system: https://www.khanacademy.org/badges
- P2PU (Peer to Peer University) provides a simple how-to for creating badges (for use within P2PU): https://p2pu.org/en/badges/

You can read more about badges here in this recent article: http://bccampus.ca/2014/02/19/open-badges-summit-provides-big-ideas-for-bc-higher-education/

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