



NSDAR Educational Resources Committee
“DAR Patriotic Heritage Scout Badge”
Enrichment Activity

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State: Texas

Grade Level: K-12

Time Allocation: 2-3 hours

1. **Identify the standards to be addressed:** For most scout activities or fun patches the standard is that the program requires the scout to complete at least five related activities in order to earn the patch.
2. **Statement of the objective and lesson outcomes:** To teach Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts about the mission and work of the DAR through a series of hands-on family or troop centered activities. Desired outcomes are to establish a relationship between scouts and local DAR chapters so that they may work together in service and to increase interest in membership.
3. **Materials, resources, and technology to be used by teacher/students:** The only materials required would be the attached DAR Patriotic Heritage Patch sheet. It includes links to websites and videos that could be used to complete the activities, but is by no means exhaustive. Leaders, parents and scouts should complete the activities in a way that is determined by the scout's age and experience.
4. **Introduction of the topic:** The introduction includes a brief description of the DAR and activities that allow scouts to explore what the American Revolution is and what it means to be of lineal descent.
5. **Procedure for instruction:** Instruction may occur as part of a troop, pack or den meeting, as a family activity or as a scout initiated enrichment activity. Scouts complete each of the prescribed activities to learn about Historic Preservation, Education and Patriotism.
6. **Lesson closure:** The culmination of the activity is the collaboration between scouts and DAR chapters as they work together to give service to the community.
7. **Assessment of student understanding:** Student understanding is determined as scout leaders or parents discuss the activities with the scouts and approve their final completion.

DAR Patriotic Heritage Scout Patch

The Daughters of the American Revolution and Scouts can help each other "serve God and Country and help people at all times." Complete the following activities to earn your patch and learn about the DAR, its mission and work. (Many of these activities will help you complete other required badges too!)

- 1. Introduction** - *"The Daughters of the American Revolution or DAR, founded in 1890... is a volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through better education for children." Members prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution. Organizations such as Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of the Revolution or Children of the American Revolution have similar objectives and membership requirements for men or children.*
 - a. Learn about the American Revolution. The following videos may help, "A Brief History of American Independence" Parts 1 and 2 from 321 Learning (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tfnrDWYmZus&feature=youtu.be>)
 - b. What does lineal descent mean? Create a four generation family tree to determine who *you* are a descendant of. (You can use one of the free templates at <https://www.familytreetemplates.net/category/4-generation> to help get you started.)
- 2. The DAR Preserves History** - Practice preserving your family's history. Become a Family History Detective by completing *at least one* of the following activities.
 - a. Find an heirloom in your house. Ask a parent to help you learn its story. Who did it belong to? How did it get passed down? Why is it special to you and your family? Share what you learned with another member of your family or your troop, pack or den.
 - b. Find a favorite family recipe. Ask a parent to help you learn its story. Who first made this recipe? Did they invent it themselves or was it given to them by someone else? What country does the recipe come from? Make the dish and share it with your family, a friend or your troop, pack or den.
 - c. Find an old family photo. Ask your parent to help you learn its story. Who is in the picture? Where was it taken? When? Was there a special event happening that inspired the taking of the photo? Share what you learned with another member of your family or your troop, pack or den.
- 3. The DAR Supports Education** - Obtain a copy of the Declaration of Independence for an American History Scavenger Hunt! (Hint: You can find a high resolution copy of it at <https://www.archives.gov/founding-docs/declaration>.) Can you find the following things? Once you have, share your discoveries with your family or your troop, pack or den.
 - a. A word that shows that all states agreed with the Declaration of Independence
 - b. The part of government where the resolution was signed
 - c. The number of states represented
 - d. A word that is spelled differently from how we spell it now
 - e. The date the Declaration was signed
 - f. A word that is capitalized differently than we would normally capitalize it
 - g. Two words that describe what the Colonies ought to be
 - h. A word that states the position the signers held in the government
 - i. The name of the person with the largest signature
 - j. The name of a famous founding father
- 4. The DAR Promotes Patriotism** - Learn a patriotic song then answer the following questions. Who wrote the song? When was it written? What was going on in the United States when the song was written? Perform the song at a community event, for your family or at a troop, pack or den meeting.
- 5. The DAR and Scouts Give Service** - Team up with a local DAR Chapter to work on a service project that benefits your community in one of the areas you've just learned about; Historic Preservation, Education or Patriotism. You can design the project yourself and invite the DAR to help, or offer your help in one of their projects.