



Aleut/Alutiiq Culture Try-It

Level: Brownie

Requirements: Complete 4 of the following activities.

1. **Map it!** Find the Aleut and Alutiiq region on a map of Alaska. How is the climate different from other parts of Alaska? Choose a village in this region that you are not already familiar with, and find out four facts about it.
2. **Making Connections** Invite an Aleut or Alutiiq elder to visit your troop or group. Find out what life was like when she/he was young. How has today's lifestyle changed from traditional times? Learn a few new phrases in her/his language.
3. **Hunting Visor** Examine the designs of various Aleut or Alutiiq hunting hats (using museums or the Internet). Using similar designs, make your own hunting visor out of poster board (*Hands On Alaska: Art Activities for all Ages*, pg. 30-32), or use manila file folders – legal size for Alutiiq hunting visor, regular size for Aleut hunting visor.
4. **Marine Mammals** Communities in this part of Alaska are dependent on the sea for survival. What animals are important to the people in this area? With your troop, play charades to act out important marine mammals and fish.
5. **Flag Design** Benny Benson of Alutiiq descent, designed the Alaska State Flag when he was 13 years old and lived in Chignik. Have someone read you *Benny's Flag* by Phyllis Krasilovsky, to learn about his story. Then think of your own idea for a flag, which represents Aleut or Alutiiq life. Use found objects (grasses, reed, buttons, beads, etc...), along with paint or markers to create your design.
6. **Russian Influence** Learn about and name two ways in which Russians have influenced the Aleut and Alutiiq cultures.
7. **Harriet's Story** Aleuts were removed from their homes in the summer of 1942 (during World War II) and sent to Southeast Alaska until 1945. Visit the new Aleutian World War II National Historic Area Visitor Center near the airport in Dutch Harbor, or have someone read you "Harriet's Story" on their website at www.nps.gov/aleu/ (click on "For Kids")

"Aang" (Greetings) – Aleut

"Camai" (Welcome) – Alutiiq

See Aleut/Alutiiq Culture Badge for additional resources.