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Native American Indian Awareness Patch Program

To earn the patch, each girl should complete or participate in the required number of activities by age level. Activities labeled with an * should be included in the activities completed to earn this patch.

Brownies – 6 Activities

Juniors – 8 Activities

Cadettes/Seniors - 9 Activities

Activities

***Native Americans of the Carolinas**

Select a Native American tribe or nation from the Carolinas and learn about their history or culture. Learn about their dress and lodgings.

Native Americans of the United States

Select 3 additional Native American tribes or nations from 3 different regions in the United States. Such regions are the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, Southern States, Plains States, Southwestern States, West Coast States, Alaska and Hawaii. What is similar about these tribes or nations? What is different about these tribes or nations?

***Have a Troop Pow Wow**

Select one section to complete:

1. Learn about the customs for a Pow Wow from a tribe or nation your troop has selected and have a Pow Wow. You can make necklaces, headdresses, customary dresses, drums, etc. Learn a dance to do during the Pow Wow. Select a lead singer and sing and drum a Native American song.
2. Attend a Pow Wow in your region such as the *MNAA Annual Pow-Wow* in Charlotte, or the Annual AICA Powwow. Van Hoy Family Campground, Union Grove, NC. Info: (704) 539-5493 or the Annual Frank Liske Park Powwow, 4001 Stough Road, Concord, NC. Info: (704) 786-5705.
3. Visit a Native American cultural center and participate in a Native American ceremony.

Native American Songs

Learn some Native American Songs. Find out the tribe or nation of origin and what the songs are about. Are the songs written in English or in the native tongue? Do the songs tell a story? During what events are these songs sung (a celebration, etc)? If possible, find out who participates in the singing of these songs.

Native American Dance

Learn some Native American Dances. Find out the tribe or nation of origin. During what event(s) are these dances performed? Who participates in the dance? Why are these dances performed?

Native American Music & Instruments

Find out about the origin or history of Native American music and the instruments used. What is the importance of music in the Native American culture? What are some types of musical instruments? How are the instruments made?

Native American Stories/Legends

Select one section to complete:

1. Read some Native American stories or lore. You can ask your local or school librarian for assistance. What was this story about? What did you learn from the story? Are there any common themes between the stories?
2. Find a book or story by a Native American author. Who is the author? What tribe or nation is he or she from? What is the story about? Has this story been passed down through the generations?

Native American Games

Select one section to complete:

1. Learn some Native American Games to play with your troop, if possible. Be sure to find out about their tribal origin.
2. Learn about the history of Lacrosse, a Native American Game originated by the Iroquois and is a popular sport today.

Language & Symbols

Native American tribes or nations have had their own languages and/or set of symbols that they used to communicate. Select one section to complete:

1. Select a tribe or nation and learn at least 10 words. What is the name of their language?
2. Select a tribe or nation (the same as used above, if possible) and write a list of their symbols and what they mean? Can you write a message to another Girl Scout using these symbols? Or, can you tell a story, like the ones written on walls of caves, with these symbols?

3. Sequoyah is a notable Native American who is credited with the development of the Cherokee alphabet. Find out about Sequoyah's life and learn about the Cherokee alphabet he developed. Learn at least 10 words used by the Cherokees. Can you write your name in Cherokee?

Everyday Life

Select a tribe or nation you have studied with your troop and find out about the every day life of a girl your age in that tribe or nation. Where does she go to school and what is it like? What kinds of clothing does she wear? What type of activities does she do (dance, etc.)? How is her life the same as yours? How is her life different than yours? What did a girl your age do in this same tribe or nation 100 years ago?

Crafts

Native Americans have been known for their many handcrafted items. Basket weaving, pottery, bead work, leather work, Navajo sand painting, dream catchers, gourd art, and headdresses are among the more known items. Make a craft a Native American may make or make a craft that is Native American-inspired.

Cooking & Foods

Fry Bread is a symbol of "all-Indian Unity". Other foods prepared by Native Americans have their own symbolic meaning. Find some Native American recipes and prepare them. Have a feast with your troop. Share with your troop the tribe or nation of origin, why they prepared this recipe and if it has symbolic meaning.

Meet a Native American

Find out if you can meet a Native American in your community and have them speak at your troop meeting. Ask them to tell you about their tribe or nation and how they are similar and different to other tribes or nations. Ask them to tell you a traditional story they were told as a child or a traditional song or dance.

Tools

Native Americans used different types of tools in their every day lives. Find out about several tools used by Native Americans. Find out about the tribe or nation of origin or if multiple tribes or nations used similar items. What uses did these tools have? How did they make them and from what materials?

Collage

Make a collage that depicts Native Americans and Native American life. Be creative. You can use pictures from magazines, newspapers, computer images or you can even draw your own pictures. You can even use material, beads and other items that also depict Native Americans. Share your collage with your troop/group. Explain what each of the pictures, etc. mean to your collage.

Kachina Dolls

Kachina Dolls were originally made for religious and educational purposes in Native American Culture. They are usually of Navajo and Hopi origin but other tribes and

nations also have similar dolls. They represent spirits, supernatural beings or some aspect of nature. Other tribes and nations may borrow Kachinas from other tribes or nations and make them their own. Over 1000 different types of Kachinas are known. Find out how Kachinas are made and what materials are used. Make your own Kachina either by using a known Kachina or making up one of your own to represent something that is special to you.

Historic Figures

Sacagawea, Sequoyah, Pocahontas, Geronimo, Crazy Horse and Sitting Bull are some historic Native Americans. Find out about 3 historic Native Americans. Be sure to include facts such as their tribes or nations, when they lived and their importance to their tribe or nation and/or to the United States.