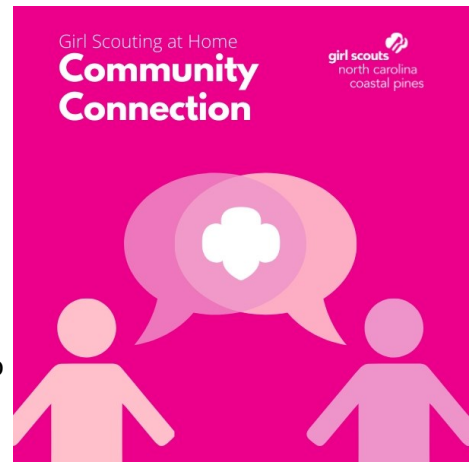


Community Connection

Girl Scouts North Carolina Coastal Pines invites girls, families, and volunteers to stay involved while at home. We know that today's girl is ready to pivot on a moment's notice and is willing to embrace new ways to explore Girl Scouting. That's why we're promoting these options for engaging with us while you're at home today ... or any day!

COMMUNITY CONNECTION encourages Girl Scouts to continue to maintain a connection with their community. Each Monday we'll share ways for you to engage with your community by learning about, connecting with, and leaning into the community around you. Join the conversation online.

#OurGSNCCPCommunity



There's something pretty special about being a member of the largest leadership organization for girls, by girls. But what does it mean to be a part of a girl-led organization and why is that so important? Girl-led means that girls play an active part in figuring out the "what, where, when, how, and why" of their Girl Scout activities. This means girls are more engaged in playing a critical role as decision-makers in the planning and implementation of their activities. When girls step up and take ownership of their decisions, they grow into confident leaders who can make informed and empowered decisions—a valuable skill they'll carry throughout their lives.

One of the most empowered decisions a girl can make is to exercise her right to vote. That's why we're invite girls and families to take time to explore the history of women's suffrage, key suffragists, and activities that allow girls to learn about how to and why to vote as well as recognize that women still struggle for equality at the polls. Girls can do all of this and more by completing activities from our council patch program, Explore Women's Suffrage in North Carolina. Even better, we're re-releasing this patch program with virtual opportunities, so girls can complete the patch at home.



As a reminder, girls and parent/caregivers should review and sign the [Girl Scout Internet Safety Pledge](#) before going online. This patch is available for purchase from any of our four retail stores. Once your girl has completed the activities, use our online link to [order her patch](#).

GUIDELINES: 2020 marks 100 years since the ratification of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote. Despite the hard work of women (and men too!), the amendment did not grant voting rights for all, specifically women of color. Explore the history, challenges, and accomplishments of those who fought for this basic right of citizenship for women, by completing the number of activities for your grade level listed in the grid below.

| | DISCOVER | CONNECT | TAKE ACTION | ANY ACTIVITY UNDER ANY KEY | TOTAL NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES |
|-----------------------|----------|---------|-------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Girl Scout Daisy | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| Girl Scout Brownie | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| Girl Scout Junior | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 7 |
| Girl Scout Cadette | 3 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 9 |
| Girl Scout Senior | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 11 |
| Girl Scout Ambassador | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 12 |

DISCOVER-Explore the history of the right to vote

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- Discover the history of the right to vote, learn about famous suffragists, and take a look at the formation of the League of Women Voters of North Carolina through this [very special video](#) created for Girl Scout North Carolina Coastal Pines by the president of the League of Women Voters of Wake County, Dianna Wynn, and her team.
- Read an age-appropriate book about Women's Suffrage.
 - ⇒ [A Mighty Girl](#) suggested book reading list.
 - ⇒ [Goodreads](#) suggested book reading list.
- Watch at least three video clips from [Not For Ourselves Alone](#), a film by Ken Burns and Paul Barnes.
- Learn about [North Carolina and the Suffrage movement](#) when women in this state organized and collectively fought for suffrage.
- Learn about the [Seneca Falls Convention](#) and the [Declaration of Sentiments in 1848](#) when women first organized to fight for suffrage at the national level in July of 1848.
- Learn about the [North Carolina Equal Suffrage Association](#) and other similar groups.
- Learn about the [League of Women Voters of North Carolina](#) founded in 1920.
- Learn about [African American suffrage leaders](#), how race played a role in the movement and how women of color continued to battle for voting rights for decades.
- Learn about the [Battery Park Hotel](#) and other places of historical significance in the women's suffrage movement.
- Participate in a vote at your virtual troop meeting (vote for what you care about the most).

CONNECT-Explore how the right to vote affects your everyday life and our community

- Talk with women in your family to learn if any of your ancestors participated in the suffrage movement or if they engaged with any group working for women's rights.
- Learn about the [1913 Woman Suffrage Procession](#). With a female relative or adult, have the following discussion. If you were alive during that time (at the age you are now), would you have participated in any way? If yes, how so? If not, why not? *Note, political participation is a personal choice. There is no right or wrong answer.*
- Read the [Equal Rights Amendment article](#). Ask a female relative or adult what she knows or remembers about the ERA over her lifetime.
- Learn about the [proposed memorial to women's suffrage](#). Be sure to scroll to the bottom and click "The Memorial" to see the design and learn about the area. On a sheet of paper or in a journal, create your own design for a memorial to women's suffrage. What would you want to include? What would it look like? Why is it important to create this memorial? Share your design/thoughts with a family member or friend.
- Explore the North Carolina Museum of History exhibit "You Have to Start A Thing" and complete the [Beyond the Exhibit Activity Packet](#).
- Reach out to the [League of Women Voters of North Carolina](#) and invite a member to attend a virtual troop meeting.
- Visit the [North Carolina State Board of Elections](#) to learn how to register to vote, who your elected officials are, and what they do in our communities.
- Take the virtual tour of the [Creating a Female Political Culture](#) exhibit at the National Women's History Museum.
- Take the virtual tour of the [Standing Up for Change: African American Women and the Civil Rights Movement](#) exhibit at the National Women's History Museum.
- Connect with your local civic leaders and discuss current challenges and opportunities in your community.

TAKE ACTION- Make a difference in your community by taking action on any issue you are passionate about

- Complete the requirements to earn your age-level [Girl Scout Citizen badge](#).
- Create a video, story, newsletter article, poem, interpretive dance, song, or collage depicting the importance of voting.
- Look up the candidates for the 2020 election in November. Be sure to look down-ballot, not just at the presidential candidates. Research candidate positions and decide who you would vote for. Remember to look at what the ballot is for where you live! Based on your location, where would you go to vote on election day? Need help finding a place to vote locally? Visit the [North Carolina State Board of Elections](#) and discover where to vote locally and how to vote

online.

- With caregiver permission, create a vlog about all your findings and express how you would feel if you were part of this movement in that era. Discuss how learning about this topic makes you feel today.
- Create a song or a jingle that could have been used to promote the right to vote.
- Host a League of Women Voters representative at your virtual troop meeting or record an interview to add to your vlog.
- Present a topic for a discussion on the right to vote at your virtual troop meeting.
- Throw a virtual party on Women's Equality Day (August 26, 2020) to celebrate this huge milestone. Engage your guests around the history of the women's suffrage movement and how/when/why/where they should vote in every election.
- Suffragists identified a problem in their community and took action to create change. As a Girl Scout Junior, Cadette, Senior or Ambassador you have the opportunity to create change in your community by earning one of the highest awards in Girl Scouting. You can create change by identifying an issue you're passionate about and taking action to address the root cause of the issue. Brainstorm a list of challenges or problems that exist in your own community. Use the tools and resources available to girls seeking to earn one of [Girl Scouts' highest awards](#) to create your plan for change. If you've already earned the highest award for your current age-level, you've completed one (1) **Take Action** activity.

Looking for another opportunity to unleash your inner change-maker? Make the world a better place by participating in an event that happens only every ten years, the United States 2020 Census. Girl Scouts have the power to shape the future of their communities by encouraging their families and friends to fill out a short questionnaire. The 2020 Census asks a few simple questions about you and everyone who was living with you on April 1, 2020.



Girl Scouts can encourage their parent/caregiver to complete the 2020 Census online, by phone, or by mail, but the questionnaire should only be completed by and adult. Parents/caregivers can visit my2020census.gov to begin. Once your family has completed the 2020 Census you can commemorate your participation with our 2020 Census fun patch, available for a limited time!

Did you know that the U.S. government has been counting the number of people living in the United States every 10 years since 1790? The Decennial Census happens every ten years. The Constitution requires that every person in the United States be counted—adults, children and babies, citizens, immigrants, or visitors. It's the only time we count everyone. The Census Bureau takes many surveys of people throughout the decade, but those are samples. They use population estimates based on the Decennial Census to decide how many people to sample from each community, so if we get the Decennial Census wrong, every census survey for the next decade is also distorted.

HOW IS CENSUS DATA USED?

The federal government uses census data to help allocate over \$800 billion a year in federal funds. Some of the programs that use census data to distribute funding that serve children include:

- health insurance programs like Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance program
- education programs like Title I funding to schools in low income communities and IDEA special education funding for children with disabilities
- programs that keep children safe, like foster care programs that help children learn while their parents work, by helping pay for quality child care.

States, localities and businesses use census data to plan, including where to put new schools or to open new stores. Policy makers, researchers, policy analysts and others also use census data to understand how people are doing.

Who Gets a Seat?

Quick—how many seats are there in the US House of Representatives? If you answered 435, you'd be correct! Now, what's the formula that's used to determine how many representatives each state gets, as mandated by the Method of Equal Portion? Population shifts (which we know about because of—ding ding ding—the census) also have an impact on each state's representation in Congress. Unlike the Senate, which allocates two Senators per state, each state's number of House Representatives fluctuates depending on the state's population.

The following activity is great for older Girl Scouts, especially Seniors. First, watch the [Amazing Apportionment Machine](#) to understand the process of how seats in the House of Representatives are divided. Then look at the [census results over time](#) (since the Nation's founding) and look for trends—which state populations grew over time? Decreased? How did that impact the number of representatives their state had? What would happen to that number if the census didn't accurately record everyone in the state?

Who Counts?

The census is critical, but it's also important to remember that the census' undertaking can be difficult for specific groups of people. Dig into [this history](#) and reflect on who "counted" and who didn't. Read about the [six questions that the first US Census](#) asked and look at the [census questionnaires over time](#). What has changed? What hasn't? What kind of information does the census ask about? In a nutshell: who you are and who's living with you. You can explore the questions and reasons why they ask them on the [official Census website](#).

The U.S. Census Bureau has developed activities for every student in grades pre-K–12 to help you teach them about why population counting matters. Here are a few suggestions.

- [Everybody Counts!](#) Is a fun activity book for younger children.
- **Create and share a video or creative image** for social media about the importance of an accurate census count—incorporating research you looked up. You may use your parent's social media accounts to do this and can find resources below. Don't forget to #OurGSNCCPCCommunity!
- **Conduct a mock census with your troop.** Have your girls come up with some general Girl Scout-related questions and corresponding answers (like "What's your favorite Girl Scout activity?" or "Did you participate in the Cookie Program this year?"), then create a survey on paper or online through Survey Monkey or Survey Legend. Carry out the survey (girls can take turns being the census taker), compile and graph their responses. What did they find out from the results? What action will they take after learning about the results. (If the majority of the troop loved going on hikes, for example, will you plan more hikes in the future?)

There are also several videos from the Census Bureau site that you can share with different age groups.

- [Getting an Accurate Count](#)
- [The 2020 Census Challenge](#)
- [A Virtual Field Trip to the US Census Bureau](#)

Remember to commemorate your census exploration and participation with our census fun patch. These patches are available for a limited time, so get your patch today by contacting our retail team!

Need a copy of a Journey, badge requirements or want to order patches? While our shops are closed, please feel free to [shop online](#) or [email](#) us for merchandise needs. We will provide free shipping within in our council footprint on orders emailed to us (please provide phone number in email so we can call you for payment details).