

Wood Badge Ticket Item Suggestions on Diversity

(Suggestions from the Northern Star Council Diversity Committee)

Complete any of the following suggestions:

(Note: Culturally different units include the Northern Star Council non-geographic districts El Sol (serving Spanish-speaking youth), Silver Maple (Southeast Asian youth), Zulu (African American youth) and Polaris (special needs youth) as well as units in traditional districts which have a significant number of multicultural youth. Many do not have enough help – contact Andy Goke if you would like to get involved agoke@northernstarbsa.org

1. Start an Eagle's Nest: The Eagle's Nest is a partnership between your unit and a culturally different unit. Contact Jean Keller at jeankellermn@gmail.com or 612-910-5838 or Darrell Charboneau at DJCharboneau@aol.com or 651-274-2584 for additional information on starting an Eagle's Nest. This activity involves the boys as well as the leaders. It is an opportunity to improve both of the units. (Note: The Eagle's Nest project can also be used by Scouts to earn the Eagle rank.)
2. Serve as a Merit Badge Counselor or Venturing Consultant for a unit that is culturally different from your unit. This would involve working with the unit at their meeting place for more than one meeting. Success would be measured by the majority of the active members (who do not already have the merit badge) receiving the merit badge.

AND

Plan a joint campout, Pinewood Derby, family camping or other activity with a culturally different unit or youth with disabilities (Polaris). Interaction is to include boys from your unit being (acting as a) buddies(y) with (to) the boys in the other unit.

3. Involve your unit in working with a unit which is participating in a cultural celebration that is different from your own to do a cross cultural event. As an example: one of our El Sol (Latino) units parks cars at the Cinco de Mayo festival in St. Paul. Your unit could join them in this effort.

Go to <http://mrc.spps.org/> for more suggestions. Most of the activities listed below also have web sites you can access through Google.

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| ○ American Indian Pow Wow | ○ Kwanzaa |
| ○ Chinese New Year | ○ La Familia |
| ○ Cinco de Mayo (Mexican, May 5) | ○ Martin Luther King Jr. Day |
| ○ Demera (Ethiopian) | ○ Multicultural Festival of Nations |
| ○ Hmong New Year | ○ October Fest (German) |
| ○ Hmong Soccer Festival | ○ Rondo Days |
| ○ Irish Cultural Festival at Landmark Center (St. Patrick's Day) | ○ Santa Lucia Celebration (at American Swedish Institute and other venues) |
| ○ Juneteenth | ○ <i>Syttende Mai</i> (Norway Constitution Day - May 17) |

4. Pair up with a unit that is culturally different from yours to earn the Diversity Award. This is an award unique to Northern Star Council. There are several levels to this award (Cub Scouts; Boy Scouts under 14; Boy Scouts 14 and older, Venturers and Explorers; and Adults). See award requirements and application on the council website: <http://www.northernstarbsa.org/Resources/Diversity>
5. Lead diversity training at a roundtable or for a Scout unit. A suggested training format can be found at <http://www.northernstarbsa.org/Resources/Diversity> Or provide culturally sensitive training to a unit other than your own. Note: Please contact the District Executive of the respective districts for unit contacts.