

THE ENRICHMENT PROJECT

Badge Program

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Digital Activity Box

When you think of an activity box, your mind automatically goes to a box with materials to learn or explore a subject. So how can this be done digitally?

DIGITAL ACTIVITY BOX

Steps

1. Why digital “activity boxes”?

The world is going digital. Taking your activity boxes to a digital level means you can have your activities ready at a moment’s notice. You don’t have to store boxes. Adding or removing items is a breeze. Best of all, you don’t have to pay for materials and tools to go into the box. The responsibility is up to those who use your digital activity boxes.

2. Ways to save.

You can make image boards on Pinterest, Flickr, Instagram or other image sites. You can save files on Google Drive or your favorite cloud storage system. Even your own site can house the items you collect for your digital activity box. As you work through the different items for your digital activity box, create storage solutions that make sense to you so you can retrieve your information anywhere.

3. Connect with others.

If you already have your items archived and ready to go, ask yourself how you can connect with others who might be interested in your digital activity box. From Google Hangouts to physical meet-ups, you can get with others who enjoy digital sharing of ideas and activities. Find a solution that works for you.

4. Distribution.

From sharing links, boards and sites to creating a sharing area for people interested, you can do it all digitally. Alternatively, you can create a hard copy on a CD / DVD / stick drive not only for back-up, but distribution as well. Decide which work best for you.

DIGITAL BOX ITEMS

5. Badges.

Badge programs are a great way to find activities for your event, meeting or even play date. Don’t just think of the Enrichment Project. By having the steps or requirements, it helps you structure the activities into a theme. Check out badge programs from youth groups and other organizations that offer badges / patches.



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6. **Supplements.**

The Enrichment Project provides supplements for steps that can't be sufficiently shown through web sites or other online references. Supplements can be downloaded to your cloud storage or personal archives. Don't feel limited to those specifically designed for a badge program. Many crafters, educators and more create PDFs to share their ideas. By grouping these into digital activity boxes, you can have an entire activity ready to go when needed.

NOTE: If you choose one of the Enrichment Projects badge sets, you can start your first digital activity box with a collection of badges and supplements. Some of these include Digital Photography, Fairies, Harry Potter, Night and Street Art.

7. **Web sites and blogs.**

Saving links might be done in your bookmarks or favorites. You might find it easier to create a document and copy / paste those links along with the reason why you placed that link with the digital activity box. You can even do this through sites like Pinterest.

NOTE: If you find a resource that is perfect and you don't want to lose it, make a PDF of it. Sites go down all the time. While you may be able to find some at the Wayback Machine, they do not normally archive images or attachments.

8. **Social media.**

Find groups who are interested in the activities you plan to put into your digital activity box. These groups can be used as resources for not only materials, but experience as well.

9. **Podcasts.**

You can find a podcast on almost anything. Most podcasts are audio only. Explore podcasts to see if you can find an episode to put into your digital activity box.

10. **Videos.**

Videos can be linked to or downloaded. Downloads can be video or audio. You can also subscribe or follow others who cover a wide variety of topics that interest you. Explore some videos related to a digital activity box you want to create.

11. **Interactive sites.**

You can use sites that allow you to be interactive. Museums and tours can be found by adding "virtual" when you do a search. Science experiments and simulations can be found as well. Explore ways you can provide an interactive experience without going anywhere.

12. **Free online learning.**

From Open Education to individual workshops by crafters, you can learn a lot if you want to invest the time. If what you want to learn is expensive, you should be able to find the equivalent for free. Explore online learning sites for materials for your activity box.

13. **Mobile apps.**

A mobile application can be a resource for digital materials. While most do not offer something you can download, sharing the name and reason for using it will save others time. Keep a listing of any items you cannot actually put into a document for latter reference.

14. **Create your own.**

You can scan or recreate handouts for your digital activity box. Put notes from a workshop you took into a text document. Even transfer pictures you've taken as reminders of activities. If you can't find it digitally, make your own materials digital!

15. **Explore for more.**

Continue exploring the ways you can include materials into a digital activity box to use and share.



Supplements

SUPP_DAB_Harry Potter_Tracking_Irl.pdf

Sample: digital activity box of the Harry Potter items in the Enrichment Project badge set

SUPP_Digital Activity Box Tracking.pdf

Tracking resources you find online to refer to later

Sites to Explore

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www.scouting.org/meritbadges.aspx

www.meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Main_Page

patchworkdesigns.net/patchprograms.htm

www.girlscoutsgcnwi.org/uniquely-ours

resources.gssjc.org/Resources/Leader%20Resources/Council%20Patch%20Program.aspx

archive.org/web

www.podcastdirectory.com

www.youtube-mp3.org

www.clipconverter.cc

mrssmoke.onsugar.com/Best-Online-Interactive-Museum-Exhibits-Students-2871369

www.virtualfreesites.com/museums.museums.html

www.makeuseof.com/tag/visit-5-virtual-museums-leaving-home

eduscapes.com/tap/topic35a.htm

www.flushingschools.org/webpages/bmcgraw/virtual.cfm

www.go-lab-project.eu/online-labs

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