

Fall Camporee Workbook Packet

Scout's Name: _____ Unit: _____



American Heritage Trail

1) Read the Declaration of Independence. Pay close attention to the section that begins with “We hold these truths to be self evident” and ends with “to provide new Guards for their future security.” Rewrite that section in your own words, making it as easy to understand as possible. Then, share your writing with your merit badge counselor and discuss the importance of the Declaration to all Americans.

2) Do TWO of the following:

c) With your counselor's approval, interview two veterans of the U.S. military. Find out what their experiences were like. Ask the veterans what they believe they accomplished.

d) With your counselor's approval, interview three people in your community of different ages and occupations. Ask these people what America means to them, what they think is special about this county, and what American traditions they feel are important to preserve.

3) Do the following:

a) Select a topic that is currently in the news. Describe to your counselor what is happening. Explain how today's events are related to or affected by the events and values of America's past.

b) For each of the following, describe its adoption, tell about any changes since its adoption, and explain how each one continues to influence American today: the flag, the Pledge of Allegiance, the seal, the motto, and the national anthem

4) Choose TWO of the following:

b) Research an event of historical importance that took place in or near your area. If possible, visit the place. Tell your counselor about the event and how it affected local history. Describe how the area looked then and what it now looks like.

e) Visit a historic trail or walk in your area. After your visit, share with your counselor what you have learned. Discuss the importance of this location and explain why you think it might qualify for National Register listing.

5) a) Watch two motion pictures (with approval and permission for your counselor and parent) that are set in some period of American history. Describe to your counselor how accurate each film is with regard to the historical events depicted and also with regard to the way the characters are portrayed.

6) Discuss with your counselor the career opportunities in American heritage. Pick one that interests you and explain how to prepare for this career. Discuss what education and training are required for this career.

American Heritage Checklist

_____ Listen to the Reading of the Declaration of Independence & write its meaning in your own words. (1)

_____ Watch the movie and write about it (5a)

_____ Interview the Veterans

_____ Inter view three others

_____ Visit and complete the station on current/historical topics and issues

_____ Visit and complete the station on changes in the flag, national anthem, etc.

_____ Visit and complete the station on possible careers

_____ Write and research as much as you can about your own family history

_____ Visit the inside of Fort Snelling and Write about it in your packet

American Heritage Merit Badge Workbook

This workbook can help you but you still need to read the merit badge pamphlet (book).

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Counselor's Name: _____ Counselor's Ph #: _____

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2. Do TWO of the following:

- c. *With your counselor's approval*, interview two veterans of the U.S. military. Find out what their experiences were like. Ask the veterans what they believe they accomplished.

Veteran: _____

Experiences & accomplishments _____

Veteran: _____

Experiences & accomplishments _____

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Person _____

What America means to them _____

What do they think is special about this country? _____

What American traditions are important to preserve? _____

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3. Do the following:

a. Select a topic that is currently in the news. _____

Describe to your counselor what is happening. _____

Explain how today's events are related to or affected by the events and values of America's past. _____

- b. For each of the following, describe its adoption, tell about any changes since its adoption, and explain how each one continues to influence Americans today: the flag, the Pledge of Allegiance, the seal, the motto, and the national anthem.

The Flag: Adoption _____

Changes since its adoption _____

Influence today _____

The Pledge Of Allegiance: Adoption _____

Changes since its adoption _____

Influence today _____

The Seal: Adoption _____

Changes since its adoption _____

Influence today _____

The Motto: Adoption _____

Changes since its adoption _____

Influence today _____

And The National Anthem: Adoption _____

Changes since its adoption _____

Influence today _____

c. Research your family's history. Find out how various events and situations in American history affected your family. Share what you find with your counselor. Tell why your family came to America. _____

4. Do TWO of the following:

b. Research an event of historical importance that took place in or near your area. If possible, visit the place. Tell your counselor about the event and how it affected local history. _____

Describe how the area looked then and what it now looks like. _____

e. Visit a historic trail or walk in your area. _____
After your visit, share with your counselor what you have learned. Discuss the importance of this location and explain why you think it might qualify for National Register listing. _____

5. Do ONE of the following:

- a. Watch two motion pictures (with the approval and permission of your counselor and parent) that are set in some period of American history. Describe to your counselor how accurate each film is with regard to the historical events depicted and also with regard to the way the characters are portrayed.

Film _____

Period _____

Accuracy of time _____

Accuracy of characters _____

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Pick one that interests you _____

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