

## Flag Badge



### **Otter: (Do 4 requirements including the 2 starred)**

- 1.\* Learn the Pledge of Allegiance and what each sentence means. How should you show proper respect for the Flag when reciting the Pledge of Allegiance?
- 2.\* Find out the History of our current Flag. What do the stars stand for? The stripes? The blue field? How long has it been in use?
3. Find out the History of the American Flag. Our flag has changed several times over our country's history. Pick your favorite flag from our past and draw, paint, or make a cut-paper picture of it. Mount it on a piece of cardstock and write underneath the year(s) that it was flown.
4. Create a poster or booklet showing why you think the flag is important to our country.
5. Learn what responsibilities the various people have during a flag ceremony? The flag bearer, the color guard, the caller, and the audience.
6. Participate in a formal flag ceremony.

### **Dolphin: (Do 5 requirements including the 2 starred)**

- 1.\* Learn the Pledge of Allegiance and what each sentence means. How should you show proper respect for the Flag when reciting the Pledge of Allegiance? Find out the History of our current Flag. What do the stars stand for? The stripes? The blue field? How long has it been in use? Make a diagram of the American Flag noting what each part stands for and display it at a troop meeting.
- 2.\* Find out the History of the Star Spangled Banner. Who wrote it? Why? When? What does it mean? How many verses are there? What did our flag look like at this time?
3. What are the rules for proper display and use of the United States Flag according to the Federal Flag Code approved by Congress (Public Law 829)
4. Participate in a formal flag ceremony.
5. Find a poem about our flag and recite it for your troop.
6. Create a poster or booklet showing why you think the flag is important to our country.
7. Who was Betsy Ross? Find out when and where she lived and why she is important to our country's history. Find a copy of the painting "Betsy Ross Makes a Five Pointed Star". What is happening in the picture? Why do you think the men look concerned? Learn how to make a 5 pointed star.

### **Butterfly (Do 6 requirements including the two starred)**

- 1.\* Learn the Pledge of Allegiance and what each sentence means. How should you show proper respect for the Flag when reciting the Pledge of Allegiance? Make a diagram of the United States Flag, labeling all parts. Include and be able to define the “hoist”, “peak”, “fly”, staff”, halyard”, and “union”. Be sure to show the correct number of stars and stripes, as well as the order of the stripes. If a new state were added tomorrow, on what date would the new star be officially added to our flag?
- 2.\* What are the rules for proper display and use of the United States Flag according to the Federal Flag Code approved by Congress (Public Law 829). Learn how to properly fold the flag and demonstrate it for your troop.
3. Participate in a formal flag ceremony.
4. Write a poem about our flag.
5. Create your own special flag ceremony that expresses the importance of the symbolism of the flag. Make sure you follow proper flag etiquette at all times. You may choose to read a poem, sing a special song, display special artwork, etc.
6. Create a booklet of patriotic songs and poems that could be used for flag ceremonies. Share some with your troop.
7. Find out where the original “Star Spangled Banner” that flew over Fort McHenry now hangs. How big is it?
8. Arrange to perform a formal flag ceremony for a community function. Make sure you structure your ceremony to reflect whether the flag will be posted in a stand for the occasion (such as a banquet or ceremony) or return with the color guard (such as the opening of a parade.) How many Frontier Girls will you need for your ceremony? Is there an opportunity for you to do a dress rehearsal at the location before the actual ceremony?
9. Make a collection of items decorated with flags and use your collection to decorate for a large event (or portion thereof) such as a family reunion or a church banquet.
10. Research (should we put a number here????) events in history that are famous for the usage of a flag, such as the battles at Iwo Jima & Fort McHenry.
11. Pass out flags for people to wave at a 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade or some other patriotic event. You may help an organization do this or buy some flags on your own to give away, a minimum of a dozen if you buy them.

**Eagle (Do 7 requirements including the two starred)**

- 1.\* Learn the Pledge of Allegiance and what each sentence means. How should you show proper respect for the Flag when reciting the Pledge of Allegiance? Make a diagram of the United States Flag, labeling all parts. Include and be able to define the “hoist”, “peak”, “fly”, staff”, halyard”, and “union”. Be sure to show the correct number of stars and stripes, as well as the order of the stripes. If a new state were added tomorrow, on what date would the new star be officially added to our flag? What are the rules for proper display and use of the United States Flag according to the Federal Flag Code approved by Congress (Public Law 829). Learn how to properly fold the flag and demonstrate it for your troop.
- 2.\* Arrange to perform a formal flag ceremony for a community function. Make sure you structure

your ceremony to reflect whether the flag will be posted in a stand for the occasion (such as a banquet or ceremony) or return with the color guard (such as the opening of a parade.) How many Frontier Girls will you need for your ceremony? Is there an opportunity for you to do a rehearsal at the location before the actual ceremony?

3. When a flag has become too worn or faded it should be retired with honor, burned, and the ashes disposed of in a respectful manner. Create your own flag retirement ceremony. Keep it on file with your troop until it is needed.
4. Find out the History of the Star Spangled Banner. Who wrote it? Why? When? What does it mean? How many verses are there? What did our flag look like at this time? Teach this information to the rest of your troop, a class, or other group of children.
5. Learn the history of the Pledge of Allegiance. When was it written and by whom? How and why has it changed? If you could rewrite the Pledge of Allegiance what changes would you make and why?
6. Create your own special flag ceremony that expresses the importance of the symbolism of the flag. Make sure you follow proper flag etiquette at all times. You may choose to read a poem, sing a special song, display special artwork, etc.
7. Make a poster of the original 13 colonies. Include the date each colony became a state.
8. The flag is a symbol of American freedom. Over the course of our history, many women have contributed to various war efforts. What types of roles did they play? Find out who Sybil Ludington or Dicey Langston were and what role they played in the American Revolution. How could they serve as a role model for girls today?
9. Our flag holds a special symbolism for those who serve in our military. When is Veterans' Day? What was it originally and what is significant about its date? When is Memorial Day? What is the difference between the two days? Find a way to express your gratitude to at least 3 veterans. You may thank them in person, make cards, send care packages to soldiers overseas, etc.
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