



LETTERBOXER BADGE

Letterboxing is an amazing adventure game played by people all over the world. To play, follow clues to find a hidden box with special items inside. In North America, there are thousands of letterboxes. Maybe there is one hidden in a park near you right now.

Steps to Get Started with Letterboxing

- ❶ Learn about letterboxing
- ❷ Find or make your own stamp
- ❸ Practice solving clues
- ❹ Search for a letterbox
- ❺ Plant your own letterbox

ACTIVITY #1

LEARN ABOUT LETTERBOXING

- » YouTube Video – [youtube.com/watch?v=AOM9RzrNdHU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AOM9RzrNdHU)
- » Letterboxing PowerPoint – [girlscoutsaz.org/letterboxing](https://www.girlscoutsaz.org/letterboxing)

ACTIVITY #2

CHOOSE OR MAKE YOUR OWN STAMP

Stamps are an important part of letterboxing. Use your own stamp to mark a logbook in the letterbox you visit. And mark your own notebook with a stamp from inside the box. Then you show others where you have gone on your Brownie and Family Letterboxing Adventures.

You need to decide: are you going to purchase your stamp at the craft store or create your own? Your stamp can be anything – for instance, one leader’s is the NorthStar, her daughter’s is “Pooh Bear” her favorite Disney Character.

Often the stamp you find will relate to the location, such as a High School Mascot if the letterbox location is near a school, or an animal found in or near a letterbox location in a park like a rabbit, duck or other bird. But it can be *anything!* Here’s an idea: plant a series of letterboxes around your favorite super heroes or Anime characters.

- » How to carve your own Letterbox Stamp – [youtube.com/watch?v=PIFVrDjAnA0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PIFVrDjAnA0)
- » Speedball Carving Kit – <https://amzn.to/317NeWX>

ACTIVITY #3

PRACTICE “SEEKING & HIDING” SKILLS

Have your family or friends hide five or six objects around the house. Can you follow their clues to find the objects? Next, it’s your turn to hide a few objects and write out the clues.

ACTIVITY #4

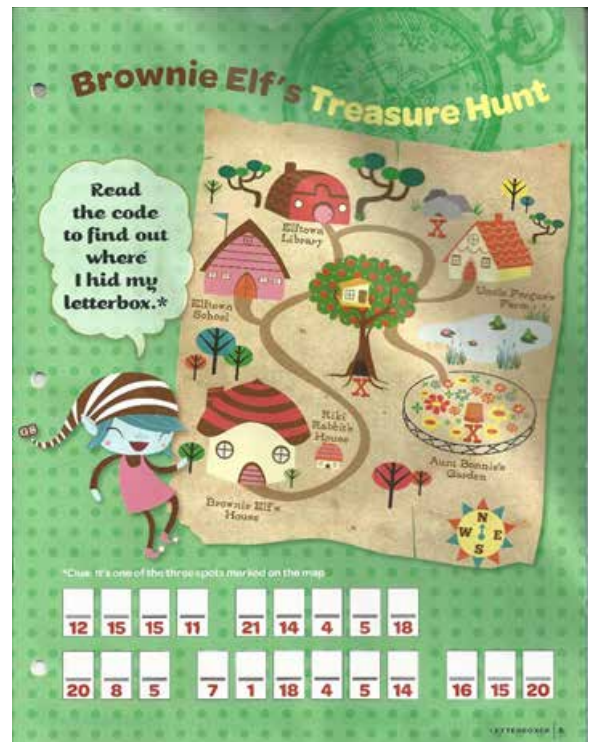
PRACTICE SOLVING CLUES

Some letterbox clues tell you exactly where to go, like “go past the big tree” or “cross the stream.” And some are more mysterious – they are poems or riddles. Get better at solving clues by learning to write them!

Practice with the Number Code Clue. Each number in the hint becomes a letter! Or, use the code in the box on the Brownie Elf’s Treasure Hunt page.

A = 0	I = 8	Q = 16	Y = 24
B = 1	J = 9	R = 17	Z = 25
C = 2	K = 10	S = 18	
D = 3	L = 11	T = 19	
E = 4	M = 12	U = 20	
F = 5	N = 13	V = 21	
G = 6	O = 14	W = 22	
H = 7	P = 15	X = 23	

SECRET CODES



ACTIVITY #5

SEARCH FOR A LETTERBOX

Choose a Letterbox to find. Ask an adult for help using an online letterboxing site for a list of active letterboxes near you.

1. Check out the girlscoutsaz.org/letterboxing for a list of GSACPC Letterboxes.
2. atlasquest.com
3. letterboxing.org

TIPS:

- » When you find a letterbox, open it where no one can see you. This way it will stay a secret for others to find too.
- » Return the box to the exact spot where you found it. Make sure it stays hidden.
- » Respect nature while you search. Be cautious of wildlife.
- » Bring all your own supplies: pen, stamp pad, your signature stamp, journal, baby wipes to wipe off stamps and your hands if you get ink on them (optional).
- » Safety considerations: dress for the weather, closed toe shoes, water, sunscreen, etc.

ACTIVITY #6

MAKE AND “PLANT” A LETTERBOX

Create your own letterbox for others to find.

1. Carve your own stamp or choose a store-bought image.
2. Decide what you want to hide your stamp in: a small waterproof plastic box, or cover a quart size bag with duct tape – howtoletterbox.com/letterboxing-planters-pouch
3. Choose a small notebook or make your own logbook.
4. Consider using sandwich size Ziplock bags to help protect your logbook and stamp.
5. Choose a place to hide your letterbox: your yard for family and friends, or the community, in a park or other public area. Write down your clues and post on the letterboxing websites.