



Old Salem Patch Program

Developed by
Tarheel Triad Girl Scout Council, Inc.

Old Salem Patch Requirements

Brownies should complete Requirement #3 and any other four requirements.

Girl Scout Juniors through Ambassadors should complete Requirement #3 and any other six requirements.

Many of these requirements can be completed before or after your trip.

1. * Plan your trip to Old Salem. Think about all of these:

- What will you need to wear?
- How you will get there?
- How long will it take you to arrive?
- How much money will you need to take? What and where will you eat?

2. Research the history of Old Salem – but make it fun! Be sure to find out:

- Where the first residents came from
- What language they spoke
- Why Salem was laid out around a central square.

3. Visit Old Salem in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

4. Take a walking tour through the exhibit buildings. Tours must be arranged in advance through the tour office.

5. Visit at least two Old Salem gardens. Why do you think gardens were important?

6. Eat at the Old Salem Tavern restaurant, choosing items from the menu that say "Moravian." Check prices before choosing this requirement, to make sure they meet your budget.

7. Take photographs of your favorite sites at Old Salem.

8. Sample Moravian sugar cake or cookies at Winkler Bakery. While there, watch the bakers at work, if possible.

9. Attend the Old Salem Fourth of July celebration, the Easter Sunrise Service, Salem Christmas: A Festival Day or any other special day events at Old Salem.

10. * Take a walk through God's Acre. Find the oldest graves.

11. * Find out about the imaginary Old Salem Cat, called "Herr Kater." (*Hint: check out the store called "T. Bagge: Merchant."*)

12. Find out about three or more instruments played at Old Salem.

13.* Spot as many different colored ribbons on the women's and girls' caps as possible. Find out what the colors mean.

14. * Dress a doll in Moravian clothing.

15. * Bake a Moravian dish.

16. Play with a toy that Moravian children enjoyed, such as a hoop or stilts.

17. * Plant some of the seeds grown by the inhabitants of Old Salem.

18. Make a poster advertising Old Salem. Make it exciting. Share it with other Troops.

19. Tell other Troops about your trip.

20. Make a Troop scrapbook about your trip.

21. * Put together a "putz." Make it as creative as possible.

22. * Visit ~MESDA (the Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts).

23. Find out how the Moravians got their water. Get a drink from the same source.

** See hints and helps for these requirements below, and on the following pages.*

Requirement #1 Pointers:

Travel Times -- As you plan how long your trip might take, here are some general time guidelines that might help you:

45 minutes from Asheboro

90 minutes from Charlotte

35 minutes from Greensboro

25 minutes from High Point

20 minutes from Kernersville

25 minutes from Lexington

45 minutes from Mount Airy

60 minutes from North Willcesboro

120 minutes from Raleigh

20 minutes from Rural Hall

50 minutes from Salisbury

45 minutes from Statesville

Places to Eat:

Old Salem Tavern (historic, but costly)

Mayberry's Restaurant (contemporary) Picnic tables, near the Visitor Center

Requirement #10:

God's Acre (or Gott's Acker) means "God's field," where the bodies of Christians are laid awaiting the resurrection. It is laid off in large squares, and these squares are assigned to groups within the church family of Moravian Salem (called "choirs"). Married women and widows are buried chronologically in one square, married men and widowers in another. Single men and little boys are buried in a square, while single women and little girls are together in another. The idea is that these had the most in common and would want to be together in repose.

Requirement #11:



Requirement #13:

Ribbon Colors

- Cherry red = little girls.
- Dark red = girls thirteen through seventeen.
- Pink = single women eighteen and older.
- Blue = married women.
- White = widows.

Requirement #14:

All women wore knee-length shifts of white linen, with a three-quarter-length sleeve as underwear. Over this was worn a flat corset called stays. Her outer clothing was a long skirt called a petticoat, and a fitted blouse with three-quarter-length sleeves called a jacket. This jacket laced up the front with ribbons (see #13). Around her neck was worn a scarf called a handkerchief Moravian PG911/9-09

women wore caps that were close fitting white linen. The cap tied under the chin with ribbon (see # 13). A thin white band of Linen tied around the head with a bow in the back.

Requirement #15 -- see next page.

Requirement #17:

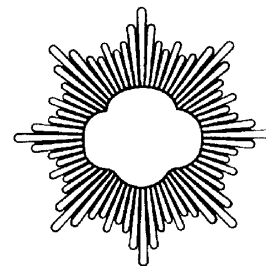
These varieties of herbs, flowers and vegetables were known to have been grown by, or available to, the people of Salem. These and other seeds are sold in the shops of Old Salem:

Touch-me-not	Black-eyed Susan
Dill	Bachelor's button
Chives	Sweet basil
Parsley	Larkspur
Cosmos	Four o'clock
Foxglove	Sweet pea

Requirement #21:

The Putz is simply a nativity scene arranged as a reminder of the manger in Bethlehem in which Christ was born. The figures can range from carved heirlooms to hand-cut paper figures to variety-store characters. Moravians are as creative as possible. They add hills and valleys, farm houses and farm animals. They may even add such things as windmills, streams, and castles.

This Old Salem Patch Program was developed by Rhonda Leigh Mathis, Senior Troop #22, of the Tarheel Triad Girl Scout Council for her Gold Award Project, 1991.



Special thanks to Nancy Smith (Senior Troop #22 Leader), Carol Hall (Old Salem, Inc). Sharon Wise!! (Tarheel Triad Girl Scout Council) and Linda Mathis (supportive Mom).

Requirement #15:

Moravian Molasses Cookies

1 pound light brown sugar
6 ounces margarine
6 ounces shortening
1 quart Molasses (Puerto Rican, which is very dark)
2 rounded tablespoons soda
½ cup boiling water
4 pounds flour (approx.)
2 tablespoons cloves
2 tablespoons ginger
2 tablespoons cinnamon



WINKLER BAKERY, 1800

Melt shortening and margarine until it bubbles and add to sugar. Stir in the molasses. Dissolve soda in boiling water and add to mixture. Sift in approximately 4 pounds of flour. Add spices along with the flour.

The dough should be almost stiff enough to roll. Cover and let set overnight. Do not refrigerate. On a floured cloth-covered board, roll dough as thin as possible. Cut with cookie cutters and place on a greased pan. Bake in a 275° oven for exactly 10 minutes. Let cookies cool before removing from pan.

This recipe makes 7 or 8 pounds of cookies.

“York Gingerbread – 6 teacups sugar, 3 butter, 3 molasses, 3 milk, 9 flour, 1 ginger, 6 eggs, 2 teaspoons of pearlsh dissolved in two tablespoons of vinegar, 1 cup orange peel and spice. Bake in a loafe.”

The above recipe is from the manuscript receipt collection of Louisa Senseman (1822-1854), the daughter of Salem Silversmith John Vogler. The modern adaptation below has been cut in half but uses the same proportions.

YORK GINGERBREAD

Cream 1 C. + 2 tbsp. soft butter and 2¼ C. sugar. Add 3 medium eggs, beating after each addition. Add and mix in 1 C. + 2 tbsp., molasses, ¼ C. + 2 tbsp. peeled, sliced and chopped ginger root, ⅓ C. grated orange peel (2-3 oranges), 1 tsp. cinnamon, ⅛ tsp. ground cloves. In a separate cup combine 1 tbsp. vinegar, 1 tsp. baking soda. Mix in. Add alternately 1 C. + 2 tbsp. milk and 3¼ C. + 2 tbsp. all-purpose flour, mixing after each addition. Pour into a greased and floured 9” x 13” pan. Bake at 375° for 50-55 minutes or until done in the middle.

Recipes courtesy of Old Salem, Inc.

Girl Scout Patch Program Patch Requisition Form

Please turn in this form when purchasing patches (\$1.00 each). Girl Scout patches are available only at the Old Salem Visitor Center. (Please ask specifically for them at the desk, as they are not available to the general public).

Leader's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Council: _____

Service Unit Number: _____

Troop Number: _____

Grade Level: ___ Daisy ___ Brownie ___ Junior ___ Cadette ___ Senior ___ Ambassador

Number of Girl Scouts: _____ Number of Adults: _____

Number of Patches Purchased: _____

Activities we have completed. (Please list short description and requirement numbers below):

I promise that Troop # _____ has completed these requirements and has duly earned the Old Salem patch as outlined in the Old Salem Patch Program.

Leader's Signature _____