

SERVICE

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Having completed this badge members will:

- Create and distribute gifts for the sick and elderly;
- Hear how some people have served others;
- Experience serving others themselves.

BADGE REQUIREMENTS

1. Know what an act of kindness is.
2. Make and send a card for a sick child.
3. Tell the leader about three acts of kindness you did during the week.
4. Make a gift for a senior citizen.
5. Visit a senior citizen.
6. Learn about two people who serve others.

EXPLORERS MOONBEAMS

service



TIME FRAME

Three - Four
weeks

AIM

To introduce
members to
the concept
of serving
others and
provide
them with
opportunities
to serve
others.





Teaching ideas



1. Know what an act of kindness is.

An act of kindness is doing something nice for someone else without being asked or prompted, e.g. sending a card to someone who is sick, taking flowers to someone, helping someone with their chores. Ask the group to think of some acts of kindness they could do.



2. Make and send a card for a sick child.



3. Tell the leader about three acts of kindness you did during the week.



4. Make a gift for a senior citizen.



5. Visit a senior citizen.

Members can visit an individual's home or a nursing home. Alternatively members could attend a senior's meeting, e.g. corps senior's group, local community centre/group for seniors. Be sure to have parents/carers' permission before hand.

Alternatively, consider adopting a grandparent. That is, identify a senior whom the group could 'adopt' for a period of time. Aside from visiting this person the group could help the grandparent with simple tasks (see *Helper* badge for ideas) and simply spend time together. Be sure to identify a senior who likes little children, and consider someone who either doesn't have grandchildren or who doesn't see his/her grandchildren often.



6. Learn about two people who serve others.

Learn about two service industries, e.g. medicine, emergency services, defence force. Invite two people from different services to speak briefly to members – outlining how they serve others. Or provide pictures of people in service. Or visit a service centre, e.g. fire station. The aim of this requirement is to inspire members to think how they can serve others.