



Cadette Netiquette

Pillar: Civic Engagement/Life Skills

Outcomes: Strong sense of self; Display positive values

Cadettes will earn their badge by: Knowing how to make positive choices in the online world.

Tips before takeoff:

- Whenever you do a choice that involves going online, do so with a trusted adult. And be sure to sign your [Internet Safety Pledge](#) before you begin this badge.
 - Grab a journal and get ready to gather tips for your own list of “Netiquette Rules to Live By.” In steps 1-4, you’ll create your list of tips, and in step 5, you’ll share them with others.
1. Explore “oops!” and “wow!” moments – “Oops” moments are those times you post something that can cause hurt, anger, or embarrassment for yourself or someone else. “Wow” moments are those that can build someone else up and encourage them through your post.
 - a. Brainstorm some “oops” and “wow” tips with family members, friends, or your troop. Then look at the last 50 emails, texts, and/or social media posts you’ve shared and look for those “oops” and “wow” moments. What can you learn? Do you need to make things right with anyone after reading what you’ve shared?
 - b. [Review this checklist](#) about social media posts.
 2. Start a kindness practice.
 - a. Every day for two weeks, go out of your way to send a message via text, email, or social media praising others for something well done. Notice how other people respond and use that information to add tips to your list. This is a great chance to repair any “oops” moments in your own life, if any have cropped up!
 3. Look at e-mail, commenting, or blogging
 - a. Create 5 questions about email etiquette and interview 5 people that use email for work. Are there similar email tips that emerge from your interviews?
 - b. For more fun, create a top 10 list of email do’s and don’ts using what you learned in your interviews.
 4. Decide what makes a great social media profile
 - a. Watch the video, [How to Build a Positive Teen Instagram Profile](#). Use tips you learned in the video to create a profile you might use on social media or for an online group. Then ask for feedback from friends, older girls, and adults. (If you already have an online profile, use the tips from the video to make updates and then get feedback from friends, older girls, and adults. Use their advice to make additional edits).
 5. Spread better practices about netiquette.
 - a. Create a list of the top 10 “Netiquette Rules to Live By” from the tips you’ve gathered. Then get creative! Include art, stories that illustrate your points, anecdotes, anything that will help others understand why each tip is important. Share you list with your troop in a slide show, blog post, social media posting, or any other appropriate way.

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

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