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Welcome to *Scouting and the Virginia Standards of Learning A Cooperative Effort*. Developing character in the lives of young people is not an exact science by any stretch of the imagination. Likewise the demands of a quality education can present particular complexity's and while we cannot possibly list or link every piece of information available we hope to offer key resources and "links" that we believe to be of value in achieving the best possible for the youth we serve. This pamphlet is a tool to serve and assist you in your critical work with our future generations. Scouting offers a time-tested set of activities that have produced fine citizens, dedicated family members and strong community leaders for more than 90 years.

The Cub Scout Activities and Academics programs listed in this pamphlet provide the opportunity for boys to learn new techniques, increase scholarship skills, reinforce prior learning and have fun. Many of the activities happen right at their age level in a classroom like setting. These weekly den meetings and the monthly pack meetings reinforce a program started in 1930 when the Boy Scouts of America launched a home-and-neighborhood-centered program for boys 9 to 11 years of age. A key element of the program is an emphasis on caring, nurturing relationships between boys and their parents, adult leaders, and friends.

The Boy Scout Merit Badge program is one of Scouting's basic character-developing tools. The merit badge activities listed in this pamphlet provide boys with the opportunity to earn merit badges while building the kind of self-confidence that comes only from overcoming difficult obstacles to achieve a goal. Some merit badges help boys develop physical fitness and provide hobbies that give a lifetime of healthful recreation. These activities are designed for boys 11 to 18 years of age and offer more than 100 merit badges about sports, crafts, science, trades, business and potential future careers. Through the merit badge program, boys learn career skills that might help them choose their lifework. Learning through team building techniques, individual scholarship skills, and reinforcement of prior learning is a critical element of the program.

From the very beginning Scouting has always followed a school-year type program introducing activities for first-grade (or 7-year-old) boys through fifth grade (or 8, 9, and 10 years old) for Cub Scouts and sixth grade through twelfth grade (or 11 through 18 years old) for Boy Scouts that stresses simplicity, shared leadership, learning about the community, and family understanding.

What Is Scouting?

Scouting means "doing." Everything in Scouting is designed to have the boys doing things. Activities are used to achieve the three aims of Scouting - citizenship training, character development, and personal fitness.

The Purposes of Scouting

Scouting has nine purposes: too

- Positively influence character development and encourage spiritual growth
- Help boys develop habits and attitudes of citizenship
- Encourage good sportsmanship and pride in growing strong in mind and body
- Improve understanding within the family
- Strengthen boys' ability to get along with other boys and respect other people
- Foster a sense of personal achievement by helping boys develop new interests and skills
- Show how to be helpful and to do one's best
- Provide fun and exciting new things to do
- Prepare boys to become 'Good Citizens'

These worthy purposes are reinforced when a, "Cooperative Effort," exists between Scouting and Educational Institutions within our local community. To that end this pamphlet is offered as an extension of the educational classroom and as a guide to the many activities, achievements, electives, and academic skills boys experience while participating in the Scouting program.

How To Use This Pamphlet.

This pamphlet is divided into appropriate grade level activities, achievements, electives, and academics. Provided with each grade level activity grouping is a brief description of the activities, followed by an activity progression chart depicting the corresponding items found in the respective Scout's handbook. Each activity listed has been cataloged with the appropriate Virginia Standard of Learning (SOL) or the core strand element for quick referencing to reinforce specific learning in the classroom. This project also serves as a method for Scout Leaders to track the progress of Scouts within their units and by tracking individual Scout progress.

The following example outlines the activities a typical 4th or 5th Grade WEBELOS Scout may encounter throughout a school calendar year and the synchronicity these activities have with the strategy of the 4th/5th Grade Integrated Instructional Pacing Guide.

SEPTEMBER-*Communicator/Citizen*; OCTOBER- *Showman/Citizen*;

NOVEMBER- *Craftsman/Scientist*; DECEMBER- *Craftsman/Scientist*;

JANUARY- *Fitness/Readyman*; FEBRUARY- *Scholar/Engineer*;

MARCH- *Athlete/Engineer*; APRIL- *Sportsman/Family Member*;

MAY- *Outdoorsman/ Handyman*; JUNE- *Traveler/Artist*;

JULY- *Aquanaut/Geologist*; AUGUST- *Naturalist/Forester*

The Boy Scout Merit Badge program differs slightly from Cub Scouting activities, because they may be earned at any time between the sixth and twelfth grades (age 11 to 18 years old). The individual merit badge requirements are substantially more complex and in depth, and prohibit the complete listing of the all-applicable Virginia (SOL's). In this case only the general subject Virginia (SOL) related to the merit badge is listed and it should be understood that there would be considerable applications of other basic skills (SOL's) in the completion of each merit badge requirements.

It is our sincerest intention that you have an opportunity to browse through, become familiar, and are able to use this resource tool.

Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL)

The overall size and volume of the Virginia SOL's prohibit its inclusion in this pamphlet however; the SOL's may be accessed directly through the INTERNET at the following web address:

www.pen.k12.va.us/VDOE/Instruction/sol



BOY SCOUTS
OF AMERICA

Boy Scout Merit Badges

The following is a list of all of the 119 Merit Badges, arranged into 14 logical fields of activity (categories) as they appear in the BSA Pamphlet "Worksheet for Building a Merit Badge Counselor List" (No. 04439)

1. AGRIBUSINESS

ANIMAL SCIENCE, FARM MECHANICS, PLANT SCIENCE

2. ARTS AND CRAFTS

ART, BASKETRY, BUGLING, LEATHERWORK, METALWORK, MUSIC, POTTERY, SCULPTURE, THEATER, WOOD CARVING

3. BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY

AMERICAN BUSINESS, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, PULP AND PAPER, SALESMANSHIP, TEXTILE

4. CONSERVATION

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE, FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT, FORESTRY, SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION

5. HOBBIES

BACKPACKING, CAMPING, COIN COLLECTING, COLLECTIONS, COOKING, DOG CARE, GARDENING, HIKING, HOME REPAIRS, INDIAN LORE, MODEL DESIGN AND BUILDING, PETS, PIONEERING, RADIO, ROWING, STAMP COLLECTING

6. NATURAL SCIENCE

ARCHAEOLOGY, ASTRONOMY, BIRD STUDY, GEOLOGY, INSECT STUDY, MAMMAL STUDY, NATURE, OCEANOGRAPHY, REPTILE AND AMPHIBIAN STUDY, WEATHER

7. COMMUNICATIONS

CINEMATOGRAPHY, JOURNALISM, PHOTOGRAPHY

8. PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

AMERICAN CULTURES, AMERICAN HERITAGE, CITIZENSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY, CITIZENSHIP IN THE NATION, CITIZENSHIP IN THE WORLD, COMMUNICATIONS, DISABILITIES AWARENESS, FAMILY LIFE, GENEALOGY, PERSONAL FITNESS, PERSONAL MANAGEMENT, PUBLIC SPEAKING, READING, SCHOLARSHIP, TRAFFIC SAFETY, WILDERNESS SURVIVAL

9. PHYSICAL SCIENCE

ATOMIC ENERGY, CHEMISTRY, COMPUTERS, ELECTRICITY, ELECTRONICS, ENERGY, SPACE EXPLORATION

10. PROFESSIONS

ARCHITECTURE, DENTISTRY, ENGINEERING, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE, LAW, MEDICINE, SURVEYING, VETERINARY MEDICINE

11. PUBLIC SERVICE

CRIME PREVENTION, EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS, FINGERPRINTING, FIRE SAFETY, FIRST AID, LIFESAVING, PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY

12. SPORTS

ARCHERY, ATHLETICS, CANOEING, CLIMBING, CYCLING, FISHING, GOLF, HORSEMANSHIP, MOTORBOATING, ORIENTEERING, RIFLE SHOOTING, SHOTGUN SHOOTING, SKATING, SMALL-BOAT SAILING, SNOW SPORTS, SPORTS, SWIMMING, WATERSKIING, WHITEWATER

13. TRADES

AMERICAN LABOR, AUTO MECHANICS, DRAFTING, GRAPHIC ARTS, PAINTING, PLUMBING, WOODWORK

14. TRANSPORTATION

AVIATION, RAILROADING, TRUCK TRANSPORTATION



Merit Badges Required for Eagle Scout

The following 15 badges are mandatory minimum badges for Eagle Scout. Although a Scout must earn only 12 of them for the rank of Eagle Scout, a certain number of them are options for other ranks; example a Scout may choose any combination of these merit badges to fulfill requirement number 3 for Star and Life Scout. (He must have a total of 4 of these badges for Star Scout and 7 of these badges for Life Scout).

- Camping
- Citizenship in the Community
- Citizenship in the Nation
- Citizenship in the World
- Communications
- Cycling
- Emergency Preparedness
- Environmental Science
- Family Life
- First Aid
- Hiking
- Lifesaving
- Personal Fitness
- Personal Management
- Swimming