

Cadette Scout Night Owl Parent Guide

This page is for parents or adult leaders to use in assisting scouts.

The Activity sheet is designed to help guide your Cadette to places in the Aquarium and will aid them in completing their steps towards badges. Visit the Aquarium during a late-night event. Check the calendar on our website for dates and times

<http://www.aquariumofpacific.org/events/calendar>. Arriving during the late afternoon and staying into the evening will be the best way to complete most of the steps for this badge. Pick up an Aquarium of the Pacific map at the entrance before starting this activity sheet. The places where you need to go for each activity are **Bolded** on the parent guide. Some of the activities may need additional assistance or conversation from you, but by the end your Junior should be able to satisfy several of the requirements noted below:

Step 1: Take a field trip to explore the night

Step 2: Tour your world after dark

Step 3: Meet people who work night hours

Step 4: Explore nature at night

Take a field trip to explore the night (Step 1)

While you're here visit **Shark Lagoon** to take note of the bamboo sharks nocturnal behaviors. Encourage your Cadette to watch the sharks with sustained attention for at least 5 minutes.

Tour your world after dark (Step 2)

As the sun goes down there are lots of changes that happen in a place like the Aquarium. See if your Cadette can observe any differences or similarities between the daytime Aquarium and the nighttime Aquarium. Encourage using different senses to feel, see, smell, or hear changes. Briefly record observations in the Venn diagram on the sheet.

Meet people who work night hours (Step 3)

In this step your Cadette will find someone who works at the Aquarium at night and chat with them about their job. Ask questions like "What is the best part of working at night?" "Do you always work at night?" "What is the hardest part of working at night?" Talk to your Cadette about the advantages and disadvantages of working at night. Would they like to work at a night job?

Explore nature at night (Step 4)

Using what they've observed about nocturnal animals at the Aquarium and their imagination you Cadette will try to create the ultimate nocturnal animal. Have your scout think about how their animal will overcome the challenges of living at night.

Host an extreme nighttime party (Step 5) Finish this step at home to complete your Night owl badge work. A sleepover, camp out, or even late night party in the dark is a fun way to share night stories. Remember to share what you learned at the Aquarium.