

THE ENRICHMENT PROJECT

Badge Program

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SHARE MY CAMP

Steps

WHAT TO SHARE

1. Explore my camp.

Complete the Enrichment Project “Explore My Camp” badge program to explore and learn about your camp. This information can be shared with others to get them interested in your camp.

2. Organize and archive.

Create a master list and archive for all the materials you find. Be sure others have access and / or a full set of your materials to ensure they are not accidentally destroyed or lost. Be sure to document where your back up sets are located.

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3. Oral tradition.

Create a series of stories that can be shared over the campfire or at events to bring a greater understanding of your camp. Provide physical or digital copies to the owner of the camp and / or organization(s) who use the camp.

4. Reunion.

Host an event where adults can come back to camp and share their memories. Document their stories, ask for copies of photos, etc. These can all be incorporated in your materials to build a richer history of your camp.

5. Badge program.

Create a badge program for your camp featuring the information you find. Badges can be physical, digital or certificates that reflect the effort that your earners put forward to learn more about the camp. Your badges may be based on:

- History
- Physical area
- Flora and fauna
- Traditions

6. Printed materials.

You can write a book with everything you learn and include photos. Create an autograph book with a featured story or two about the camp that is age-level appropriate. These books can be sold locally to support the camp. Write an article to submit to your local newspaper, council newsletter, etc. Be sure to keep copies of not only the original article, but the published versions as well. Explore how you can create printed materials not only to be shared, but distributed at your camp.



Share My Camp

Visiting and staying at a camp allows you to make it your camp – if only for a short time.

Sharing your camp with others helps keep it alive in the minds and hearts of others.



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7. Digital audio.

Record the stories you find or have experienced yourself. Digital audio can be shared online, via CDs or MP3s. Decide if you want to share your digital audio free, as a donation back to the camp, as a fundraiser for your group or even as supplemental income for yourself.

8. Digital documents.

Create an ebook about the camp. Include those items that you feel best represent your camp. As you explored in Step 6, decide how you will distribute and if you are looking to make money from your digital document.

9. Share online.

A site can offer information to people about your camp. It is easy to update. Be sure to keep the camp's physical address off your site to protect the attendees. In addition, you can share information on many social media sites, including YouTube. Check your favorite site and see if there is already a page or board with information on your camp.

10. Games and activities.

Create one or more games or activities that can be shared with camp attendees.

These might include:

- Scavenger hunt
- Directed hike
- Camp trivia
- Adventures

11. Support.

Find ways to support your camp through fundraising, service or donations. Perhaps you'd like to run some events to help promote your camp. You could build benches to distribute around the camp. You may even start an event to celebrate camp opening up in the spring or closing up in the fall. How can you help?

12. Your own ideas.

Perhaps you have other ways to support your camp. You might write a song or share stories with your friends about the fun you had at camp. Use your own ideas and experiences to continue sharing your camp with others.

Sites to Explore

www.acacamps.org/campmag/1007/veteran-camp-professionals-share-their-stories

www.wehakeecampforgirls.com/alumni/share-your-experiences

www.ultimatecampresource.com/site/camp-activity/adventures-expeditions-and-storytelling.html

Check out Larajla's Enrichment Project to start your own adventure.