

NEW MERIT BADGES IN 2017

THE GRANGE ADVENTURE

GA- 15 Pen pal Program

1. Join the Junior Grange Pen Pal Program
 - a. Send your name, age, address, Grange, State to your National Junior Grange Director to be connected with another Junior Granger from across the country
2. Maintain handwritten communication for a minimum of 1x a month of 6 months.
3. Report back to your Junior Grange Leader

GA-16 Sign-A-Song

1. Learn a song in sign-language from "Lift Up Your Hand; Popular Songs in Sign-Language" (Produced by the National Grange) or other resource
2. Perform at Junior Grange meeting, Grange Talent show, or State Contests.

GA 17 Music

1. Learn and memorize a minimum of 3 songs from the Junior Grange Songbook
2. Teach the songs to other Juniors at a JG event.

GA 18 Baking

1. With adult supervision make a cake or other baked good from scratch.
2. Prepare a meal for your family
3. Present pictures to your JR Leader with a written testimony of someone that ate your treats.
4. Enter (if applicable) the state baking contest

GA 19 Cross Stitch

1. Find a cross stitch pattern
2. Create a piece of any desired size by cross stitch
3. Show your work to your Junior Leader
4. Enter(if applicable) your state cross stitch contest

GA 20 Awareness Project

1. Each year the Jr Grange has an Awareness Project. Find your own topic to bring awareness to.
2. Create a Flyer about topic
3. Tell other people and junior Grangers about your topic and why it is important to be aware of it.

TEAM UP AMERICA

TUA 15 Preamble

1. Memorize the Preamble
2. Recite at a Junior Grange Event or to your Jr. Leader

TUA 16 Ocean Discovery

1. Name each ocean, and each ocean that touches America
2. Gather pictures of sea life that only live in Oceans touching American shores
3. Write a story about you if you had to live in one of those oceans.
4. Share results with jr Grangers and Junior Leaders.

TUA 17 Historical Figure

1. Select a person influential in American History
2. Go to your local library to research more information about this person.
3. Create a picture collage with informational tidbits. Ask your library or teacher to display your project.

TUA 18: Food for Thought

1. Talk to your family about healthy food and making healthy choices.
2. Take a trip to the local grocery store with your parent/guardian to discuss healthy food with your store manager.
3. Select items to create a meal that is a balance from each food group.

TUA 19: Hometown Roots

1. Discover how and when your hometown began.
2. Talk to older citizens within your community to discuss changes they have seen over their lifetime.
3. Create a display of your findings. (Ask your local library or school to hang your display)

TUA 20 Patriotic Pride

1. Create a drawing displaying your pride in America
2. List 3 reasons you are proud to be an American
3. Write a song or poem about the founding fathers of the United States of America.

DISCOVERY NETWORK

DN 15: Animal Shelter

1. Visit an animal shelter
2. Learn about the needs of the shelter
3. Collect items to donate to shelter (i.e. dog food, newspaper, cat litter, etc.)

DN 16: Small World Project

1. Research a country of interest
2. Present an Oral Report or Display about your country
3. Prepare a native dish to share.

DN 17: Tree Identification

1. Identify 5-7 types of trees
2. Make a drawing of each tree
3. Create a list of facts that the tree exhibits (bark, how its used, leaf identification, etc.)

DN 18: Dancing

1. Learn a traditional two-step, line dance, folk dance, or any other ethnic dance.
2. Teach other Juniors the dance.

DN 19: Camping

1. Plan a camping trip with your family
2. Make a list of everything you would need to take
3. Learn how to build a fire in the wilderness
4. If you can actually go on a camping trip with your family.

DN 20: When They Were Young

1. Visit a nursing home or retirement center
2. Have a conversation with a few of the tenants
3. Discover what life was like when they were your age.
4. Write a story using the facts they gave you to create a story of you in that time.