

AMERICAN LABOR INTEREST PROJECT PATCH

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Cadette and Senior Girl
Scouts

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Requirements: Complete six
of the following activities
including the three starred.

1. * Do one of the following:
 - A. Develop a timeline of significant history of the American labor movement from the 1770s to today.
 - B. Prepare an exhibit or scrapbook illustrating three major achievements of the American labor movement.
 - C. In 500 words or more, write about one of the great figures of organized labor in the United States.
 - D. In 500 words or more, write about a major issue concerning today's workers.
2. * Visit the office, attend a union meeting, or invite a local union official, an AFL-CIO labor council member, or an officer of an employee group to address your troop. Find out what that particular organization does and diagram the organization's structure from the local to national level, where possible, to describe how it works.
3. * Make a list of careers that utilize unionized workers, particularly women.
4. Check with some news sources where you live – public library, federal, state, county, or municipal office, labor union office – for information about working people and their concerns. Discuss your findings with your troop.

OR

Collect a series of current newspaper or magazine articles that describe some of the issues that American workers face and/or current issues you have learned about a national union or employee group.
5. Be prepared to define and discuss some of the key terms used in labor relations.
6. With help from your leader, or another adult, determine some of the basic rights and responsibilities that members of unions and employee organizations have. Contrast them with rights and responsibilities of workers not covered by collective bargaining agreements.
7. With the help of your leader or another adult, consider the impact of unionization on wages, benefits, and working conditions.
8. Review and explain the function of three major federal and state labor laws, showing how the laws affect the American workers.
9. Review the history and impact of women on the American labor movement and discuss at least three major accomplishments of women and key historical events that helped shape labor organizations.