

Pathway: American Cultures

This Pathway takes about 2-4 hour to complete (depending on the size and attention of your group). The activities are fun and engaging for kids and adults. These activities lean toward some of the American ideas that we are a “nation of immigrants” and “every person came to America from somewhere else, or their ancestors did”. Understanding these cultural backgrounds can help Scouts to live in harmony with others in varied and increasingly multicultural society. Great for a group of 4 – 8 people.

(work towards the merit badge; may not complete in one sitting)

Place to visit	Activity	Badge Requirement
In Camp / On your own	Attend a celebration or event that include a group with a different racial, national, cultural, or ethnic background. Report what you see and learn.	1a. AC MB
In Camp	Talk with a person from one of the groups about their heritage and traditions of the group. Discuss what you’ve learned.	1c. AC MB
Egan Center	Look at the maps on the wall in the Egan Center. Imagine a group that was different nationally, racially, culturally, or ethnically had always lived alone in a city or country which no other groups ever came. What city or country might be like that today? What would it be like if they all lived there at the same time today?	2. AC MB
Egan Center Maps	Use one of the small red and blue dot stickers to show your heritage by placing a red dot on your families’ country of origin. If you are an immigrant or here temporarily use the blue dot.	
Egan Center Maps	If you used a blue dot sticker, share your stories with others. If you are willing, let us know your availability during your stay so others can ask and learn about your country and your experience.	
Egan Center	Choose three groups again, discuss the difference between the religions and social customs. What are some similarities.	3. AC MB
On Your Own	Tell your group about how people from the three different groups have gotten along together. Lead the discussion to help others understand another better.	5. AC MB

Egan Center	On the wall, pick three individuals from a different racial, ethnic, or religious background. Talk about their contribution made to this country.	4. AC MB
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Family / Den / Patrol Name: _____

Scout Book: the code to the right will help parents and leaders find the age appropriate requirements for various badges. By the time a Scout completes the trail, they will have checked of several requirements and earned a % of their way toward Eagle.

On and off the trail: Feel free to jump on or off the trail to follow the interests of your child / Scout.

Important Note to Parents: PLAY! The camp is designed for you too. Your Scout or child's highlight will be participating WITH you.

