

Historic Huntley | Huntley Meadows Park

Indian Lore Merit Badge

The program lasts 3 hours.

Please bring to class:

- Prework (if Scouts are unable to finish prework, they will receive partial signatures on their blue card and must come back for final signatures when the work is completed.) **All prework is due within a month after the program date.**
- Blue card, pencil, snack/drink, and Scout workbook.

Merit Badge Prerequisites

- 1) Do the following. Focus on a specific group or tribe.
 - a. Visit a museum to see Indian artifacts. Discuss them with your counselor. Identify at least 10 artifacts by tribe or nation, their shape, size, and use. *Riverbend Park, the National Museum of the American Indian, St. Mary's City, or the Virginia Historical Society are all good places to visit. Please try to focus on Powhatan, Piscataway, or Eastern Woodlawn Indian artifacts.*
- 2) Do the following: Learn three games played by a group or tribe. Be prepared to teach and lead one game with your fellow scouts.
- 3) Do ONE of the following:
 - a. Write or briefly describe how life would have been different for the European settlers if there had been no Native Americans to meet them when they came to this continent.
 - b. Sing two songs in an Indian language. Explain their meaning.
 - c. Learn in an Indian language at least 25 common terms and their meanings.
 - d. Show 25 signs in Indian sign language. Include those that will help you ask for water, for food, and where the path or road leads.
 - e. Learn in English (or the language you commonly speak at home or in the troop) an Indian story of at least 250 words, or any number of shorter ones adding up to 300 words. Tell the story or stories at a Scout meeting or campfire.
 - f. Write or tell about eight things adopted by others from American Indians.
 - g. Learn 25 Indian place names. Tell their origins and meanings.
 - h. Name five well-known American Indian leaders, either from the past or people of today. Give their tribes or nations. Describe what they did or do now that makes them notable.
 - i. Learn about the Iroquois Confederacy; including how and why it was formed; tell about its governing system; what are the similarities and differences between it and the United States government.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us.

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