

Explore Women's Suffrage in North Carolina



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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

- 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.
- Visit your local library to see if they have any local history archives or books on women in the suffrage movement.
- Participate in a vote at your troop meeting (vote for what you care about the most).

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

- Visit the [Women's Suffrage Movement in North Carolina traveling exhibit](#) in 2020.
- 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.
- Visit the [North Carolina Women's Vote Centennial](#) page to see what events, activities, and initiatives you can attend.
- Visit a [League of Women Voters of North Carolina](#) meeting and connect with women in this chapter.
- 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.
- 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

- Help others learn by creating a collage from photos you have taken during one of your trips in the Discover and Connect sections. Share your collage with your troop at a troop meeting, at a Girl Scout event or your local library and use it as a means to inspire others to visit too.
- 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.
- Invite a League of Women Voters representative to speak to your troop meeting or for an interview to add to your vlog or collage.
- Present a topic for a discussion on the right to vote at your troop meeting and ask the group why they feel it is important to make the decision to vote.
- Throw a 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.
- Participate in Rally the Vote! Girl Scout Spirit Week March 8-14, 2020 and earn the [Girl Scout Birthday Week](#) patch.
- Commit to registering to vote when you turn 18 and always participating in every local and national election to honor the women who fought so hard for you to have that basic right of citizenship and engage in the democratic process.
- Complete the requirements to earn your [Girl Scout Citizen badge](#).