

Be A VoteHer!

Patch Activity Guide



Girl Scouts will be prepared to lead the change in their town, state and country as part of our ongoing mission to make the world a better place! How? Start by earning your Be A VoteHer! patch. Voting is arguably our most important civic duty and through this Council's Own Patch Program, girls will explore our nation's political systems, learn about voting rights and be inspired to be active citizens who promote the vote in their communities.

To earn your GSCP2P Be A VoteHer! patch, complete the required number of steps for your age level. Once you've completed the steps, don't forget to visit bit.ly/3xeawgD to claim your free patch.

Daisies & Brownies: 4 activities from Discover and Connect + 1 activity from Take Action

Juniors & Cadettes: 5 activities from Discover and Connect + 2 activities from Take Action

Seniors & Ambassadors: 6 activities from Discover and Connect + 3 activities from Take Action.

Objective:

To earn your Be a VoteHer! patch, you'll explore why voting matters, find out about voting in your own community, learn about the women who played crucial roles in gaining the right to vote and take action to persuade others to support a cause that is important to you.



DISCOVER:

Learn about voting and suffrage.

- Have you ever been to a voting booth? What was it like?
- What are we voting for?
- Who is eligible to vote? Find out how a person can register to vote. What are the requirements for voter registration?
- Plan or participate in a voter registration drive. Make posters encouraging eligible voters to register.
- Learn about North Carolina and the Suffrage movement when women in this state organized and collectively fought for suffrage. Visit www.ncpedia.org/women-suffrage to get started!
- Learn about the North Carolina Equal Suffrage Association and other similar groups at www.ourstate.com/north-carolina-suffragettes-crusade-to-cast-a-ballot.
- Ask an adult if they know what they have voted for?
- 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. Visit suffragistmemorial.org/african-american-women-leaders-in-the-suffrage-movement to get started!
- What does it mean to vote? Is it important? Why or why not?
- Does voting make you a good neighbor?
- Visit your local library to see if they have any local history archives or books on women in the suffrage movement.
- Discuss why voting is so important in making decisions in a Girl Scout troop. What would happen in your troop if you were not able to vote on the things you do?
- Find your county's Board of Elections and your local polling location. Map out how close they are to where you live. Discuss with an adult why access to nearby polling locations is important for voting.



CONNECT:

Talk to your community.

- Do the adults you know vote? Ask them why or why not?
- Find out who the elected officials are in your community, state, and country.
- Investigate the different ways that you can contact your town and state elected officials.
- Find out where the voting location is in your town.
- Talk with the 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.
- Visit the League of Women Voters of North Carolina meeting and connect with women in this chapter. Learn more at www.lwv.org/local-leagues/lwv-north-carolina.
- Connect with your local civic leaders and discuss current challenges and opportunities in your community.
- Speak with an adult in your family and ask what they vote for.

TAKE ACTION:

Share your knowledge, and help others discover the importance of voting.

- Help others learn by creating a collage from pictures you have gathered through your research. Share the collage with your troop at a troop meeting.
- Create a song or jingle that could have been used to promote the right to vote.
- Invite a League of Women Voters representative to speak to your troop meeting or for an interview to add to your collage.
- Present a topic of discussion on the right to vote at your troop meeting and ask the group why they feel it is important to make the decision to vote.
- Complete the requirements to earn your Girl Scout Citizen Badge.

