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The Gadsden Flag

Historic Flag Information

This historic flag information is aimed at Cub Scout Leaders, and is intended to serve only as a very basic introduction to the subject of the Gadsden flag. The images of the Gadsden flag are under public domain and may be reproduced for educational purposes. There are many sources of historic flags or flag images for use in historic flag presentations.



This is the "classic" Gadsden flag. This is the basic design presented to the Continental Congress by Colonel Christopher Gadsden which he wanted to be adopted as the official flag of the Colonies.



This is the version of the Gadsden flag adopted by the Continental Navy and flown as an ensign on many ships of the Colonial Navy



This is the sketch done by Benjamin Franklin in which he depicted the fragmented snake as the disjointed colonies, with the prophetic warning to join together or the dream of a free country would die.



This is a more modern interpretation of the classic Gadsden flag that some believe was used during the Texas war for independence against Mexico. Many historians do not accept this claim.