

VIRTUALLY

Explore Women's Suffrage in North Carolina



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We're re-releasing the Explore Women's Suffrage in North Carolina council patch program with loads of opportunities for girls to complete the activities virtually. As a reminder, girls and parent/caregivers should review and sign the [Girl Scout Internet Safety Pledge](#) before going online. Please note that although the patch activities vary between the two patch programs the actual patch is the same (as pictured above). This patch is available for purchase from any of our four retail stores. Once your girl has complete 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

- 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. Click [here](#) for closed captioning.
- 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 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 [Creating a Female Political Culture](#) exhibit at the National Women's History Museum.
- Take the virtual tour of [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 and ask the group why they feel it is important to make the decision to vote.
- 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.