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Embracing Patriotism

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About

As the fastest-growing university in the distinguished Texas A&M University System, TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-SAN ANTONIO (A&M-SA) is on a mission to build the future. It is also the only campus in the A&M System located in a major metropolitan area, where faculty and staff equip students with the skills, knowledge and experiences to pursue rewarding careers, responsible global citizenship and lifelong learning.

With the lowest tuition rates among four-year San Antonio universities, A&M-SA offers a quality education at an affordable price. Scholarships and financial aid are designed to minimize the amount of debt students graduate with, so they can focus on building successful careers after graduation. Nearly 70 percent of our students take advantage of available financial aid programs.

Like our student population, the university’s academic offerings are rapidly expanding, with more than 40 undergraduate and graduate degrees. The College of Education and Human Development partners with a number of local school districts to produce highly sought-after teachers and administrators who are ready from day one to meet the challenges of the modern classroom. The College of Business features the flexible and highly marketable MBA and MPA degrees alongside exciting undergraduate programs in international business, information technology and cyber security. The College of Arts and Sciences provides high-impact research opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students to gain practical experience in fields such as political science, criminology, medicine and sociology. A&M-SA graduates are pursuing careers in local government, law enforcement, education, business, cyber security, human service agencies and more.

A&M-SA is a Military Embracing™ university, where nearly one in six students is military connected (veteran, active-duty, military spouse or dependent). All faculty and staff are required to take military cultural competency training, so they can better support military-connected students pursuing undergraduate or graduate education.

A&M-SA is committed to serving as an economic, research and social catalyst throughout San Antonio and South Texas, embracing all students, especially those from underrepresented communities.

The university opened the new 140,000-square-foot Science and Technology Building in fall 2018.
Texas A&M University-San Antonio is a contemporary university reflective of the diverse and heritage-rich community it serves. Texas A&M-San Antonio is a Military Embracing™ higher learning institution that is committed to serving those individuals and their families who serve and have served in the armed services.

Promoting their 5 core values of commitment, respect, honor, courage and excellence.

**Commitment** - An agreement or pledge to do something in the future. Making a commitment involves dedicating yourself to something, like a person or a cause. Before you make a commitment, think carefully. A commitment obligates you to do something.

**Respect** - A feeling of deep admiration for someone or something elicited by their abilities, qualities, or achievements.

**Honor** - High respect, esteem, regard with great respect.

**Courage** - Ability to do something that frightens one. "She called on all her courage to face the ordeal" - strength in the face of pain or grief.

**Excellence** - Greatness - the very best. Achieving excellence is never easy to do. Always strive for excellence.

Girls who earn the Texas A&M University-San Antonio Embracing Patriotism patch can proudly state they have pledged to honor and dedicate themselves to their country. Patriotism or national pride is the ideology of love and devotion to a homeland, and a sense of alliance with other citizens who share the same values.
Steps to Earn the Texas A&M University-San Antonio’s Embracing Patriotism Patch

Girl Scouts is the premier girl leadership development program - girls have fun with a purpose! All activities are girl-led and girls should decide what activities to complete when earning a Business Patch Initiative (BPI) patch. In the spirit of Girl Scouting, girls may choose to participate in activities that are not listed in the booklets and/or supplements. If girls complete the minimum required number of activities based on the theme of the BPI, they have earned the BPI patch. For more information, contact Larissa Deremiah at lderemiah@girlscouts-swtx.org.

Step One:

1. Read through the Activities
2. Think about what you would like to do
3. Choose 3 out of the 4 Units
4. Complete 2 Activities from the 3 Units you chose

Step Two:

1. Complete the Business Patch Initiative (BPI) Evaluation
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Step Three:

Receive your Texas A&M University-San Antonio Embracing Patriotism Patch!
The Girl Scout Leadership Experience

Girls at every level of Girl Scouting participate in the “leadership experience.” A leadership experience is an exciting way of working with girls in a series of themed activities focused on building leadership skills. By enlisting the three keys to leadership (Discover, Connect, and Take Action) girls learn that they can take the lead to make a difference in their community and the world. The three keys are at the heart of the Girl Scout philosophy of leadership:

Discover
Girls understand themselves and their values and use their knowledge and skills to explore the world.

Connect
Girls care about, inspire, and team with others locally and globally.

Take Action
Girls act to make the world a better place.

It’s not just “what” girls do, but “how.” When girls are engaged that creates a high-quality Girl Scout leadership experience. All Girl Scout experiences are built on three processes (Girl-Led, Cooperative Learning, and Learning by Doing) that make Girl Scouting different from school and other extra-curricular activities. When used together, these processes ensure the quality and promote the fun and friendship so integral to Girl Scouting.

Girl-Led
Girls play an active role in the planning and implementation of activities while adults provide age-appropriate facilitation, ensuring that planning, organization, set-up, and evaluation of all activities are done jointly with the girls.

Cooperative Learning
All members of a group work together towards a common goal that can only be accomplished with the help of others.

Learn by Doing
A “hands-on” learning process that engages girls in cycles of action and reflection resulting in deeper understanding of concepts and mastery of practical skills.

When Discover, Connect, and Take Action activities are girl-led and involve learning by doing and cooperative learning, girls achieve the desired and expected leadership outcomes ultimately resulting in Girl Scouting achieving its mission: Building girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place.
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Commitment

An agreement or pledge to do something in the future. Making a commitment involves dedicating yourself to something, like a person or a cause. Before you make a commitment, think carefully. A commitment obligates you to do something.
Commitment Collage

A Promise is a commitment. Read Mari’s Story - Keeping a Cupcake Promise in your Daisy Girl’s Guide to Girl Scouting book and talk about why it is important to keep commitments to your family, friends and Girl Scout leader.

Keeping a promise is not always fun. Sometimes Mari found it is hard to keep a promise. When you make a commitment to do something people are counting on you. Together with your friends think of the things you could commit to.

Materials: Number of materials depends on the desires and number of girls participating.

- Large sheet of poster paper - one per girl
- Magazines
- Markers
- Glue or glue sticks
- A variety of materials to decorate collage: yarn, fabric, stickers, glitter

Create a collage of the things that are good to commit to. Things that you do that will help your family, friends, school and community. Keep the collage at home where you can see it to remind you that even when it is hard, keeping promises is the right thing to do.

Before or after creating your collage, you can watch the videos:

- All About Responsibility song Mr. Stanley tells stories about responsibility
- Sesame Street: Bruno Mars: Don't Give Up
Don’t Give Up Game

As a Daisy you are already making and keeping your commitments by coming to your meetings and participating in the activities.

The only thing you need for this activity is a clear space. It can be played indoors or outdoors. You can listen to music in the background to get everyone ready!

This game is all about committing to finishing the task even if it hard to do. Everyone will stand in a circle and close their eyes.

Reach across the circle and take someone hand. You will be holding hands with TWO different people.

Now the job is the untangle yourselves without letting go of hands. If you have one person that doesn’t want or can’t play, they can be the cheerleader and offer suggestions on how to get untangled.

You can use your whole body and go under and over. It takes cooperation and commitment to get untangled.

After you finish talk about how it felt when you started and in the middle and then at the end when you finished.
The Girl Scout Promise

As a Daisy, the first thing you learn is the Girl Scout Promise.

On my honor, I will try:
To serve God and my country,
To help people at all times,
And to live by the Girl Scout Law

When you make this promise, you are committing to be the best person you can. When you say “On my Honor” you are making a commitment to do your best.

Practice saying the Girl Scout Promise at your Daisy meetings. Talk about what that means to you.

Suggested book: (Available in the San Antonio Public Library System)
  • First Girl Scout: The Life of Juliette Gordon Low by Ginger Wadsworth

Juliette Low committed her life to creating the Girl Scouts of America.
Respect

A feeling of deep admiration for someone or something elicited by their abilities, qualities, or achievements.
Veteran’s Day Appreciation Cards

Veteran’s Day and Memorial Day are two holidays that recognize the service of the men and women of the military forces. The difference is that Veteran’s Day is to show respect for veterans that are still living or may still be in the Army, Air Force, Marines, Navy or Coast Guard. Veterans have sacrificed to keep our country safe.

Veteran’s Day, November 11th, is the anniversary of the signing of the armistice that ended World War I between the Allied nations and Germany in 1918.

Ask your adult leader to read a book and afterwards make cards.

Suggested Book: (Available in the San Antonio Public Library system)
  • Veteran’s Day by Rebecca Rissman

Materials: Number of materials depends on the desires and number of girls participating.

  • Construction paper: At least one or two colors per girl
  • Different color markers
  • Glue or glue sticks
  • Variety of materials to decorate card:
    o yarn
    o magazine pictures
    o tissue paper
    o stickers
    o glitter

Write a note inside the card and then decorate it!

After the cards are ready, you can send them to military men and women that are stationed away from home all around the world.

  • Adopt A Platoon   www. adoptaplattoon.org
  • Adopt A U.S. Soldier:  www. Adoptaussoldier.org

Additional Activity:
  • March in the San Antonio Veteran’s Day Parade as part of the Texas A&M University-San Antonio Float
Who Are First Responders?

First responders are the professional people with special training that run towards an emergency instead of away from it! First responders include police officers, firefighters, paramedics and rescue people.

Suggested videos:

- William Watermore the Fire Truck - Real City Heroes (RCH) | Videos for Children
- Florence the Ambulance and Ross the Race Car - Real City Heroes (RCH) | Videos for Children
- Sergeant Cooper the Police Car - Real City Heroes (RCH) - Videos for Children

Suggested Books: (Available in the San Antonio Public Library system)

- I Want to Be A Police Officer by Laura Driscoll
- Hooray for Police Officers by Elle Parkes
- Dear Dragon, Goes to the Police Station by Margaret Hillert
Make an American Flag

Every country has a flag as a symbol to represent itself. Each part of the flag means something specific. On the American flag, the thirteen stripes represent the original thirteen colonies that declared independence from England. Each of the fifty stars represent each of 50 United States. The white in the flag represents purity and innocence. The red stripes stand for valor and bravery and the blue background represents vigilance, perseverance, and justice.

**NOTE:** This tiny flag will not have the correct number of stars and stripes, so remember that the real US flag has 13 red and white stripes (that represent the original 13 colonies) and 50 stars (that represent the 50 US states).

Materials: Number of materials depends on the desires and number of girls participating.
- An American Flag, either a real one or a picture.
- 11-12 craft sticks for each girl
- Red and white acrylic paint
- Brushes
- Blue construction paper
- white beads, white buttons, white star stickers, white paper to cut out stars or white gel pen to draw stars
- Glue

Steps:
1. Paint 5 craft sticks red and 4 craft sticks white. Allow them to dry.
2. Glue the painted sticks together arranging the sticks in an alternating pattern: red, white, red with the RIGHT side facing down.
3. With the color side face down on the table, take another popsicle stick and put glue all along the middle of it. Place this stick DIAGONAL (corner to corner) on the back or the “flag” making sure it touches every stick somewhere. You will probably only need one stick diagonal, but you can use two if you would like.
4. Next is the “flagpole.” Paint or decorate one popsicle stick. Allow to dry.
5. With the sticks still face down, glue a popsicle stick to the right side of the sticks vertically (straight up and down). Even though the picture shows the “flagpole” even with the top stick, move it to the middle of the flag. This way your “flagpole” will be longer. You can always glue another popsicle stick halfway down to make the pole longer. Hold it down and let it dry.

6. Next, make the stars for the flag. First, cut a small square of blue construction paper.
7. For the stars, you can:
   a. Draw white stars on the blue paper using a white gel pen.
   b. Use white star stickers.
   c. Use white beads or buttons
8. After the glue has dried on the flag (popsicle sticks), turn it over and glue on the square of blue paper in the top left corner of the flag.

Additional Activities:
- Paint a can (coffee can, peanut can, drink mix can) with red, white, and blue paint and add glitter and sequins. Then march to the beat of Sousa’s “The Stars and Stripes Forever.”
- Read a story about the American flag or read it to each other.

Suggested Book: (Available in the San Antonio Public Library system.)
- Why Are There Stripes on the American Flag? By Martha E. H. Rustad
Honor

High respect, esteem, regard with great respect.
Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was written in 1892 to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America. It was written by Francis Bellamy specifically for children to recite as part of a big celebration. The word PLEDGE means solemn promise. A solemn promise is a very serious promise. When we say the pledge, we are saying we support the United States for all people.

Watch the following video:
Pledge of Allegiance: Watch a cartoon for kids on the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Practice saying the Pledge:

I pledge allegiance
to the flag
of the United States
of America
and to the Republic
for which it stands,
one Nation under God,
indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Suggested Books: (Available through the San Antonio Public Library system)
- The Pledge of Allegiance by Kathryn Clay
- The Pledge of Allegiance in Translation by Elizabeth Raum
- The Pledge of Allegiance by Norman Pearl
Memorial Day Wreath

Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States for remembering the people who died while serving in the country’s armed forces.

After the Civil War, both the North and the South saw many soldiers with serious injuries and most everyone in the United States had lost friends and loved ones. In Waterloo, New York, Henry Welles, a shopkeeper came up with the idea that on one day all the shops would close to honor those who had been killed during the war. On that day everyone in the town went to the local cemetery and put out flowers and crosses on their graves to honor and remember all the people that fought in the war. Retired Major General Jonathan A. Logan planned a ceremony for the soldiers that had survived the Civil War. The veterans went to the cemetery to decorate the graves of people who had died defending their country. People gathered to remember, and go to cemeteries to remember the fallen, and decorate graves with flags, flowers, and photos. Memorial Day is a time to remember all those Americans who have fought in the past to keep this country safe and free.

Fort Sam Houston cemetery was established in the 1920’s. Fort Sam Houston features a memorial pathway lined with a variety of memorials, donated by various organizations, that honor America’s veterans. Most commemorate soldiers of the 20th-century wars.

Before you make your wreath, you can ask an adult to read you a story or read it yourself.

Suggested Books: (available in San Antonio Public Library system)
- Let’s Get Ready for Memorial Day by Lloyd G. Douglas
- Memorial Day by Christin Ditchfield

Suggested music video:
- [Memorial Day Flag Song for Kids | Flag Songs for Children | The Kiboomers](#)
- [Holiday Songs for Preschool and Kindergarten, Vol. 1 – Song #6](#)

Materials: Number of materials depends on the desires and number of girls participating.
- Paper Plates – one for each girl
- Tacky Glue
- Scissors
- Red, White and Blue Tissue Paper OR Red, White and Blue construction paper
- 6” Ribbon or Cord for each girl
- Star Stickers, Sequins, glitter
Instructions for Wreath

1. Cut the middle out of a paper plate, leaving just a 1-2" ring. Discard middle.
2. Cut different size squares of red, white and blue tissue paper.
3. Glue to paper plate ring in any design you choose. Try to include some red, blue and white.
4. Finish by adding some star stickers or sequins.
5. Glue a 6" loop to the back to make a hanger.

Hang the wreath in your window on Memorial Day to honor all the military people that have died to defend our country.

Additional Activity: Help Texas A&M University-San Antonio lay wreaths on the graves at Ft Sam Houston cemetery during the Christmas holidays.
Remembering 9/11 with a Rock Garden

On September 11, 2001, three planes were used as weapons hitting both twin towers in New York City and the Pentagon. Flight 93, headed for Washington D.C., crashed in a field in Somerset County because of heroes on the plane. As a country we remember and honor the men and women that died on that day.

This is an excellent activity to do when you are at Girl Scout camp, or you can do it for your school, church or community center. You will need a space that you have permission to lay your rocks out and leave it permanently.

Materials: Number of materials depends on the desires and number of girls participating.

1. Rocks at least 3 inches wide: At least one per girl.
   a. Rocks can be purchased at any Gardening store.
   b. You can go on a nature walk and look for rocks.
2. Acrylic Paint. Red, white, blue (any colors the girls want to use or have available)
3. Paint brushes.

Paint a rock in honor of 9/11. (Make sure you clean the rocks, so the paint will stick.)

Painting the rocks and creating a garden is a way of not forgetting. If you know someone that died in 9/11 you can paint it for them. Decorate the rock any way you want to.

Take the rocks outside and as a group decide how you want to lay them out. Any shape is good: circle, heart, star or line. You can make it into a statute. There is no one way to create the garden.

Additional activities:
- Read or ask an adult to read stories about 9/11
  Suggested Books: (Available through the San Antonio Public Library system)
  - The 9/11 Attacks by Laura Murray
  - September Roses by Jeanette Winter
- Watch the video The Survivor Tree. It is a beautiful story about a pear tree that survived the 9/11 attacks and is now a symbol for everyone.
- Visit the 9/11 Survivor Tree located in the Texas A&M University-San Antonio Campus Healing Garden
Courage

The ability to do something that frightens one. "She called on all her courage to face the ordeal" - strength in the face of pain or grief.
Stories of Family Courage

Read Tula’s Story - Standing up for Darla in your Daisy Girl’s Guide to Girl Scouting book. Tula was afraid to stand up for Darla, but she knew that Darla didn’t deserve to be bullied. That is what courage is all about. Doing something that is right even if you are afraid.

After you read Tula’s Story, talk about it with your Daisy group. Why is it hard to stand up to bullies?

Read books about courageous people.

Suggested books: (Available through the San Antonio Public Library system)
- Harriet Tubman: Conductor on the Underground Railroad by Ann Petry
- I Am Harriet Tubman by Brad Meltzer
- Marie Curie by María Isabel Sánchez Vegara

Additional activities:
- Talk about Harriet Tubman, Marie Curie and other brave people.
- Ask family members to tell you stories of courageous people in your family. People do courageous things all the time. Draw a picture and tell your Daisy group about your family’s courageous act.
Courage Song

Do I Have Courage?

As a Daisy you are learning about courage and bravery. You don't have to be a super hero to be brave.

In your Daisy group, write some things that brave people do.

Watch these videos and see if you listed some of the same things.
- ALL ABOUT COURAGE! (character song for kids about being brave & trying new things)
- LISTEN ABOUT COURAGE AND FEAR lesson

You meet brave people every day. Firefighters, police officers, soldiers and even your family and friends.

In the YouTube video, All About Courage, you can learn a song that you can sing to yourself when you have to try something new and are afraid. In your Daisy group while at a meeting or Girl Scout camp you can make your own song about courage.
Courageous Actions or Not?

Sometimes it is hard to be courageous. Our friends might not like us if we tell an adult that they are doing something wrong or dangerous. It can be hard to tell your friends that you don’t want to do something when everyone else is doing it.

Have an adult or a Daisy read the following list of actions.

Which should you do?

1. Fight, or walk away from a fight?
2. Let someone call you “Chicken” and say “NO”, or do something dangerous that everyone is doing?
3. Tease and bully someone, or stand up for someone who is being mistreated?
4. Blame others for your mistakes, or accept responsibility when you make a mistake?
5. Ignore a new student, or make friends with a new student?
6. Quit when things get tough, or work hard even when it’s difficult?

Vote on which is the better thing to do. After everyone votes, discuss why you voted the way you did.
Excellence

Excellence means greatness - the very best. Achieving *excellence* is never easy to do. Always strive for excellence.
The Girl Scout Law

As a Daisy, you are learning the Girl Scout Law. The very first line is “I will do my best.” This is very important. Doing is your best is what Excellence is all about. Practice the Girl Scout Law until you memorize it. Recite it for your family and friends. At your Daisy group meeting practice with your friends.

**Girl Scout Law**

**I WILL DO MY BEST TO BE**

honest and fair,
friendly and helpful,
considerate and caring,
courageous and strong, and
responsible for what I say and do,
and to
respect myself and others,
respect authority,
use resources wisely,
make the world a better place, and
be a sister to every Girl Scout.

**As a Girl Scout you are expected to always do your best.**
A “Do Your Best” Excellence Reminder

While you are talking to your friends in your Daisy group, make a “Do Your Best” picture reminder that you can hang on the bathroom mirror or refrigerator. If you see it every day, it will remind you that even when it is hard, you should always do your best!

Materials: Number of materials depends on the desires and number of girls participating.
- Foam or poster board or an index card at least 3” x 3”
- Paint or magazines, advertisements
- Colored paper that can be cut up and used to cover the poster board, plastic or card board
- Markers
- Glue or glue sticks
- Paint brushes
- Scissors
- Small Magnets (four per girl)

Steps:
1. Decorate the box, card board or index card.
2. Fold the index card in half and glue it so it stays together.
3. Cut a piece of the colored paper the size you want on your magnet.
4. Write the goal of excellence you want to work on.
5. Glue it to the decorated board/poster/foam board.
6. After it dries, you will turn it over and glue one magnet in each corner. If you have larger magnets you may not need four.

Put your magnet on the refrigerator to help you remember!

While you are working on your magnet, listen to these two songs
- Do My Best (Animated Song with Lyrics)
- Sesame Street: Janelle Monae - Power of Yet
Good Choices Book

Making good choices isn’t always easy. As a Daisy you are earning your leaves and you see what choices the flower friends make to do the right thing. It’s not always easy to do.

Today we will make a book of Good Choices. Talk with your Daisy friends about some things that the flower friends did that were the right choice.

Before creating your book, watch one of these videos about making good choices.

• Decisions Can Be HARD! | FUZZABOOM (Kids Puppet Show) This video is funny!
• Puppet Show - Decisions. Making the right choices. Part 1
• Puppet Show - Decisions. Making the right choices. Part 2

Then draw and color a picture of each of the flower friends from your Daisy Girl’s Guide to Girl Scouting book: Mari, Clover, Vi, Gerri, Zinnia, Tula, Rosie, Lupe, Sunny and Gloria. You can decide to draw a picture of something else.

Materials: Number of materials depends on the desires and number of girls participating.

• Stapler
• Paper - at least five sheets per girl (they will fold them in half and draw on each half)
• Magazines, advertisements that can be cut up and used for the collage
• Different color markers
• Glue or glue sticks
• Variety of materials to decorate: yarn, fabric, stickers, glitter

Steps:
1. Put all the papers together and then fold them in half.

2. Ask an adult to staple the center to create a book.
3. Draw all your pictures and decorate anyway you want to.

Keep the book with you help you remember to practice making good choices.
YOU DID IT!

CONGRATULATIONS!

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Texas A&M University-San Antonio (A&M-SA) was founded at a specific time and place for a specific purpose: to provide high-quality education to all people, particularly residents of the historically under-represented South Side of San Antonio. We are committed to equipping our students with the skills, knowledge and experiences that prepare them for rewarding careers, responsible global citizenship and lifelong learning.

A&M-SA has experienced remarkable growth since we became a standalone university in 2009. In fall 2018, more than 6,500 students will be enrolled in our undergraduate and graduate programs.

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