Netiquette
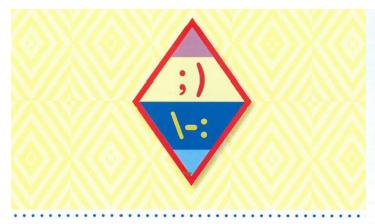
O ur digital world makes it easy to stay in touch and share friendships, memories, and ideas. But we've all heard embarrassing stories in which people wish they'd never hit the "send" button. Once you've put it out there, it never goes away. But you can use that to your benefit, too. This badge is all about knowing how to make positive choices in the online world.

Steps

1. Explore "oops!" and "wow!" moments
2. Dig into stories of "ouch"—and repair some hurt if necessary
3. Look at e-mail, commenting, or blogging
4. Decide what makes a great social media profile
5. Spread better practices

Purpose

When I've earned this badge, I'll know how to make—and keep—my online world a positive place.

To earn this badge, please complete one option per step.

STEPS	BADGE REQUIREMENTS	OPTION 1	OPTION 2	OPTION 3
Step 1	Explore "oops!" and "wow!" moments	Spend at least 30 minutes with family to share these two kinds of moments. What have you heard from others? Discuss what tips you can learn from real-life stories. List them	Is there a family member or someone you can contact whose job involves sending out emails? What was their experience a message was sent with an "oops". Can they offer any tips to avoid such moment?	Find and read two published stories about people who've sent or posted messages that caused hurt. What did those involved learn? Then find two stories about how online communication has caused good. Google to find the stories.
Step 2	Dig into stories of "ouch"-and repair some hurt if necessary	Go through your last 50 texts to see if you felt ashamed of sending or may have caused hurt feelings. Would you say those things to the recipient's face? After your review, clear the air with a live conversaion over the phone	Can you contact an expert in the field of emotional health through social media? Find out if you can email interview questions about how they've seen digital "ouches" impact young people. With that information, try and get ideas to help others stop those behaviors. Share that information through emails or list them on your social media page. Add those ideas to your netiquette list.	Start a kindness practice. For the next two weeks go out of your way to send a message via text, e-mail, or social media praising others for something well done.

Step 3	Look at e-mail, commenting, or blogging	Get into e-mail etiquette. Create a top 10 list of e-mail do's and don't's to share with your online network	Use your best commenting voice by finding five examples of useful comments and five not so great comments to review. What do they have in common. What rules would add to your list about useful commenting?	Good net sportsmanship. Poll gamers about the kind of online sportsmanship they like to see. Look at recent articles about gaming etiquette for ideas Visit these websites: https://www.don'thatethegeek.com/ https://www.thinkcomputers.org/ https://www.netmanners.com/email-etiquette-quiz/
Step 4	Decide what makes a great social media profile	By connecting with your troop members through social media, have each one create a pretend profile of a favorite character by using the same template for everyone. Decide as a group, some good and not so good details to share in the profile. Discuss them through a virtual meeting to come up with dos and don'ts for creating social media profiles.	Get feedback on a profile of your own by creating a profile for an online group. Ask for feedback from friends your age as well as older girls and adults.	Read three stories that discuss profiles, whether it be personal or news stories about creating them. How were pictures chosen? What does the profile say about him/her? How do companies use profiles when hiring? From what you've learned, add your own "rules to live by" and then edit or create your own online presence.
Step 5	Spread better practices	Turn your netiquette tips into a pledge by signing the bottom and putting them into action. This will inspire others also.	Edit into your top 10 tips and see if they fit into larger categories. Can you edit them into 10 top rules? Add some pazzazz by including art, anecdotes, anything that will help others to understand why each tip is important.	Turn your common themes into a fun monologue, scene or skit to capture on video and post to an online community.