

◆The Badge-Writing Badge◆



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Otters: Do 4 requirements including the 3 starred
Dolphins: Do 5 requirements including the 3 starred
Butterflies: Do 6 requirements including the 3 starred
Eagles: Do 7 requirements including the 3 starred

_____ *1. Make a list of things you want to learn about. Choose one to write a badge for. Look at other badges to see how most of them are laid out. Usually Otters will have to do 4 requirements, Dolphins have to do 5, Butterflies 6, and Eagles 7. What type of things do they require? Notice how the requirements get harder as you get older.

_____ 2.* Research your topic and come up with appropriate requirements for each level. You will need to talk to someone knowledgeable in your subject, research it online (with a parent's permission), or go to the library. Following are some ideas to get you started.

- Knowledge of the subject
- Skills necessary
- History of the subject
- Careers in this area
- Fun activities to help learn the subject
- Service Projects

Ask a parent or troop leader for help. When you are finished, turn in your badge to your leader for approval. Once approved, send it to Frontier Girls Headquarters to be added to the badge list.

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_____ 3.* When you're done writing your badge, write a short paragraph on what you learned, who helped you, how you got your idea, and what badge you might want to make next. Send a copy to Frontier Girls Headquarters at:

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_____ 4. Some badges are on general topics and others are more specific. Look over the badge list, and make a list of some that you like. Then do one of the following:

Look and see if the badges have anything in common. If so, is there a general badge you could write on the subject? (For example cross stitch, embroidery and hand sewing could be combined into a Stitchery Badge)

Find a general badge such as History that could be broken down into more specific badges such as ancient Egypt, American History, or World History. How many of these badges can you find?

_____ 5. Interview your family and friends. Ask them for badge ideas. Does a particular subject come up more often than others? Make a list of the badge ideas you found and ask the girls in

your troop which one they would like to earn the most. Make a graph of your results and share it with your troop leader. (If you are a Pioneer, do this with family and friends.)

_____6. Get some friends together, and have a Badge Writing Day. Either come up with ideas to work on together or each girl can work on writing her own badge.

_____7. Interview a girl or adult who has already written a badge or your troop leader for some tips. You may also email Frontier Girls Headquarters through the website or ask for advice through the Pioneer Yahooogroup.

_____8. When your badge is complete and approved by your parent or troop leader, earn it.

_____9. Design what your badge will look like. The design should be on a 8.5 x 11" piece of paper. Send it to Frontier Girls Headquarters. While we do not guarantee we will use the all designs submitted, we will consider all artwork before making our final decision. Keep in mind that the design will be scanned into a computer and shrunk to 1", so keep it simple.