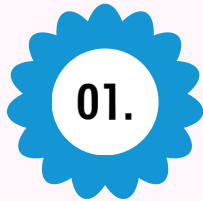


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Learn about the history and origin of American Sign Language (ASL).



Explain the differences between ASL, Signed English, and Signed Exact English.



Learn and practice the American Manual Alphabet. Spell your name, town, and five friends' names



Learn the Girl Scout Promise or Law in ASL and share it with your troop.



Do a related service project such as leading a sign language workshop or hosting an inclusive activity.



Explore Deaf Technology like TTYs or video relay services and how they support communication.

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Create a Themed Vocabulary List of 10 signs in a topic you enjoy (animals, emotions, etc.).



Plan or participate in a Signed Ceremony using ASL for a song or pledge.



Teach three simple songs in ASL to a younger troop or community group.



Read About or Meet a Deaf Individual and share what you learned.



Simulate Hearing Loss safely (Ex. - Walk around the block with a friend while wearing earplugs) and reflect on your experience.



Create a scrapbook, video, or digital project about Deaf culture or technology to share with your troop or Service Unit.

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Reflection: How can you use what you've learned to advocate for accessibility and inclusion in your community?

- When Scouts complete their level, celebrate with a sign-along or ASL performance.
- Reflect on how learning sign language connects people and builds understanding.
- Encourage Scouts to continue learning ASL and engaging with Deaf culture beyond the badge



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