



# News Reporting

Complete four activities.

- 1.** Look at a Newspaper: Look at a newspaper and discuss how it is designed. Notice how the newspaper is structured in sections and what is contained in each section. Discover where in the newspaper advertisements are usually found. Learn how to follow a "continued" article.
- 2.** Visit a Newspaper Publisher: During your visit to a newspaper publisher, observe how a reporter's news is selected, placed, edited, set into print or a computer, and eventually placed in ink on the newsprint paper. Discuss the newspaper's circulation and how it is financed.
- 3.** Design Your Own Newsletter: Decide on the structure and title of your newsletter. Collect and report on items of interest to your troop. Plan the order of importance of the items. Discuss how your newsletter will be structured. Organize the news items to follow your newsletter's structure. Print the items for your newsletter and distribute them to your troop members.
- 4.** Discuss News Articles: Bring an interesting newspaper article to your troop. Discuss how it will cause or has caused changes to the troop, your community, or the world around you.
- 5.** Visit a Library: Visit your local library. Ask if they have the local newspaper. Ask what other newspapers they may have. Discuss what they do with the newspapers. Find out if you are able to view older issues of newspapers. Learn what techniques are used in your library and other libraries to store old issues of newspapers and why this is done. Find out where there might be another archive of newspapers.
- 6.** Recycle: Explore various ways newspapers may be recycled in pet bedding, production of artwork, protection of work areas, reproducing paper articles, and packing for shipments.
- 7.** Make Your Own Paper: Discover the many types of paper, how they are created, and their uses. Learn how you can make your own paper.
- 8.** Invite a Reporter and/or Photographer to Visit Your Troop: Be prepared to ask questions about their educational experience, job experiences, and how they perform the duties of their jobs. Discover what equipment they use and ask them how they find the news so quickly.

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