

American Cultures



CWK Merit Badge pre-requisite requirements

"We're not Spartans. We're Americans, with a capital 'A', huh? You know what that means? Do ya? That means that our forefathers were kicked out of every decent country in the world. We are the wretched refuse. We're the underdog. We're mutts! There's no animal that's more faithful, that's more loyal, more loveable than the mutt." John Winger

Learn about American Cultures while attending the fall camporee. Help prepare your troops contribution to the great "Flavors of Northstar" cultural feast.

We will teach you some songs from other countries, and talk about similarities and differences within our boy scout communities, Saint Paul, Minnesota and our country.

Bring a merit badge worksheet, and a scoutmaster signed merit badge card (blue or any other color you prefer).

Link to worksheet: https://meritbadge.org/wiki/images/b/b6/American_Cultures.pdf

The course is limited to 30,000 participants.

Merit Badge requirements

1. Do TWO of the following, choosing a different group for each:

- a. Go to a festival, celebration, or other event identified with one of the groups. Report on what you see and learn *(help cook your troops meal, and attend the Flavors of Northstar cultural feast (potluck dinner))*.
- b. Learn a song which is traditional to one group, and teach it to a group of your friends *(participate and attend the Flavors of Northstar campfire)*

2. Imagine that one of the groups had always lived alone in a city or country to which no other groups ever came. Tell what you think the city or country might be like today. Now tell what you think it might be like if the three groups you chose lived there at the same time *(participate in the lively discussion at the cultural feast)*.

3. Tell about some differences between the religions and social customs of the three groups. Tell about some ideas, or ways of doing things that are similar in the three groups *(hint attend the Flavors of Northstar chapel service on Sunday morning)*.

4. Tell about a contribution made to our country by three different people each from a different racial, ethnic, or religious background *(discuss with your troop while preparing dinner and share at the campfire)*

5. Give a talk to your Scout unit or class at school on how people from different groups have gotten along together. Lead a discussion on what can be done to help various groups understand one another better. *(discuss with your troop while preparing dinner, and share at the campfire)*