



**Cub Scout Merit Badge:
Bear Trail #3 - What Makes America Special?**

Whether you're just visiting for the day or participating in the overnight program, Cub Scouts working on their Bear Badge can complete achievement number 3: What Makes America Special?, while visiting the Wisconsin Maritime Museum.

Requirements: Complete *a* and three of the other six requirements.

a. Write or tell what makes America Special to you. *On your own.*

b. With the help of your family or den leader, find out about two famous Americans. Tell the things they did or are doing to improve our way of life. *On your own.*

c. Find something about old the old homes near where you live. Go and see two of them. *You can do this one on your own in your own community or we can provide you with a map and information on some of the historic (maritime related) houses in Manitowoc.*

d. Find out where places of historical interest are located in or near your town or city. Go and visit one of them with your family or den. *Visit the Wisconsin Maritime Museum to learn about our rich maritime history, World War II contributions, and tour the World War II submarine USS COBIA.*

e. Chose a state; it can be your favorite one or your home state. Name its state bird, tree, and flower. Describe its flag. Give the date it was admitted to the Union. The links below (or on our website) will assist you in this requirement.

Wisconsin: http://www.wisconsin.gov/state/core/wisconsin_state_symbols.html

Illinois: <http://www.museum.state.il.us/exhibits/symbols/>

Minnesota: <http://www.sos.state.mn.us/student/symbols.html>

f. Be a member of the color guard in a flag ceremony for your den or pack. *You may use our space (indoor or outdoor) and flag for this requirement.*

g. Display the U.S. flag in your home or fly it on three national holidays. *On your own*