

PIRATE ADVENTURES

CHALLENGE KIT



This kit was created to assist you in completing the *Pirate Adventures* program. Included are facts, stories, crafts, games, recipes and information.

Detailed Outline

5: PATCH REQUIREMENTS FOR PIRATE ADVENTURES is the section of the booklet that details what needs to be accomplished in order to earn each patch.

6: FASCINATING FACTS are facts that entertain or give insight about the subject matter that is being discussed.

7-27: TEACHING PAGES contain information that can be used to teach the subject being discussed. In this case the topics are:

- Being a Pirate
- Interesting Stories
- Pirate Fables
- Knowing Your Knots
- Pirate Ship Know-How

28-41: CRAFT PAGES detail ideas for crafts that pertain to the subject matter.

Includes:

- Pirate Clothing
- Pirate Accessories
- Ship Crafts

42-46: RECIPE IDEAS gives suggestions about what kind of food would go well with the theme. Some recipes included are:

- Oreo Cannon Balls
- Shiver Me Timbers
- Sand Dollars
- Pirate Punch
- Skewered Octopus
- Melon Pirate Ship

47-52: GAMES AND ACTIVITIES are pages filled with fun events for any group to do.

The pirate games are:

- Treasure Hunt
- Cannon Ball Down
- Capture the Pirate Flag
- Captain Says
- Memory Game

53-60: PUZZLE PAGES test your mind's skill and endurance with:

- Word Searches
- Crosswords
- Unscramble the Words
- Break the Pirate Code

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Patch Requirements

TO EARN THE PATCH

- Sparks (5-6 yrs) need to complete 2 requirements from the list.
- Brownies (7-8 yrs) need to complete 3 requirements from the list.
- Guides (9-11 yrs) need to complete 4 requirements from the list.
- Pathfinders (12-14 yrs) to complete 6 requirements from the list.
- Rangers (15-17 yrs) need to complete 6 requirements from the list.

PIRATE ADVENTURES PATCH

1. Discover what being a pirate was like by learning how pirates dressed or learning how to talk like a pirate.
2. Pick your choice between the Oak Island Treasure Pit or the Cursed French Blue Diamond and read the tale.
3. Research your own buried or cursed treasure and write a brief summary on it.
4. Take the time to get to know two legendary pirates.
5. Choose four out of the eight knots from Knowing your Knots and form them.
6. Create a quiz for a fellow guiding member where they have to match 10 parts of a ship with their description.
7. Demonstrate that you understand and can find the four basic directions on a compass.
8. Make one craft from the Pirate Clothing section, one from the Pirate Accessories section, and three from the Ship Crafts section.
9. With your Scouting or Guiding group or a group of friends make two Jolly Rogers and play the Capture the Pirate Flag game.
10. Prepare three out of the six recipes and serve them to a friend, a family member, and a person in your community.
11. Participate in three of the games or participate in one and teach one of the games to someone who doesn't know it.
12. Show off your pirate skills by completing four out of the five pirate puzzles.

Fascinating Facts

PIRATING FACTS

- A flag with white skull and crossbones on a black background is called a Jolly Roger. It was designed to strike fear into the hearts of a pirate's enemies; however, the Jolly Roger wasn't flown by all pirates. Pirates of the Spanish Main were usually the only ones to fly this flag.
- Women were typically not allowed on pirate vessels because it was believed that a woman on board brought bad luck. However, some women still became pirates by dressing, fighting, and cursing like men.
- The "Golden Age of Piracy" was from 1650 – 1730.
- Article III of the Pirate Code of Conduct (Bartholomew Roberts Shipboard Articles 1721) states that gambling, an often pictured past time of pirates, was not allowed on most pirate ships, instead they had to gamble whenever they made port. Anyone caught by the captain would be severely punished for breaking the code.
- The term "Davy Jones' Locker" dates back to 1700. In pirate slang, Davy Jones meant the Devil and being sent to "Davy Jones' Locker" meant that you weren't going to heaven.
- Pirates believed that wearing pierced earrings of precious metals such as silver and gold would improve their eyesight.
- St. Thomas, an island in the Caribbean, has a place called "Blackbeard's Castle." The island's lore states that it is believed that this is where the famous pirate spent many hours looking out for approaching ships.

FACT OR FICTION?

Pirates wore eye patches to improve their night vision. **FACT!**

The MythBusters proved that wearing an eye patch would actually improve a person's night vision because one eye stays in night vision mode and doesn't get use to the light. For more details follow the MythBuster link in the Helpful Website section.

Powder-monkeys are small monkeys that helped the captain of a ship by putting various substances in his pipe so it would always be ready to smoke.

FICTION!

Powder-monkey was a position on the ship given to young boys who had to clean and load the guns during battle. Eventually they were promoted to gunner's mate or gunner, if they survived.

A common alcoholic drink drunk by pirates was called grog. **FACT!**

Grog was a rum, water, lemon juice, and sugar mixture derived from a nickname for an admiral who liked to drink.

Teachings: Knowing your Knots

REEF OR SQUARE KNOT

The Reef knot, or better known by its more common name the Square knot, is one of the most useful knots for first aid and tying bandages. It lays flat, holds well, and can be easily untied. However, do not use if someone's life is at stake. The Reef knot holds well, but not great.



1 Start by taking the two ends and crossing them to form an X. Roll the overhand end under the standing end of the other end. It sounds complicated, but this is the same as the first step in tying your shoe.



2 Bring the ends back above in a second similar crossing.



3 Tighten the knot by pulling on the ends.



Crafts: Ship Crafts

MAKE A TREASURE CHEST

Materials:
A shoe box
Colored paper
Glue
Scissors



1 Have the shoe box, glue, and paper ready. Paste a dark colour paper on the box until it is covered, but make sure to do the box and lid separately.



2 Cut two long strips (3 inches) of yellow paper and two shorter ones (also 3 inches) and glue them on the edges or as stripes on the box.

Keep Out

3 Cut out or draw on designs for your treasure chest and put them on your box. You can also glue brown or black construction paper on the inside of the box to cover the inside as well. Make a keyhole and then you are done.



Recipes

SKEWERED OCTOPUS

Ingredients:

Hot dogs

Materials:

Pirate sword plastic toothpicks



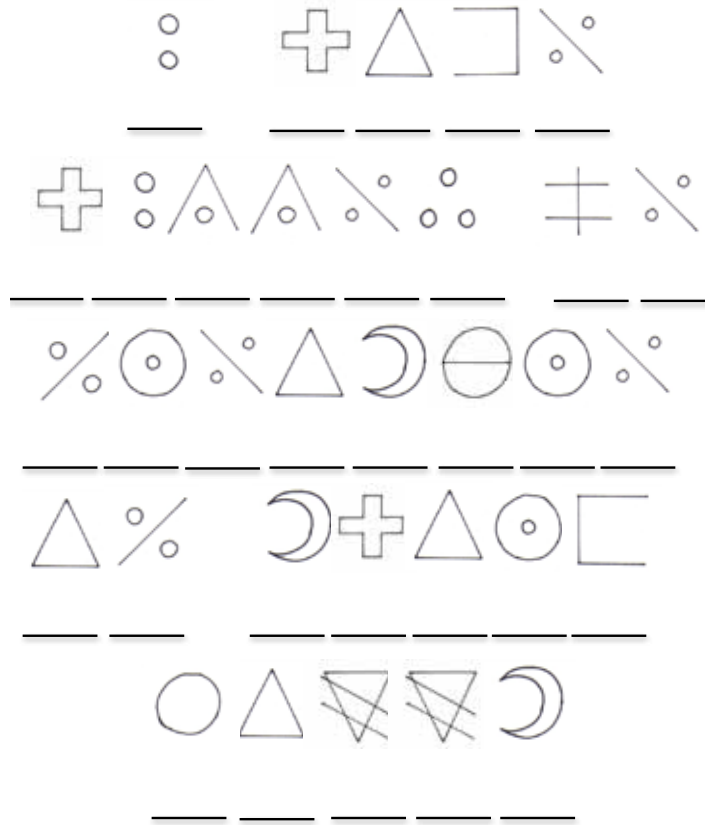
1 Take the hot dog and slice it four times $\frac{3}{4}$ the way down into eight legs.

2 Put your sliced hot dog into a pot of boiling water or on a roasting stick over a camp fire and wait until the legs curl up.

3 Take out your octopus and skewer it with a colourful pirate sword tooth pick or place on a festive plate.

Puzzles

**BREAK THE
PIRATE CODE:
CLUE #1**



**BREAK THE
PIRATE CODE:
CLUE #2**

