

## CAMP FIRE NATIONAL PROJECT

# PROJECT HANDCLASP



**PURPOSE:** Learn about the problems of people in other countries and find out what can be done to help.

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### **REQUIREMENTS**

Members complete all four of the requirements listed. Requirements can be altered or substituted according to the needs, interests, and ideas of the club. Members may receive a small purple bead upon completion of each requirement and recognition emblem #M-128 when the project is completed.

### **TIPS FOR LEADERS**

- This project is best suited for older members because members do not interact directly with the people receiving service. Younger members get excited giving service when they can meet the people being served or see the effect of their service.
- Many organizations have international projects that can benefit from your help. Here are some groups to contact: churches, synagogues, interfaith councils, local affiliate groups of the United Nations, World Health Organization of the United Nations, CARE, American Red Cross chapters and international civic organizations such as Kiwanis. Your council may have some advice on international groups in the community who want to work with Camp Fire.

### **PROJECT OUTCOMES**

Activities in the project relate to Camp Fire's standards for program philosophy.

#### **Children will:**

- Decide on a country
- Create a project plan
- Plan a ceremony
- Work with a community agency
  
- Learn to value helping others
- Share with others
- Practice writing skills
  
- Learn about another country
- Learn about international problems
- Learn another language
- Learn about international services
  
- Learn games
- Fix a meal
  
- Do a service project
- Learn responsibility for all of world

#### **Camp Fire's Program Goals:**

- Learning social interaction skills and making decisions
  
- Improving self-esteem, learning personal life skills, valuing health and being a good citizen
  
- Appreciating pluralism
  
- Enjoy learning
  
- Learning and applying leadership skills

## ACTIVITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Select a foreign country of interest or a country where a special project or event is going on now. Ask people in international agencies and organizations in the community what they are doing in other countries. It may be easier to do this project with the help of this agency or organization.
2. Learn more about the country chosen. Do at least two of these things:
  - a. Learn something about the problems of this country, their causes and what is being done.
  - b. Learn some common words and phrases in the language of this country.
  - c. Learn and teach to a younger group at least two games, dances, and songs, folk legends or stories, arts or crafts of this country.
  - d. Prepare a meal using the foods of this country.
  - e. Learn about families, schools or government of this country. In what ways are they similar to or different from where the club members live.
  - f. Be a corresponding friend to a person in this country.
  - g. Discover the life stories of two persons in this country. They may be historic heroes, current leaders, scientists, musicians, or others.
3. Do a service project with the country of choice. Work with other groups in the community to do this.
4. Create a special ceremony to share what has been learned. Show a symbolic handclasp with another country in words, pictures or actions.