

CITIZEN(1) -- COMMUNITY GROUP

This is a good badge to start the boy on when he joins the Den. The written requirements and readings may be done at home with parents. This continues the importance of parents involvement in the Webelos Den.

This badge is also of interest to the leader, because he can learn much about his boys from their writings on what is meant by "all men are created equal" and on the Star Spangled Banner. The leader should keep in mind that all boys are different, so they will have different ideas and opinions on this badge. Each boy's "BEST" should be judged individually.

A lot will depend on how well informed and enthusiastic the Webelos leader is, and how he presents the badge to the boys. This badge can be fun, or it can be just "another piece of paper to write." It's up to you.

One of the purposes of Cub Scouting is "Developing habits and attitudes of good citizenship". A Scout promises to do his duty to his country. The Citizen Activity Badge helps the WEBELOS understand what a good citizen is and teaches him the history of our flag. Citizen Activity Badge is in the Community group.

OBJECTIVES

To foster citizenship in WEBELOS Scouts. To teach boys to recognize the qualities of a good citizen. To introduce boys to the structure of the U.S. government. To familiarize boys with basics of American history. To convince boys that laws are beneficial. To encourage WEBELOS Scouts to become community volunteers.

Den Activities

- Discuss requirements of badge with boys. Decide on a good turn for school, church or community and plan how to carry it out. Boys make logbooks to record their work on the badge.
- Plan a special good turn for the next Pack meeting; such as setting up chairs, ushering, clean-up, etc.
- Visit a local government agency. Find out how it works, what service it provides, how it affects boys and their families.
- A campaign against litter is a "must" for good citizenship. Discuss how your Den can carry on such a campaign.. and do it. This could include making posters for display. litter clean-up, making litter bags, etc.
- Discuss the various organizations in your community, which help people. How are they financed and run? Do they use volunteer help? Visit one of these organizations.

- Discuss ways boys can be good citizens. Let them make lists of things they will try to do regularly.

Your Duties as a Citizen

If you are going to have rights as a citizen and you want to keep them, then you also have certain duties to uphold. Your duties as a citizen are:

- ✓ Obey the laws
- ✓ Respect the rights of others
- ✓ Keep informed on issues of National and local government
- ✓ To vote in elections
- ✓ To assist the agencies of law enforcement
- ✓ To practice and teach good citizenship in your home Some qualities of a good citizen: •
 - Obeys the laws wherever he is
 - ✓ Respects the rights of others
 - ✓ Is fair and honest
 - ✓ Tries to make community a better place to live
 - ✓ Learns about leaders of nation, state, community
 - ✓ Practices rules of health and safety
 - ✓ Is honest and dependable
 - ✓ Is patriotic and loyal
 - ✓ Practices thrift
 - ✓ Respects authority

Great Documents Quiz

How much do you know about two of the greatest documents ever written: the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States?

- 1) The first words of the Declaration of Independence are:
 - a) "We hold these truths to be self evident..."
 - b) "We, the People of the United States..."
 - c) "When in the course of human events..."
 - d) "Four score and seven years ago..."
- 2) The first draft of the Declaration of Independence was written by:
 - a) John Hancock
 - b) Button Gwinnett
 - c) George Washington
 - d) Thomas Jefferson
- 3) The Constitution of the United States was signed in What year?
 - a) 1776
 - b) 1492
 - c) 1787
 - d) 1620
- 4) What is the minimum age for a President of the United States, and in what document is this stated'?
- 5) Which amendment to the Constitution provided for the abolition of slavery?
 - a) Tenth Amendment

- b) Thirteenth Amendment
 - c) Third Amendment
 - d) Sixteenth Amendment
- 6) A Senator serves a term of:
 - a) Six years
 - b) Four years
 - c) Two years
 - d) Light years
 - 7) What is the maximum number of years a President may serve?
 - 8) Which amendment to the Constitution guarantees freedom of speech:
 - a) Fourteenth Amendment
 - b) First Amendment
 - c) Twenty-ninth Amendment
 - d) Fifth Amendment
 - 9) What legislative body has the sole power to impeach a President?

Answers:

1-c, 2-d, 3-c, 4-Age 35. as stated in the Constitution, 5-b, 6-a, 7-Ten years (two terms plus the remainder of a predecessor's term if 2 years or less), 8-b, 9-House of Representatives

On Your Mark

Mark the best ending for each sentence.

1. If you meet the president, you call him:
 - a) your highness
 - b) your Excellency
 - c) Mr. President
2. The president and his family live in:
 - a) Blair House
 - b) the White House
 - c) the suburbs
3. The first president to live in the White House was:
 - a) John Adams
 - b) George Washington
 - c) "Thomas Jefferson
4. We celebrate the birthdays of two presidents in February they are:
 - a) Washington and Lincoln
 - b) Jefferson and Adams
 - c) T. Roosevelt and F. D. Roosevelt
5. During the War of 1812, when Madison was President, a famous song was written. It is called:
 - a)The Battle Hymn of the Republic
 - b) God Bless America
 - c) The Star Spangled Banner
6. The only man to be elected president four times was:
 - a) Abraham Lincoln
 - b) Franklin Delano Roosevelt
 - c) Ulysses S. Grant
7. The two big political parties today are called:
 - a) the Republicans and the Democrats
 - b) the Federalists and Whigs
 - c) the Conservatives and the Liberals
8. The law says Presidential elections must be held on:

- a) the first Monday in October
 - b) the first Tuesday in November
 - c) Halloween
9. The parties pick their presidential candidates in:
 - a) presidential primaries
 - b) national nominating convention
 - c) by secret vote
 10. If a president dies in office the next president is:
 - a) the vice president
 - b) elected by the people
 - c) the oldest senator
 11. Presidential elections are held every:
 - a) two years
 - b) four years
 - c) six years
 12. If you want to run for president you should:
 - a) go jogging
 - b) take a nap
 - c) make speeches
 13. The United States is made up of:
 - a) 50 states
 - b) 48 states
 - c) 46 states
 14. Twenty-seven presidents have studied:
 - a) flying
 - b) the stars
 - c) the law
 15. The president's wife is called:
 - a) the queen
 - b) the first lady
 - c) Mrs. President

Answers:

1-c, 2-b, 3-a, 4-a, 5-c, 6-b, 7-a, 8-b, 9-b, 10-a, 11-b, 12-c, 13-a, 14-c, 15-b

Newspaper Study

Equipment: One current newspaper per team. Put teams in corners, each with the same day's issue of a newspaper. On signal, teams begin a search for news items that definitely illustrate the Scout Law. Items are cut out and numbered according to the point of the Law. Team with most clippings wins. (Team leaders distribute pages among his team members)

Patriotic Wall Plaque

Using a copy of the Declaration of Independence, Bill of Rights or the Gettysburg Address; make a wall plaque by mounting one of these on 1/4" plywood shaped into the design of a scroll. Make your scroll slightly larger than your copy. Finish plywood by sanding, staining a natural color and varnishing or leave the wood grain and color show through by eliminating stain and just varnish.

Where to go and what to do

- Invite a guest speaker from a local board to explain his duties and tell the WEBELOS Scouts why he volunteers his time.
- Buy a packet of used U.S. commemorative stamps. Distribute several to the WEBELOS Scouts and challenge them to discover the "story behind the stamp". At the following meeting allow each boy ample time to describe his stamps and their significance.
- Attend a local city council meeting.
- Do a Good Turn by conducting a litter pickup campaign
- Have each WEBELOS Scout write a letter to his Senator or Congressman to express an opinion on an issue. It would be especially interesting if two WEBELOS Scouts wrote an opinion about opposite sides of the same issue. See what responses you receive.
- Encourage WEBELOS Scouts to fly a flag at home particularly on appropriate flag holidays.
- Arrange for the WEBELOS den to do a community service project.

Good turn ideas

- Give some of the toys the WEBELOS Scouts may have made as part of the Craftsman badge to needy children. Use Craftsman skills to repair and refurbish toys for the same purpose.
- Give a holiday party for children or adults in a residential situation. Plan games, songs, small gifts, party favors, and treats
- Participate in the Food Drive in the fall to stock good pantries for needy families
- Collect toilet articles and used clothing for the homeless
- Salvage used books to be sold at the public library or to be used to set up libraries for children or adults in a residential situation
- Read to someone who cannot see.
- Provide snow shoveling, yard care, errand service, or other aid to an elderly person or couple in your neighborhood.

NEWSPAPER STUDY GAME

for dens or small groups

Equipment: One current newspaper per den

Teams gather in groups, each with the same day's issue of a newspaper. On signal, teams start a search for news items that definitely illustrate the 12 points of the Scout Law. Items are cut out and numbered according to the point of the law. Team with the most clippings in a given time wins.

Strategy Tip: Team leaders should distribute pages among his team members instead of everyone grabbing for papers.

CITIZEN SCAVENGER HUNT

By Barb Stephens

Most government buildings offer a tour of some sort and you might be able to combine the tour with the following scavenger hunt. Divide the den into two or three teams and give the boys a reasonable time limit. Have them locate answers to questions like these:

1. What is the mayor's middle initial and what does the initial stand for?
2. Bring back a piece of stationery showing our town's logo or crest.
3. Draw a picture of our state flag.
4. On what floor of City Hall can you find _____?
5. Who runs the Water Works Department and what does that department do?
6. Where does the City Council meet?
7. What's on the top floor of the City Hall building?
8. What is the full name of the governor of the state?
9. Get a brochure about trash pick up service.
10. Who takes care of snow removal/tree removal from city streets and what is their budget?

DO YOU KNOW YOUR FLAG?

When the Stars and Stripes first became our national flag, no one was sure just what the design of the flag should be. Since the time of that first flag, official descriptions of the national colors have been very careful and clear. Not only is the design of the flag carefully described today, but there are many special rules for displaying it. The following questions are based on the universal flag code of the United States. See how many you and your WEBELOS den can answer correctly. Some of these questions are tricky.

1. The flag is raised (a) slowly; (b) briskly; (c) at any speed that is comfortable.
2. If you carry the flag in a parade and passed before the President of the United States, you would dip the flag slightly in salute to the President as you walked past him. True or False?
3. The flag must never be lowered no matter how bad the weather conditions. True or False?
4. The flag is never allowed to fly after daylight hours anywhere in the world. True or False?
5. When the flag is carried in a procession or on other occasions, it is escorted by an honor guard. True or False?
6. The flag's honor guard walks (a) on the flag's right; (b) just behind the flag; (c) on both sides of the flag.
7. If you are a Cub Scout, WEBELOS Scout, Boy Scout, or Explorer, you always give the Cub Scout,

or Explorer salute to the flag even when you are not in uniform. True or False?

8. When you carry the flag in a parade with other flags, the U. S. flag must go on the left of and in line with the other flags. True or False?

Answers:

1. (b) briskly - it's a happy occasion!
2. False. The flag is never dipped to anyone..
3. False. The flag is not flown in bad weather.
4. False. Although it is the custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset, there is no law prohibiting its being flown both day and night.
5. True.
6. (c) on both sides of the flag.
7. False. When you are in civilian clothes, you remove your hat and place your hand over your heart when the flag passes
8. False. It is carried at the right of the other flags or at the front and center of a line of other flags.

Den Activities

One way to make this activity badge come alive is to get involved. A good citizen gets involved where he lives. Your involvement can start at any age and it can be almost any useful act. Now is a good time to plan a citizenship project for your Webelos den.

Clothing Drive

Often after a fire, flood, or other disaster many people will be without sufficient clothing. Generally, local authorities coordinate a campaign to get used clothing in serviceable condition for distribution to the victims. Councils and districts should cooperate with local authorities and not attempt to set up an independent project.

Get-Out-The-Vote Campaign

A natural follow-up to registration campaign is an effort to get every eligible voter to vote. This calls for an educational and promotional campaign aimed at reminding citizens of their right and duty to vote. The campaign must be non-partisan. Before the election distribute get-out-the-vote materials. On election day, Scouts may be stationed outside polling places to "baby-sit" young children, hold packages, assist elderly or handicapped people, and provide "I have voted" badges to voters, leaving them as a reminder to others.

Mark Homes for Disabled Persons

In cooperation with fire departments, install amber reflectors (or other distinctive devices) over the front doors of homes where handicapped persons live. Then if a fire breaks out, the firefighters will know immediately that a handicapped person lives there. A similar device may be placed on the door of the person's bedroom to help firefighters find it in an

emergency. Fire departments generally provide the insignia, usually placed on the front downstairs window near the door or on the glass of the front door. A similar device is placed on the window of the invalid's room. Caution: Be sure you have approval of everyone living in that home before you place markers.

Collect Christmas Toys

In many communities, new and used but still usable toys are collected for distribution to needy children at Christmas. Units may assist by making pickups of toys, making posters to advertise the campaign, helping to stockpile toys, cleaning and repairing used toys, and delivering toys to the agencies that distribute them to poor children. Each youth member may also be asked to contribute one usable toy.

Flying Flags

Buy a bulk of small plastic flags. Divide them up to all the den members during the closing ceremony. Tell them to carry the flags around this week and give them to people who are being "Good Citizens," explaining why.

Citizen

(Tune: Row, Row, Row Your Boat)

Fly, fly, fly your flag,
On our holidays,
Be a loyal citizen,
In this and other ways.
We're good citizens,
From a land that's free,
We should all be proud to serve,
So patriotically.
Be good citizens,
Webelos like me,
I'll be loyal, honest, true,
And keep my country free.

Duties & Rights

By Barb Stephens

Every Citizen has ...

Complete each statement by inserting duty or right in the blank.

1. The _____ to obey all laws.
2. The _____ to equal protection of laws and equal justice in the courts.
3. The _____ to respect the rights of others.
4. The _____ to inform yourself on issues of government.
5. The _____ to be free of arbitrary search and seizure.
6. The _____ to equal education and economic opportunity.
7. The _____ to serve on a jury if called.
8. The _____ to vote.
9. The _____ to own property.

10. The _____ to vote in elections.
11. The _____ to serve and defend your country.
12. The _____ to free speech, press, and assembly.
13. The _____ to assist agencies of law enforcement.
14. The _____ to a lawyer of your choice and a prompt trial if accused of a crime.
15. The _____ to practice and teach the principle of good citizenship in your home.

Answers

1. Duty, 2. Right, 3. Duty, 4. Duty, 5. Right, 6. Right, 7. Duty, 8. Right, 9. Right, 10. Duty, 11. Duty, 12. right, 13. Duty, 14. Right, 15. Duty

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Games

American Heritage

Find pictures of well known buildings, symbols or people and tape each one onto construction paper. (Example: White House, Uncle Sam, President Clinton. Eagle, plus some harder ones like the Presidential Seal or your state Governor.) Number each picture and then hang on the wall. Give each boy a paper and pencil and have them list numbers down the side. Set a time limit, and ask the boys to circulate, looking at the pictures and writing down the name. The den historian is the person who has the most written down correctly at the end of the time period. Be sure to review all the answers out loud so all can hear the correct answers.

Heads Of Government Game

Material needed: Pictures of government officials from newspapers or magazines, nametags with the officials' names written on them. Have Webelos match the correct name with each official. You may wish to try this at the local, state and federal government levels.

Newspaper Study

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Build A Flag

Materials needed: For each team, 1 set of the five US flags shown in Citizen section of the Webelos handbook. With a color copier, each flag to fit onto a

standard sheet of card stock. If preferred, draw a set of the flags for each team. When the flag sets are copied, cut each flag picture into 2 pieces, the stripes and the field of stars. Prepare cards with the name of each flag and year of each flag. A corkboard and pushpins are needed. Divide Webelos into two teams. First boy from each team runs to his team's pile of pieces, grabs a stripe piece and a push pin and pins it to the corkboard. He runs back and touches off

the second boy, who pins up a star field piece, which matches the striping. Next team member matches appropriate flag name and fourth member pins up the year of the flag. Continue to rotate until all five flags have been properly constructed, named, and dated.

Citizenship Test

Two teams face each other with a wide space between them. The leader asks each player a question about the Declaration of Independence, the Star Spangled Banner, the President, VicePresident, Governor, or other fitting subject. A correct answer entitles that team to move one step forward. An incorrect answer passes the question to the other team. The first team to cross the other team's starting line is the winner.