



Cub Scout Citizenship

Cub Scout Academics and Sports Workbook

This workbook is not required but can help you with this award. Belt Loops and Pins may be earned more than once.

Links to other workbooks and resources are at the end of this workbook: [Online Resources](#).

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Scout's Name: _____

Pack: _____

Citizenship Belt Loop (See the [Pin Requirements](#) below.)

Complete these three requirements:

1. Develop a list of jobs you can do around the home. Chart your progress for one week.

Jobs	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday

2. Make a poster showing things that you can do be a good citizen. _____

3. Participate in a family, den, or school service project. _____

Citizenship Pin

Earn the Citizenship belt loop, and complete five of the following requirements:

1. Interview someone who has become a naturalized citizen. _____

Give a report of your interview to your den or family. _____

2. Write a letter to your newspaper about an issue that concerns you. _____

3. Create a collage about America. _____

4. Conduct a [home safety or energy audit](#) and inspect your home. Talk with your parent or adult partner about correcting any problems you find. _____

5. Visit your local site of government. _____

Interview someone who is involved with the governmental process. _____

6. Visit a court room _____

and talk with someone who works there. _____

7. Go to the polls with your parents when they vote. _____

Talk to them about their choices. _____

8. Take part in a parade with your den or pack. _____

9. List ways you can recycle various materials and conserve and protect the environment. _____

10. Attend a community event or visit a landmark in your community. _____

Online Resources (Use any Internet resource with caution and only with your parent's or guardian's supervision.)

Cub Scout Advancement: <http://usscouts.org/advance/cubscout/ranks.asp>

Tiger: <http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php?title=Tiger>

Wolf: <http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php?title=Wolf>

Bear: <http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php?title=Bear>

Webelos: <http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php?title=Webelos>

Cub Scout Academics and Sports Workbooks: ▶ meritbadge.org -or- ▶ [Academics](#) / [Sports](#)

Webelos Activity Badge Workbooks: ▶ usscouts.org -or- ▶ meritbadge.org

Boy Scouts of America: <http://www.scouting.org/> ▶ [Guide to Safe Scouting](#) ▶ [Age-Appropriate Guidelines for Activities](#)

U.S. House of Representatives: <http://www.house.gov>

U.S. Senate: <http://www.senate.gov>

The U. S. Constitution Online: <http://www.usconstitution.net>

The White House: <http://www.whitehouse.gov>

FirstGov, U.S. General Services Administration: <http://www.firstgov.gov>

GovSpot: <http://www.govspot.com>

National Crime Prevention Council: <http://www.nationaltcc.org>

National Safety Council: <http://www.nsc.org>

American Assn. of Family and Consumer Sciences: <http://www.aafcs.org>

Home Energy Audits: ▶ [Dept of Energy](#)

▶ [Energy Star](#)

▶ [Alliance to Save Energy](#)

Sample Home Safety Checklist

Check safety steps that being taking in your home. Write N/A if the item is not applicable. Items left blank may present a safety hazard. This list provides some sample safety steps you might take. Ask your parent or guardian for help.

Stairways, Halls, and Outdoor Steps

- ___ Stairways with three or more steps have a strong handrail.
- ___ Stairs/halls are kept free from boxes, toys, brooms, tools, etc.
- ___ Gates at top and bottom of stairs prevent children from falling.
- ___ The head and foot of stairs have no small or loose rugs.
- ___ Stair carpeting or covering is fastened securely.
- ___ Stairways & halls have good lighting, controllable at each end.

Kitchen

- ___ Matches are kept where children cannot get them.
- ___ Knives & sharp instruments are kept in knife drawers or holder.
- ___ Can openers don't leave sharp edges on cans.
- ___ Disinfectants & cleaning products are out of reach of children.
- ___ Pan handles are turned away from stove edges.
- ___ Spilled grease, water, or bits of food are wiped up immediately.
- ___ Pot holders are within easy reach.
- ___ A fire extinguisher is mounted near the stove.

Bathroom

- ___ Tub and shower are equipped with strong handholds.
- ___ Tub floor has non-slip surface.
- ___ Poisons are marked, sealed shut, and out of reach of children.
- ___ Medicines are out of reach of children in childproof containers.
- ___ No one takes medicine in the dark.

Attic and Basement

- ___ Ladder is strong, solid, and sturdily constructed.
- ___ Stairway is sturdy and well lighted.
- ___ Children keep skates and play gear in a specific place.
- ___ Walls and beams are free from protruding nails.
- ___ Fuses or circuit breakers are the proper size.
- ___ Rubbish & flammable materials are in covered metal cans.
- ___ Wastepaper is kept away from furnace and stairs.

Living Room and Dining Room

- ___ Furniture is placed to allow easy passage in an emergency.

- ___ Before bedtime, furniture placement is checked for orderliness.
- ___ Furniture and woodwork solid, in good repair, and free from.
- ___ Fireplace screen fits snugly.
- ___ Rugs are fastened or laid on non-slip pads.
- ___ Rugs are kept from curling at their edges.
- ___ Wax on floors is thoroughly buffed.
- ___ Fire in fireplace is extinguished at bedtime.
- ___ Candles are in stable holders and fully extinguished after use.

Bedroom

- ___ Smoke alarm has fresh battery or electrical connection & is tested regularly.
- ___ Carbon monoxide detector has fresh battery or electrical connection and is tested regularly.
- ___ Furniture placement for clear passage between bed and door.
- ___ Light switch or lamp is within easy reach from bed.
- ___ A night-light illuminates bedroom or hall.
- ___ Bureau and dresser drawers are closed when not in use.
- ___ Bar across bunk beds helps prevent falls.
- ___ Children are taught not to lean against windows or screens.
- ___ Sturdily screen low windows to prevent children from falling.
- ___ Smoking in bed is prohibited.
- ___ Gas and electric heating devices are turned off at bedtime.

Nursery

- ___ Bars on cribs are closely spaced.
- ___ Crib is approved by Consumer Products or similar.
- ___ Crib is free from sharp edges or corners.
- ___ Sleeping garments and covers keep baby warm without danger of smothering.
- ___ Pillows are kept out of bassinet or crib.
- ___ No thin, plastic material is in or near the crib.
- ___ Children are taught not to give marbles, etc. to younger children.
- ___ Toys are sturdy & have no sharp edges.
- ___ Nontoxic paint is used on baby furniture and toys.
- ___ All houseplants are nonpoisonous.

Sample Home Safety Checklist (page 2)**Stoves, Furnaces, and Heaters**

- Stoves are away from curtains.
- Stoves & furnaces are inspected & cleaned annually.
- Gas burners are properly adjusted and free from leaks.
- Gas water and space heaters are equipped with vents or flues.
- Water heater or boiler has a safety valve & is checked yearly.
- Flames of gas burners are protected from drafts.
- Insulating shield protects woodwork within 18" of furnace, etc.
- Keep flammable materials away from stoves, furnaces, etc.
- A wrench is stored near the shut-off valve of outside gas line.

Porch, Yard, and Garage

- Railings and banisters are sound and inspected periodically.
- Steps and walks are kept free from ice and snow.
- Yard/play space are free from holes, stones, glass, etc.
- Tools and dangerous articles are out of reach of children.
- Dangerous products & chemicals are kept in original containers in locked storage areas.
- Wires and low fences are brightly painted or clearly marked.
- Wells, cisterns, and pits are kept securely covered.
- Disposable materials are not burned outside.
- An area is marked off in the garage for bicycles, wagons, etc.
- Lawn mower is equipped with proper safeguards.

Workshop

- Good ventilation exists, especially when sanding.
- Safety goggles and/or face mask are available, with eyewash.
- Baking soda is kept handy to neutralize acid burns.
- All electrical tools are either three-wire or double-insulated.
- Work area is well lit & free of clutter, scraps, rags.
- All tools have a place & are in their place.
- Guards are in place on all power tools.
- A push stick is available for use with power saws.

Electrical Devices and Fixtures

- Electrical fixtures and appliances are located & used beyond arm's length of the sink, stove, tub, shower, or other grounded metal unless outlet is protected by a ground-fault interrupter.
- Do not touch electrical fixtures or appliances with wet hands.
- Disconnect seldom-used appliances when not in use.
- All pull-type sockets have an insulating link.
- Household appliances are disconnected before repairs.
- Unused, open, screw-type sockets are plugged closed.
- Frayed or worn electric cords are promptly replaced.

- Long trailing cords are not in evidence.
- Cords are kept out from under rugs, doors, and furniture.
- UA-approved extension cords are the proper size.
- Children are taught never to touch electric sockets or fixtures.
- Fuses are adequate for the load and are not bypassed.
- Circuit breakers are not overloaded.

General

- At least one smoke detector in each bedroom & garage.
- Everything has a place and is in its place.
- Stepladders are in good repair and stored out of the way.
- Window screens and storm windows are securely fastened.
- Guns are stored unloaded and in locked cases.
- Guns and ammunition are stored separately.
- Children are permitted to use only blunt-end scissors.
- Housework clothing has no drooping sleeves, sashes, or frills.
- Shoes worn for housework have low heels.
- All shoes are in good repair.
- Kerosene, gasoline, paint thinners, and other volatile materials are stored outside in special, clearly marked metal containers.
- Oil mops, dust rags, painting equipment, and other oily materials are stored outside in open metal containers.
- Everyone turns on a light before entering a dark room.
- Matches are extinguished before they're thrown away.
- Children are never permitted to play with matches.
- Fire extinguishers are readily available.

For Emergency

- Know how to get emergency help (911, poison control, etc.).
- Be able to find water, gas, & electric shutoffs. Check annually.
- First aid kit approved by your doctor/American Red Cross.
- Know basic first aid procedures.
- Have a fire escape plan from your home.
- Emergency water supply.
- Handheld flashlights readily available.
- In earthquake-prone areas, make sure that the water heater and bookcases are bolted to the walls.

Sample Home Energy Audit

This list provides some steps to consider. Ask your parent or guardian for help.

Attic

- Insulation - Is there enough insulation between ceiling joists?
- Vents - Sufficient and unobstructed?

Living Areas

- Air Leakage - Tape a foot of toilet paper to a pencil with paper hanging free. Hold near windows and doorframes, window air-conditioning units, and electrical covers. If paper moves, you may need weather-stripping, caulking, or storm windows.
- Wall Insulation - Are the wall too cool to the touch on a cold day or too warm on a hot day?
- Thermostat - Set at 68 degrees in winter (turn down 5 degrees more when sleeping), 78 in summer.
- Drapes - During winter, open drapes and shades to let sunlight in. Close at night. During the summer, close drapes.
- Unused Rooms - Close heating and cooling vents, doors in areas seldom used.
- Use fans instead of air conditioning when possible. Fans can also help circulate air when the air conditioning is on.

Fireplace

- Close the damper when fireplace is not in use.
- Glass doors keep heat from escaping up the chimney.

Kitchen

- Refrigerator/Oven Seal - To test, close a dollar bill in the door. If the bill moves with little resistance, the seal is bad.
- Appliances - Use washers and dryers in the morning and late evening hours when energy requirements are lower.
- Lights - Turn off lights when not used. Install lower wattage and fluorescent light bulbs whenever possible.
- Faucets do not drip.

Basement/Crawl Space

- Heating/Cooling System - Clean or replace filters monthly. Have unit serviced once a year.
- Water Heater - Set temperatures no higher than 160 degrees. Drain sediments 3-4 times a year.
- Ducts/Pipes - Insulate hot water pipes as well as heating and cooling ducts.
- Floors - If you have a crawl space under your house, install batt-type fiberglass insulation under floors.
- Venting - Washer & dryer units should be vented directly to the outside.

Outside

- Weather Stripping & Caulking - Caulk the cracks around windows, weather-strip around doors.
- Windows - Storm windows and double-paned glass can reduce energy usage up to 15%.
- Doors - Keep doors tightly closed on hot or cold days.
- Storm Doors - Help insulate doors