

Scout Advancement Opportunities

POPCORN SALES HELP MEET MANY SCOUTING OBJECTIVES.







More and more Scouting Units utilize popcorn sales to raise funds for equipment, activities and other needs. Just last year 291 Units from our Council profited by selling Trail's End products. But, that's not all!






BOYS CAN EARN MUCH MORE THAN MONEY.

Few activities demonstrate to Scouts the value of planning, organization, and commitment more clearly than a Unit's combined efforts in a popcorn sale. Scouts develop and practice new skills, learn about sales and marketing, and reach new levels of personal success. Consider the following popcorn activities as counting toward Boy Scout Merit Badges. Before proceeding make sure your Merit Badge Counselor has approved your ideas.

There are also advancement opportunities for WEBELOS and Cub Scouts.



BOY SCOUT MERIT BADGES

	<p>ART</p> <p>For requirement 5, produce an "America's Popcorn Sale" poster for local display, using pen and ink, watercolor, pencil, pastel, oil ,tempera, acrylic paint or marker.</p>		<p>MOVIE MAKING</p> <p>For requirement 2b, create a storyboard for a video designed to show Scouts how to sell Trail's End popcorn.</p>
	<p>COMMUNICATIONS</p> <p>For requirement 1, show your counselor how you would teach others to sell popcorn. Then, play the roles of customer and Scout, practicing selling techniques. For requirement 2, make a popcorn sales presentation to your counselor.</p>		<p>ENTREPRENEURSHIP</p> <p>With your counselor's permission, use your own management of the Trail's End Popcorn sale to meet many of the requirements for this badge such as 3, 4b, 4d and 6.</p>
	<p>GRAPHIC ARTS</p> <p>For requirements 3, and 4, design a poster for use during the popcorn sale, and follow the various steps described for ONE of the printing methods to produce copies of the poster.</p>		<p>JOURNALISM</p> <p>For requirements 2a or 2b, create a newspaper story or radio news announcement reporting on your Troop's participation in the Trail's End popcorn sale.</p>

	<p>PHOTOGRAPHY</p> <p>For requirements 4b, take photographs of Trail's End products, of Scouts selling, and of other activities related to the sale.</p> <p>Arrange the prints, with selling techniques and captions, to tell a story of the sale.</p>		<p>PLANT SCIENCE</p> <p>Use Trail's End educational materials to show how popcorn hybrids are grown and processed.</p> <p>(Requirements 7E Corn Option).</p>
	<p>PUBLIC SPEAKING</p> <p>For requirement 1, prepare and give a speech to your Unit describing the benefits of popcorn sales to the Troop. For requirement 2, prepare and give a speech to a Cub Unit describing the steps to a successful popcorn sale.</p>		<p>SALESMANSHIP</p> <p>Use the meetings, practices and procedures of the annual Trail's End popcorn sale to meet many, or all, of the requirements for this badge.</p>
	<p>TRUCK TRANSPORTATION</p> <p>For requirement 8, describe what kind of truck would be needed to ship popcorn from the factory to your Council, tell how the popcorn would be packed, estimate the time for the trip, and explain what would be the best way to unload the shipment.</p>		

WEBELOS

ACTIVITY BADGES

	<p>SHOWMAN BADGE</p> <p>As a requirement, demonstrate the "right" and "wrong" ways to sell popcorn.</p>		<p>COMMUNICATOR BADGE</p> <p>As a requirement, explain to a group of Cubs the proper way to conduct a popcorn sale.</p>

CUB SCOUT

ACHIEVEMENTS



"TAKE CARE OF YOUR PLANET" ACHIEVEMENT

- As one of the three requirements, explain how Trail's End Popcorn is better for the environment because it is packaged in recycled cartons, and because soy inks are used to print the cartons.

"WHAT'S COOKING" ACHIEVEMENT

- As one of the four requirements, show how to pop popcorn, explain what happens when popcorn "pops," and explain why popcorn's nutritional analysis is important to health.

"INFORMATION PLEASE" ACHIEVEMENT



- As one of the requirements, show how the Trail's End promotional materials (television or radio commercials, posters and billboards) help increase your Unit's popcorn sales.

"JOT IT DOWN" ACHIEVEMENT

- As one of the requirements, keep a record of the number of people you speak with when selling popcorn, and record something about each person and whether a sale is made or not.

ARROW POINTS

TRAIL ELECTIVES

	ART ELECTIVE As one of the requirements, make a poster to announce your Unit's popcorn sale.
	SALES ELECTIVE A popcorn sale fulfills all the requirements for this Elective.