



Special Needs Badge

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This badge is designed to help girls interact with those with special needs. This includes any person who might need extra help because of a medical, emotional, or learning problems. These people have special needs because they might need medicine, therapy, or extra help in school - stuff other kids don't typically need or only need once in a while.

Otters: Do 4 requirements including the 2 starred.

Dolphins: Do 5 requirements including the 2 starred.

Butterflies: Do 6 requirements including the 2 starred.

Eagles: Do 7 requirements including the 2 starred.

_____ 1.* Spend a day with a special needs child or adult.

_____ 2.* Choose a specific illness/defect/injury to learn about and create a fun game that kids with this issue could participate in.

_____ 3. Participate in a community service project that supports the illness/defect/injury you are learning about.

_____ 4. Try living for a day as if you had the illness/defect/injury you are learning about. Keep in mind dietary requirements, mobility issues, etc. How would your everyday activities have to change? (Do NOT take any medication, this is a simulation only!!!)

_____ 5. Find out what programs there are at your school for kids with special needs. Can you volunteer to help?

_____ 6. Find out what government programs there are available for kids with special needs and their families.

_____ 7. Learn how the illness/defect/injury occurs.

_____ 8. Volunteer to help a mother with a special needs child.

_____ 9. Learn about the special characteristics of child w/special needs.

_____ 10. Find out what support/research groups there are for the illness/defect you are learning about. Try to find at least three.

_____ 11. Earn the kindness badge.

_____ 12. Read an inspirational story about someone with special needs.