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# REQUIREMENTS

Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, and Webelos Scouts may complete requirements in a family, den, pack, school, or community environment. Tiger Cubs must work with their parents or adult partners. Parents and partners do not earn loops or pins.

# **Belt Loop**

### Complete these three requirements:

- 1. Make a poster that lists five good manners that you want to practice. Share your poster with your den or family.
- 2. Introduce two people correctly and politely. Be sure that one of them is an adult.
- 3. Write a thank-you note to someone who has given you something or done something nice for you.

# **Academics Pin**

# Earn the Good Manners belt loop and complete five of the following requirements:

- 1. Meet one new person, shake hands properly, and introduce yourself. Extend your hand, grip the person's hand firmly, and gently shake hands.
  - 2. Talk with your family about polite language.
    Include "please," "you're welcome," "excuse me,"
    "yes, sir," "no, ma'am," and so on in your talk.

- 3. Explain to your den or family how good manners can help you now and as you get older. Copy the actions of someone you know who has good manners.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Go over table manners with your family. Eat a meal together where the table is set correctly and everyone uses good table manners.
- \_\_\_\_ 5. With an adult, discuss what foods are proper to eat with your fingers. Practice eating some of these foods the right way.
- 6. In your den or with your family, practice using good phone manners.
- \_ 7. Explain how treating things that belong to other people with respect is a part of having good manners. Show three examples of how you can show respect for others.
- 8. Talk with your friends or family members about following the rules and having good sportsmanship when playing games. Then play a game with your friends or family members. After playing the game, tell how you showed good manners.

## Resources

*Emily Post's the Guide to Good Manners for Kids,* by Peggy Post and Cindy Post Senning. HarperCollins, 2004.

Manners Can Be Fun, by Munro Leaf. Universe Publishing, 2004.

*My Manners Matter: A First Look at Being Polite*, by Pat Thomas. Barron's Educational Series, 2006.

- 9. With your family or den, list five rules to remember in being polite and respectful when in a public place. Go to the public place and practice the rules. Explain how the rules helped you to have good manners.
- \_10. Demonstrate the proper outfit to wear at school, at play, and at a social event.

# Good Manners Means . . .

- Speaking politely
- Using good telephone etiquette
- Not interrupting others when they are speaking
- Giving polite introductions
- Eating properly
- Respecting others' things
- Respecting others' privacy
- Saying "please" and "thank you"
- Writing thank-you notes

# **Manners for Cub Scouts**

- Wait your turn in line.
- Do not call people names that are unkind or rude.
- Always greet people politely.
- Clean up after yourself, whether you are at home or somewhere else.
- Practice good sportsmanship and play fair.
- Take compliments courteously.
- When entering or exiting doors, elevators, buildings, or rooms, allow others to enter or exit before you do so. Hold the door or elevator open for others.
- Be respectful to others by using polite language.

Social Smarts: Manners for Today's Kids, by Elizabeth James and Carol Barkin. Sandpiper, 1996.

What Do You Know About Manners? by Cynthia MacGregor. Meadowbrook, 2000.

Manners for Kids and Parents Web site: http://life.familyeducation.com/mannersand-values/parenting/34452.html

# **Basic Table Manners**

- Use a utensil unless the food is meant to be eaten with fingers.
- Always say thank you when served something.
- Wait until everyone is served before eating.
- Eat slowly. Don't stuff your mouth full of food.
- Chew with your mouth closed, and don't speak while you have food in your mouth.
- When eating a roll, break off a piece of bread before buttering.
- Ask for an item to be passed to you; never reach over someone's plate for something.
- Always place your napkin on your lap, and use it to dab your mouth clean.
- Do not pick anything out of your teeth.



**Proper table setting placement**