The Popcorn Sale & Merit Badges

Few activities demonstrate to Scouts the value of planning, organization, and commitment more clearly than a Troop's combined efforts in a popcorn sale. Scouts develop and practice new skills, learn about sales and marketing, and reach new levels of personal success.

Consider how your annual popcorn sale can be incorporated into the following Boy Scout Merit Badges.

Before beginning, discuss requirements with your Merit Badge Counselor

ART

Requirements 2, 4, 5

Product an "America's Popcorn Sale" poster for local display using pen & ink, watercolor, pencil, pastel, oil, tempera, acrylic paint or marker



COMMUNICATIONS

Requirement 2b: Make a popcorn sale presentation to your counselor.

Requirement 3: Write your speech on how and why popcorn benefits Scouts beyond just earning money. Present it to your troop or pack.

Requirement 6: Plan and teach the skill of selling popcorn using the door-todo0r method and/or at a Show-N-Sell



DIGIAL TECHNOLOGY

Requirements 6b: Draft a letter inviting parents to your Unit's Popcorn Kickoff Requirements 6d: Report on your Unit's popcorn fundraiser

Requirements 6e: Take pictures of your Unit's popcorn sale.



ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Requirements 4, 5, 6: With Council's permission and Merit Badge Counselor's guidance, use the Popcorn sale to meet many of the requirements for this badge.



GRAPHIC ARTS

Requirements 3, 4

Design a poster for use during the popcorn sale, and follow the various steps described for ONE of the printing methods to product copies of the poster.



JOURNALISM

Requirements 4a, b: Create a story reporting on your Troop's participation in the Shenandoah Area Council's popcorn sale.

Requirement 4c: Document or report on your Troop's popcorn sale using pictures & captions.



MOVIEMAKING

Requirements 1,2

Create a storyboard for a video designed to show Cub Scouts how to sell CampMaster's popcorn



PERSONAL MANAGEMENT

Requirement 9: Use the popcorn sale as your "project plan" with your sales goals as your desired outcome. Even through it is a "paper project", you can still execute it for the sale.

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PHOTOGRAPHY

Requirements 4a or b

Take photographs of CampMaster's products, of Scouts selling and of other activities related to the sale and arrange the prints with selling techniques. Arrange the prints, with captions, to tell a story of the sale.



PLANT SCIENCE

Requirements 8, Option 1E: With Council's permission, use educational materials to show how popcorn hybrids are grown and processed



PUBLIC SPEAKING

Requirement 2: Prepare and give a speech to a Cub Unit describing the benefits of popcorn sales to the Troop Requirement 4: Prepare a speech on how to improve and promote the popcorn sale in your Unit to your Unit's Committee



SALESMANSHIP

Requirements ALL: With Council's permission, use the meetings, practices and procedures of the annual Shenandoah Area Council's popcorn sale to meet many, or all, of the requirements for this badge.



TRUCK TRANSPORTATION

Requirement 8: Describe what kind of truck would be needed to ship popcorn from the factory to your Council, tell how the popcorn would be packed, estimate the time for the trip, and explain what would be the best way to unload the equipment.