Footsteps of American Saints

Answers to Requirements

1) Heppenheim, Germany on January 23, 1838 (www.americancatholic.org)

2) Sisters of St. Francis in Syracuse, New York; St. John Neumann (www.americancatholic.org)

3) St. Joseph’s Hospital. It was the only hospital in Syracuse that cared for people regardless of race or religion. (www.americancatholic.org)

4) To Hawaii where she helped to greatly improve housing and care for lepers. She also helped to found a home for the daughters of patients who lived in the colony. (www.americancatholic.org)

5) January 23 (www.americancatholic.org)

6) Father Damien of Moloka'i (Blessed Damien DeVeuster) (www.americancatholic.org)

Frequently Asked Questions

May only Catholics or Scouts earn this? Who may earn this activity patch?

Any youth or adult may earn any of the activity patches. The requirements are grade-specific.

Is this activity considered a religious emblem and may a Scout receive a religious knot after earning this activity?

No. This activity is considered a religious activity, not a religious emblem. Scouts may not receive a religious knot for earning any of the activity patches.

Will there be more Saint Activity Patches?

Yes. There may be additional Saint patches released, from time to time.

Who may serve as an adult mentor for this activity?

Any parent or adult who meets the standard BSA and diocesan safe environment requirements.

Is there any time requirement?

Only that the grade-specific requirements need to be completed while in the respective grade level.

Do the answers need to be submitted?

No. The answers should be reviewed by an adult. The Order Form and patch fee are the only things that need to be submitted.

Who do I check with once I complete the requirements for my grade level?

Any knowledgeable parent, Scout leader, group leader, priest, religious or catechist.

Visit www.nccs-bsa.org for information on how to order patches for any of our religious activities.
Footsteps of American Saints Activities

This activity honors those men and women who led heroic lives of faith. Their words, deeds, and devotion to prayer and sacraments, inspire all American Catholics. In the U.S. church calendar, some have the rank of “saint” and are venerated by the universal church. Some have the rank of “blessed” and are venerated by the local church. Some have the rank of “venerable” and, while on the way to becoming a “saint”, may be venerated by Catholics. Most of these men and women lived and worked in either North or South America. Many lived in what is now the United States. Others never set foot there; however their lives and work had a huge impact on the Catholic American landscape. All of them sought to follow Jesus.

Requirements for Mother Marianne Cope Activity Patch

All – Read about this saint. You can find the answers to these questions on www.americancatholic.org. Feel free to use other resources.

1st thru 5th Grades - Complete 4 requirements and 2 activities. 

5th thru 12th Grades - Complete 5 requirements and 3 activities.

Requirements:

1) Where and when was she born?
2) What community did she join? Where were they located? Who was its founder?
3) In what hospital was she a supervisor? What was unique about this hospital?
4) Where did she begin ministry in 1883 and what were some of her accomplishments?
5) When is the feast day of Mother Marianne Cope?
6) Mother Marianne Cope moved to Hawaii to help which ailing priest care for people with leprosy?

Activities:

1) Discuss with your family or counselor, some of the values that you admire most about Mother Marianne Cope. What is she known for? How can you be more like her?
2) Draw a picture showing some of her accomplishments. Share this picture with your family.
3) Collect some uplifting books, magazines, games or puzzles and take them to a children hospital in your area.
4) Call your local hospital or nursing home and inquire into how you can volunteer. Assist with a service project that will help at least one person who is sick. Document what you did and share it with your family and friends.

Requirements for Adults:

1) Assist the youth with this American Saint Activity.
2) Share your thoughts with the youth about this American Saint.
3) Review the responses to the requirements of each youth participant to confirm his accuracy and to insure his understanding.
4) Fill out the order form for this American Saint Activity and send it along with the fee to NCCS.

For more information about this saint, check out the websites below.

- www.catholic.org
- www.americancatholic.org
- www.NewAdvent.org
- www.ewtn.com/saintsHoly