

## Black History Month Patch Program

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Helping Girl Scouts to Discover, Connect, and Take Action as it relates to learning more about African-American history, culture and their many notable contributions.

Conceived by Carter G. Woodson, an African-American Harvard trained historian, and announced in 1925, February is National Black or African-American History Month. It was first celebrated as Negro History Week in February 1926 around the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln & Frederick Douglass. It was extended to a month in 1976.

### Requirements

Girl Scout Daisies complete a minimum of 2 activities

Girl Scout Brownies complete a minimum of 4 activities

Girl Scout Juniors complete a minimum of 6 activities

Girl Scout Cadettes, Seniors, & Ambassadors complete 8 activities

# Activities

## Discover

1. According to the latest census, <http://www.census.gov>, discover how many girls, between the ages of 5-17, identify as Black/African-American in the county of your troop. Invite a new girl to your troop.
  2. Discover the names of 4 African Americans inventors & their inventions. Discuss as a troop their inventions and how you use them. What would it be like without their inventions?
  3. Discover which African- American discovered the traffic light. Then play Red Light, Green Light with your troop.
  4. Discover who is the first African-American Honorary President of the Girl Scouts of USA? How was she chosen? Discuss why this was important.
1. Discover the name of 1 African-American, past or present in any 4 of the following fields:
    - Education
    - Medicine
    - Arts & Entertainment
    - Literature
    - Sports
    - Civil Rights
    - Military
    - Politics

## Connect

1. Obtain a picture, some facts, of the African- Americans you learned about, play Name That Famous African-American, based on the Jeopardy model, using what you have learned to identify African-American historical figures.
2. Learn about the first African-American Girl Scout Troop. When was it formed? Where was it located? When did the Girl Scouts USA begin to desegregate troops? Journal about how it the first African American troop must have felt and the importance of this troop.
3. Learn North Carolina African-American History. Who were Greensboro Four? Name a NC historically black college/university.

4. Enjoy a NC African-American Cultural experience by visiting one of the following:
  - African-American Heritage Trail – Fayetteville
  - Harvey B. Gantt Center for American-American Arts & Culture – Charlotte
  - African-American Heritage Museum of Wilmington
  - International Civil Rights Center & Museum -Greensboro
  - Stagville Experience - Durham
5. Jazz is a huge part of the African-American history. Listen to famous Jazz artist such as: Louis Armstrong, Ella Fitzgerald, and Dizzy Gillespie. Sit, relax and listen, or get up and dance!
6. Read Shane DeRolf's poem "The Crayon Box that Talked (attached below)." Discuss as a troop and you make your crayons, by melting old crayons together!

## **Take Action**

1. Make a collage of African-American people by cutting pictures from popular magazines. How many pictures did you find? Where they easy to find? Why or why not?
2. Community Service – Research the National Association for the Advancement Colored People's (NAACP). How & why was the organization started? What is its mission? Who is the current President of the NC State Chapter? Who is the President of the Chapter in your County? Invite him/her to speak at one of your meetings.
3. What song is known as the Black National Anthem? Learn the lyrics, the author & sing during a troop meeting or troop activity.
4. Visit <http://africa.waggs.org/en/about> and discover the number of African Countries involved in Girl Scouting; connect with one of the Countries; and get to know a troop of girls by contacting the Director of the African Region. Become pen pals or simple exchange Girl Scout goodies.
5. Have a party to celebrate Black History Month, listen to jazz, enjoy soul food, and share what great things African Americans have done.
6. Create a poster or display about a famous African American woman. Mention why she is famous. Why you admire her. Include any information if she was part of the civil rights movement. Display at your school, church, or service unit.

7. Create a unity wreath as a troop. Trace everyone's hands on white paper. Then paint the hands different skin tones. Make sure to represent the multiple skin tones of the world. Then cut the middle out of a paper plate and glue the hands around the plate. Display at your meeting to show unity.

**Congratulations! You earned your Black History Month Patch! Girl Scout Troop #3432 hoped you had as much fun as we did!**

Shane DeRolf

While walking in a toy store the day before today  
I overheard a crayon box with many things to say.

"I don't like Red!" said Yellow, and Green said, "Nor do I!  
And no one here likes Orange, but no one knows just why."

"We are a bunch of crayons that doesn't get along,"  
said Blue to all the others, "Something here is wrong!"

Well, I bought that box of crayons and took it home with me,  
And laid out all the colors so the crayons could all see.  
They watched me as  
I colored with Red and Blue and Green,  
And Black and White and Orange and every color in between.

They watched as Green became the grass and Blue became the sky.  
The Yellow sun was shining bright on White clouds drifting by.

Colors were changing as they touched becoming something new.  
They watched me as I colored, they watched 'til I was through.

And when I'd finally finished I began to walk away.  
And as I did, the crayon box had something more to say.

"I do like Red!" said Yellow, and Green said, "So do I!  
And, Blue, you were terrific so high up in the sky!"

"We are a box of crayons, each one of us unique.  
But when we get together the picture is complete."

