

Girl Scouts—North Carolina Coastal Pines: Discovering Hispanic Heritage Patch Program

This patch program is designed to help Girl Scouts of all cultures develop an understanding and appreciation of the culture of Hispanic/Latin Americans through Discover, Connect and Take Action. If you have questions email: patchprogram@nccoastalpines.org



¡Bienvenidos! Thank you for your interest in the Discovering Hispanic Heritage Patch Program. You do not need to be an expert or have any previous knowledge on the Hispanic/Latino Culture in order to teach your girls about it. Hispanics/Latinos accounted for 25% of North Carolina’s population increase over the past 20 years¹ and the average age of Latinos living in North Carolina are 9 years old². Girl Scouts would like to uphold its mission to serve all girls and their families by developing awareness and appreciation of diversity.

¹<http://worldview.unc.edu/files/2012/04/4-0-1.pdf>

²<http://demography.cpc.unc.edu/2015/10/15/nc-in-focus-north-carolina-born-hispanics/>

To earn the Hispanic Heritage Patch you must meet the requirements below:

Daisies- complete 1 activity from each section (Discover, Connect, Take Action)
Brownies and Juniors- complete 2 activities in each section (Discover, Connect, Take Action)
Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors- complete 3 activities in each section (Discover, Connect, Take Action)

DISCOVER

1. Learn some Spanish; learn to say the Spanish words or phrases as indicated for each program level in the chart below. Compare these words to English-are they similar, different? Girls who already speak Spanish can complete this activity by teaching someone who does not speak the language.

Words	Daisy	Brownie	Junior	Cadette	Senior	Ambassador
Greet and say goodbye	*	*	*	*	*	*
Say the days of the week	*	*	*	*	*	*
Say the months of the year			*	*	*	*
Say the names of five colors	*	*	*	*	*	*
Say the names of five animals				*	*	*
Say the names of five fruits				*	*	*
The Girl Scout promise	*	*	*	*	*	*

2. Currency and Exchange Rate; learn the currency name and exchange rate for four Latino countries. Use the exchange rate to calculate how much a box of Girl Scout cookies and Girl Scout annual dues would cost in a Latino Country.

3. Find out how many Hispanics are currently living in your county. You can visit the Census Bureau website to find out more information <http://www.census.gov>

4. Read about two Latina heroines and their life story; research on the Internet or visit your local library for story or poetry books (translated into English) with stories about why they became heroines. Discuss with your family, friends or troop any struggles and obstacles they encountered in order to become heroines.

5. Learn about the Hispanic influence in North Carolina. Find out the names of explorers that visited this part of the U.S. and where they were from.

CONNECT

1. Invite a Hispanic guest speaker to talk to your troop, church, or school. Ask him/her to share his/her experience when moving to the U.S. If he/she was born here, ask him/her to share childhood experiences- were they different or similar to your childhood experiences? What do they miss most about their country?
2. Identify and learn about five historical and five current Hispanic personalities in different professional fields: sports, entertainment, politics, science, arts and literature.

3. Learn about Girl Scouts/Girls Guides in Latino Countries. Visit the website for the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, www.wagggg.org. Find out which Spanish-speaking countries are members and when they established their first Girl Scouts/Guides troops.
4. Hispanic Heritage month begins on September 15, 2014, the anniversary of independence for five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico declared its independence on September 16, 2014 and Chile on September 18, 2014. Learn more about Hispanic Heritage month by attending one of the many festivals in North Carolina during September or October.
<http://ncmuseumofhistory.org/News-Events/Festivals>
<http://holacharlottefestival.com/index.html>
5. Take a tour of a Latin American Embassy or Hispanic Center. Talk to someone who works in the office about current events in their home country and ask them what service they provide to their community here in the United States.
6. Make Guatemalan Worry Dolls or Chilean Rain Sticks!
 Worry Dolls: <http://heidiboyd.blogspot.com/2011/07/dont-worry-be-happy-how-to-make-your.html>
 Rain Sticks: <http://happyhooligans.ca/rain-sticks/>
 Other Hispanic Heritage Crafts: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/09/05/crafts-hispanic-heritage_n_3875830.html

TAKE ACTION

1. Make a Meal; there are Hispanic grocery stores in almost every city and town. Ask an adult to visit one with you, explore what the store sells. Look around-how is it different or similar to the ones you currently visit? Purchase ingredients and prepare food of Hispanic origin. Share it with friends and/or family.
2. Dance it; learn how to dance one of the many Latino dancing styles (Merengue, Salsa, Cumbia, Bachata, or Reggaeton). Where did this dance originate? What cultures influenced this dance? Look up how to do these dance on YouTube or ask someone you know to teach your troop.
3. Pen Pals; become a pen pal with a Girl Scout/Girl Guide who lives in a Latino Country.
4. Read local Hispanic periodicals (newspaper and magazines) and learn about issues important to local Hispanic communities. What can you do about it? Who can you talk or write to about your views/opinion on that issue? Plan a presentation to increase community awareness on the subject.
5. Community Service; Research organizations that serve Latinos living in the US/North Carolina. How was this organization started? What are the main issues they deal with? Learn how you can get involved. If you are working on a GS Award, volunteering at these organizations can provide your international hours.

6. Create a poster celebrating Hispanic Heritage, use vibrant colors and things you've learned throughout the patch program.

7. Have a Fiesta! to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month. Make traditional Hispanic food, listen to Hispanic music and do traditional dances. Invite your families so they are able to celebrate with you.

DISCOVERING HISPANIC HERITAGE PATCH PROGRAM EVALUATION

Thank you for taking the time to complete this evaluation form. The responses given from participants are used to help plan and enhance future programs. Please complete the form by sharing your thoughts with us. Please have the girls vote and have an adult record their responses.

Tell Us About Your Troop (If an individual girl worked on the program, please indicate):

Individually Registered Girl Scout's Name and Grade Level: _____

Troop Number or Juliette: _____

Leader and Phone/Email: _____

Please circle your Girl Scout level and indicate the number of girls and adults who worked on this patch program on each line:

Daisy_____ Brownie _____ Junior_____ Cadette_____ Senior _____ Ambassador_____ Adult_____

Please check the response that best describes what your troop thinks.

Question	Strongly agree	Agree	Uncertain	Disagree	Strongly disagree
The information and activities in this patch program were interesting to us.					
The activities in this patch program made me think about things we never thought about before.					
The patch program helped us to learn more about the Hispanic/Latino culture.					

What did your troop like best about this patch program?

What about this patch program could be improved?

Please list and comment on the activities you did for each part of the program.

DISCOVER

CONNECT

TAKE ACTION

Other comments or ideas to improve the program?



DISCOVERING HISPANIC HERITAGE PATCH PROGRAM ORDER FORM

Fill out the following information to order and receive your patches:

Troop Leader Name: _____ Troop #: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____
 State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone #: _____

Item:	Cost per Item:	Number of Patches Ordering		Total Cost:
Discovering Hispanic Heritage	\$3.50 ea.		Cost of Patches (subtotal):	\$
			Sales Tax (subtotal x 7.25%):	\$
			Total (subtotal + sales tax):	\$
			Shipping (see chart):	\$
			Total Amount Enclosed (total + shipping):	\$

Purchase Amount	Shipping Charge	Purchase Amount	Shipping Charge
Up to \$25.00	\$ 2.95	\$100.01 to \$200.00	\$ 14.95
\$25.01 to \$75.00	\$ 5.95	\$200.01 to \$300.00	\$ 20.95
\$75.01 to \$100.00	\$ 7.95	\$300.01 to \$500.00	\$ 25.95
		Over \$500.00	\$ 45.95

Make check payable to: Girl Scout- North Carolina Coastal Pines

Mail order form/evaluation and checks to:

Girl Scouts- North Carolina Coastal Pines
 Raleigh Service Center
 Attn: RSC Shop
 6901 Pinecrest Rd.
 Raleigh, NC 27613

If you have any questions about content of patch program, shipping, or anything else related to the patch program, please email patchprogram@nccoastalpines.org.