

# Girl Scouts Junior Citizen Badge Trooper Leader Guide

Welcome to the Clinton Presidential Library! To earn your "Inside Government" badge today, you'll need to complete the five activities listed on this worksheet and have an adult witness sign it. Good luck and have fun!

## 1) <u>Decide what being an active citizen means to you</u>. (Location: non-specific)

Be an active citizen in action. As you tour the library, make a list of 10 things that make an active citizen. It might include things like following the laws, paying sales tax, and knowing what's going on in the world. Then do something from your list to practice being an active citizen.

Example of an Answer: "Being an active citizen to me means that I will support our military, even if I do not agree with what they are doing. I will not go blindly along with whatever the government says, but I will use my right to question their actions and motives. I will follow the laws of my country, state and community."

#### 2) Go inside government. (Location: 2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

The President is the head of the executive branch of the federal government. Visit the Cabinet Room to better understand the responsibilities of the President. Use the touch screens to explore the different offices that are part of the Cabinet. Write down one of the positions.

Possible answers: Vice President, Attorney General, Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, the Defense, Education, Energy, Health, and Human Services, Homeland Security, Housing and Urban Development, Interior, Labor, State, Transportation, Treasury, and Veterans Affairs

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#### 3) Look into laws. (Location: 2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

Think about laws you might want propose someday. Visit one of the alcoves on the second floor to learn more about legislation that President Clinton signed into law. Write down one law.

Example of an answer: The Brady Law

#### 4) Report on the issues. (Location: 2nd floor, "Alcove Exhibits")

Visit one of the alcoves on the second floor and take notes about an issue important to President Clinton. After your visit, share the information you gathered with your family

Example of an answer: "President Clinton believed in a cleaner Earth. He believed the citizens should be protecting the resources and making the world a cleaner place to live for future generations."

### <u>5) Get involved in community government.</u> (2nd floor, "A Campaign for The Future")

Plan a campaign as if you were running for office. Make you poster and write a list of the top three things you would try to change if you had that office in your organization. Visit the "Campaign Exhibit" just outside the Orientation Theater on the second floor. Look at the buttons and signs. Listen to his campaign speeches. What things was he trying to change?

Answer: President Clinton wanted to better the economy, education and healthcare for the public.

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