



Daisy Homelessness Awareness Patch

Complete at least four requirements including the one starred (*)

1. *Bring in donations for homeless and underprivileged families. (I.e. school supplies, toys, personal items, etc.)
2. Find out what homelessness really is. Define the word homeless.
3. Listen to a book, magazine article, or relevant material about homelessness.
4. Make a group collage of different types of houses in your community, state or different home from around the world. (Fisher, Timothy – Huts,hovels, and Houses; Floethe. Louise – Houses Around the World; Weiss, Harvey – Shelters from Teepee to Igloo)
5. What is a habitat? All animals have a habitat. A habitat is a place that provides food, water, and shelter. Look at pictures of different animals habitats. How do the animals build their houses? How could their habitat be destroyed? What happens to the animals after their habitats are destroyed?
6. How do people become homeless? Where can they go to find help? Learn about places that help homeless families in your community.

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Brownie Homelessness Awareness Try-It

Do four requirements, including the one starred.

1. *Donate small items for homeless families in shelters.
2. Learn the definition of homelessness. Who are they? How many are there? Why are they homeless?
3. Learn about what the government has done for the homeless. (Example: welfare, shelters, and soup kitchens.)
4. Find out about different kinds of homes. What makes them special?
5. Draw your own home. Discuss with others what you do at home, like your favorite things.
6. Have someone come in to talk to your troop or group about homelessness. What is it like? What are the problems they might have?

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Junior Homelessness Awareness Badge

Do five requirements, including the one starred.

1. *Donate small items for families that are homeless.
2. Have someone come in to talk to your troop or group about homelessness. What is it like? How does it feel? What are their lives like?
3. Either take a homelessness quiz or make one up. How did you feel about doing it? What did you learn from it?
4. What is the definition of homelessness? Who are the homeless? How many homeless people are there? Why are there so many people homeless? What are the problems of homeless children? What can be done about the homeless?
5. Discuss and draw your own home, and what makes it special. Think of how it is different compared to a shelter.
6. Find articles on homelessness. Report on it with a group of people, or on your own.
7. If you were a homeless child, how might you feel different? Get with a group of people, and put on a skit, or create a script of one on your own.
8. Make a poster to present to other Girl Scouts on what it is like to be homeless.

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Cadette/Senior Homelessness Awareness IPP

Complete 2 Skill Builders, 1 Technology, 1 Career Exploration, 1 Service Project and 2 from any category. (Including one starred *)

SKILL BUILDERS

What is the definition of homelessness? Who are the homeless, and how many people are homeless in the United States? What are some causes of homelessness?

Invite a speaker to come and talk to your group about Homelessness. Have them talk about whom homelessness affects the most and how it could be prevented. Also ask them what options homeless people have.

Invite a speaker from a domestic Violence program, to come and talk to your group about Domestic Violence and what it is. Have them talk about how Domestic Violence can be prevented and the option a person has if they are a victim of domestic violence. (Note: 2% of homeless women state they are homeless due to domestic violence.)

How does Domestic Violence sometimes contribute to Homelessness?

What is Welfare and how does it help homeless and underprivileged families? What are food stamps? How do they work?

Make a collage of different homes from all over the world. How are they similar and how are they different? What does our homes provide for us? Why do people need houses so badly?

TECHNOLOGY

Watch a movie about Homelessness or Domestic Violence. Write a paragraph about how it made you feel. Then share what you wrote with your group.

Learn about the different laws you have in your state, community about homelessness.

Learn about the different laws you have in your state, community about Domestic Violence.

Use the Internet to research on of the following organizations, then choose one organization that helps the Homeless, and write an essay on it.

National Alliance to End Homelessness (www.endhomelessness.org)

Covenant House (www.covenanthouse.com)

National Coalition for the Homeless

(www.nationalhomeless.org)

Habitat For Humanity (www.habitat.org)

Salvation Army (www.salvationarmyusa.org/usn/)

International Union of Gospel Missions (<http://iugm.org>)

American Bar Association Commission on Homelessness and Poverty

(www.abanet.org/homeless)

Housing Assistance Council (www.ruralhome.org)

Housing Research Foundation (www.housingresearch.org)

Use the internet to research one of the following organizations, then pick an organization to research, that helps those who are victims of Domestic Violence:

American Bar Association Commission on Domestic Violence

(www.abanet.org/domviol/home.html)

National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (www.webmerchants.com/ncdv)

NOW (National Organization for Woman) (www.NOW.org)

SAFE (Stop Abuse For Everyone) (www.stopabuseforeveryone.org)

Center For The Prevention of Sexual and Domestic Violence (<http://cpedv.org>)

CAREER EXPLORATION

In your area, find out about different careers there are for people to get involved in that deal with the homeless. What do their jobs entail? What are the educational requirements? What are the salary ranges?

In your area, find out about different careers there are for people to get involved in that deal with domestic violence. What do their jobs entail? What are the educational requirements? What are the salary ranges?

Learn about who runs the Habitat For Humanity program. Find out what they do, how they get funded, and who helps them.

Learn about Social Workers. What do they do? How do they benefit people who are victims of Domestic Violence?

SERVICE PROJECT

*Find out how you can help those affected by Domestic Violence or Homelessness in your community. Donate a non-perishable food item or new toys, personal items, or school supplies to any of the places you learn about.

Find out the statistics of your state about how many people are victims of domestic violence every year. Then find out the numbers of people affected in your community. Find out the top reasons why people become victims of Domestic Violence. Why is it hard for people to leave their abusive relationships? Create a poster to display this information to others.

Find out the statistics of your state about how many people are homeless in your state, and how many people every year become homeless. Then find out the numbers of people affected in your community. Find out the top reasons why people become homeless. Why do the reasons contribute to their being homeless? Create a poster to display this information to others.

Identify local groups that assist people and victims of domestic violence. Create a booklet with this information and donate to a school, library or other organization.

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