

AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE PATCH

For Girl Scout Brownies - Ambassadors

This patch will help girls to develop an understanding/appreciation for the culture of American Indians through exploration and experience.

Complete six of the activities including the two starred items:

- 1) Choose a Minnesota tribe of American Indians. Learn something about their history. Describe their homes, dress, food, and ceremonies.
- 2) *Describe briefly the American Indian tribes or nations who live or lived in four different parts of North America other than Minnesota.
- 3) Tell which states have names of American Indian origin. Give the meanings of at least five such state names.
- 4) Find out about the life and contribution of an American Indian heroine or hero.
- 5) Read at least three American Indian legends. Choose one and tell it to a group of Girl Scouts or other friends by way of a skit, poster, etc.
- 6) Do two of the following:
 - a. Learn pow-wow etiquette and attend an American Indian ceremony or event.
 - b. Visit an American Indian exhibit at a museum or fair.
 - c. Talk to an American Indian to learn more about their culture today.
- 7) Collect several American Indian recipes. Select one or two to prepare at a troop/group camp-out or for your family.
- 8) *Choose four of the following:
 - a. Make a useful article and decorate it with an authentic American Indian design.
 - b. Learn to play an American Indian game.
 - c. Learn/practice some American Indian dance steps.
 - d. Listen to an American Indian song. Learn its meaning and how the song was used.
 - e. Make an American Indian musical instrument and use it at a camp out or troop/group meeting.
 - f. Stargaze and learn an American Indian legend associated with the stars.
 - g. Learn about pottery making and make a piece of pottery using American Indian designs.

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