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ME Patch Program

The ME patch is especially designed for the girl who wishes to learn about her “roots”. Girls should use their imaginations and seek out “first hand” resources—other relatives.

Purpose: To develop in a girl a sense of pride and self-dignity through the exploration of her own heritage and family customs, cultural experiences and growth.

Requirements: To earn this patch, you must complete 7 of the following activities, including the starred activities. Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, and Seniors may complete this patch program.

- *1. Design an outline of your family’s home country. If possible listen to the music of the national anthem. Learn the names of the present heads of state. Find a picture of the present flag.
2. Find out when your family came to America and why. Show on a chart or map the places your family members reside in the world.
- *3. Read a children’s story, fairy tale or a historical story from your family’s home country, or learn about the daily life of a girl your age in your family’s home country.
4. Learn a short song or poem in the language of your family’s native country.
5. Research the meaning of these words: genealogy, ancestor, sibling, ethnic, kin, culture.

6. Design a Family Tree. Chart your family's development starting with yourself and try to chart your ancestors "back" as far as four generations.

7. Write a letter to your grandchildren, telling them what you think they would like to know about your life now.

8. Write ten questions that you would have liked to ask your great-great grandparents. How many can you find answers for?

9. Ask the oldest living relative you know to talk with you about his/her life experiences.

***10. Share the results of your research with your troop and family.**