

# Life Skills• Cadette Badge Blueprint



## Netiquette Badge

### **Purpose of Badge:**

Know how to make-and-keep your online world a positive place

**Supplies needed:** Internet

### **Step 1: Explore “oops!” and “wow!” moments**

Explore the impact of “oops” moments and how posts can cause anger, hurt, or embarrassment to yourself and others. Brainstorm some “oops” and “wow” tips with friends. Go online and research what Netiquette means and find 10 examples of rules to follow for good netiquette. Come up with 3 ways you can help friends and family members practice good netiquette.

### **Step 2: Dig into stories of “ouch”- and repair some hurt if necessary**

Take a closer look at how communications can be misunderstood, resulting in some “ouch” moments. Go through your last 50 texts. Are there any you feel ashamed about sending or that might have caused hurt? Would any cause hurt if they were forwarded to others? Would you be comfortable saying the comments to the recipient’s face? Would you want your parent’s to see what you wrote? If it causes hurt, spend 30 minutes re-writing the message.

### **Step 3: Look at email, commenting, or blogging**

Discover email etiquette. Email is used for business and more formal online communications, and being able to use it considerately and correctly is an important part of your online persona. Discover the why’s and how’s of commenting. Create a 10 item list of email dos and don’ts to share with your online network. Are they practicing the Girl Scout Law by being responsible for what you say and do? Create your own email etiquette quiz and give to your family and friends.

### **Step 4: Decide what makes a great social media profile**

Discover how to write a social media profile. Discuss some character profiles. From a book or movie create a profile for your favorite character- decide beforehand which bits of information to share. Learn the does and don’ts of personal information and what should and shouldn’t be shared. Share your findings with your troop at your next meeting.

### **Step 5: Spread better practices**

Now that you have a better understanding of how to avoid “oops”, “wow”, and “ouch” moments, share what you’ve learned. Turn what you’ve learned into a netiquette pledge. Share with friends and family, and have them sign a copy of the pledge. Create a “Before I

post...” checklist. Keep by your computer or laptop as a reminder of good social media practices.

**Congratulations! You have now earned the Netiquette Badge!**

Remember, the Volunteer Toolkit Online has more activities to explore and is a great resource for planning meetings.