

Patriotism Badge



Otter (Do 4 requirements including the 2 starred)

- _____1.* Earn the flag badge at the Otter level.
- _____2.* Participate in a service project that supports our military or veterans. You may choose to write letters or make cards of thanks, send care packages, do a performance of some kind for your local veterans...be creative!
- _____3. Learn to identify at least 4 landmarks of the United States such as the Statue of Liberty, the Golden Gate Bridge, Yosemite, Yellow Stone National Park, the Grand Canyon, or Mount Rushmore.
- _____4. What does our nation's motto, "In God We Trust" mean to you? When did this motto come into being?
- _____5. What are the 4 main branches of military service? What do they specialize in?
- _____6. Write a poem or create a piece of art about what your country means to you.

Dolphin (Do 5 requirements including the 2 starred)

- _____1.* Earn the flag badge at the Dolphin level.
- _____2.* Participate in a service project that supports our military or veterans. You may choose to write letters or make cards of thanks, send care packages, do a performance of some kind for your local veterans...be creative!
- _____3. Write a poem or create a piece of art about what your country means to you.
- _____4. Find out about at least 3 National Monuments in your state and tell your troop about them. National Monuments are managed by four different U.S. agencies, they are the National Parks Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service under the U.S. Department of the Interior, and the U.S. Forest Service under the U.S. Department of Agriculture. If you do not have 3 in your own state, the remainder can be chosen from other states.
- _____5. During times of war, each branch of military service has special warfare units. Find out the main duties of at least one unit from each branch of the military.
 - Navy:** SEAL Teams (Sea Air Land)
 - UDT Teams (Underwater Demolition Teams)
 - Seabees (Civil Engineering Teams)
 - Snipers
 - Army:** Rangers
 - Green Berets
 - Snipers
 - Marines:** Snipers
 - Recon Teams
 - Presidential Guardians
 - Nuclear Asset Protection
 - Air Force:** AF Special Operations Command
- _____6. Below are 10 National Holidays. The U.S. Government thought these days important enough to ask the entire country to stop what they are doing and think about what the day stands for. Explain to your leader or parent why you think each holiday is important and what it means to you.
 - New Years Day
 - Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday (observed)

President's Day
Memorial Day
Flag Day
Independence Day
Labor Day
Veteran's Day
Columbus Day
Thanksgiving
Christmas

_____7. What does being a patriot mean? How can you be a patriot today?

Butterfly (Do 6 requirements including the 2 starred)

_____1.* Earn the flag badge at the Butterfly level.

_____2.* Participate in a service project that supports our military or veterans. You may choose to write letters or make cards of thanks, send care packages, do a performance of some kind for your local veterans...be creative!

_____3. Write a poem or create a piece of art about what your country means to you.

_____4. Create a list of Patriotic Songs or poems that can be used on holidays such as Independence Day, Veterans Day, Memorial Day, or Flag Day. Give a copy to your leader to keep with your troop supplies.

_____5. Choose your favorite female American patriot and create a simple booklet to tell her story. Share your booklet with other girls in your troop.

_____6. Wander through your town and make a list of how many symbols of patriotism you see. What was the most common? What was the most unusual.

_____7. Write a brief essay about why you think the events of September 11, 2001 caused a surge in American patriotism. How do you think we can maintain that patriotic awareness even today.

_____8. Interview a veteran and ask them what patriotism means to them. Ask them how they think you might display a patriotic heart in your own life.

Eagle (Do 7 requirements including the 2 starred)

_____1.* Earn the flag badge at the Eagle level.

_____2.* Participate in a service project that supports our military or veterans. You may choose to write letters or make cards of thanks, send care packages, do a performance of some kind for your local veterans...be creative!

_____3. Write a poem or create a piece of art about what your country means to you.

_____4. Choose your favorite female American patriot and create a simple booklet to tell her story. Share your booklet with other girls in your troop. (If you earned this badge as a Butterfly, you must choose a different patriot.)

_____5. Use your camera to take picture of signs of patriotism in your community. These may be actual symbols such as the American Flag or a yellow ribbon, or people doing things like saying the Pledge of Allegiance, voting, making speeches, city council meetings, etc. Make a montage of your pictures to share with your troop and to present to your city council.

_____6. Who were spouses of our founding fathers and what kind of women were they? How did they contribute to the formation of our country? How can we use them as examples today?

_____7. Organize the younger girls in your troop to participate in a local event celebrating Memorial Day, Independence Day, Veterans Day, or Flag Day. This could be a parade, or simply a performance of some kind at you local Veterans Hall or City Council.

_____8. Read the complete Declaration of Independence and rewrite it in your own words.

_____9. Choose 3 patriotic songs and research their history. Make sure you find ALL the verses. Teach at least one to your troop. Examples can include Yankee Doodle, Battle Hymn of the Republic, America the Beautiful, God Bless America, etc. (You may not choose our National Anthem if you researched it as a requirement for the Flag Badge.)