



Cadette Finding Common Ground

Pillar: Civic Engagement/Life Skills

Outcomes: Strong sense of self, Positive values, Community problem solving

Cadettes will earn their badge by: Investigating how our government helps citizens with differing opinions find common ground and how you can too.

1. Get to know someone different from you.
 - a. The website Ranker lets you see how people rank almost everything. Explore this [list of ultimate favorites](#) with a friend, family member, or fellow Girl Scout. Choose one category where you disagree and through your conversation identify 3 things that you agree with about the other person's choice.
2. Make decisions in a group
 - a. There are lots of ways to make decisions as a group. Brainstorm as many as you can then check out the internet or [this PDF](#) for more ideas. Using different techniques, make 6 decisions with your troop or family. These can be large or small decisions (examples might include where to go on your next vacation or what snack to make at your next troop meeting).
3. Explore civil debate
 - a. Watch the introduction to formal debate and the videos about the school uniform debate. After watching the videos, choose an issue and hold a debate with a friend, family member, or fellow Girl Scout.
 - b. Introduction to formal debate: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WB3vEzu6gUo>
 - c. School Uniform Debate, by students: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lwXZisYEQZs>
 - d. School Uniform Debate, Today Show: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Z4EpJAKzbo>
4. Understand a compromise
 - a. Think of a compromise you have made with a friend or family member. What was the process like? What was the outcome? Can you imagine a better process or outcome?
5. Find common ground through mediation
 - a. Talk to an attorney, judge, or professional mediator. Invite them to a virtual meeting or interview them on your own. Ask them to share real-life examples of mediation skills and techniques. Practice using these skills. If you need help connecting with one of these professionals, email customecare@gksmo.org and we will help. Thanks to our partners at the Missouri Bar Association.

When you're finished: Congratulations, you have earned your badge! You can purchase by emailing shopdept@gksmo.org or at <https://www.girlscoutshop.com/CADETTE-FINDING-COMMON-GROUND-BADGE>.

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