



Women's Suffrage Centennial Patch Program

2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment which states, “*The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.*”

In celebration of this milestone anniversary, Girl Scouts of the Sierra Nevada invites you to learn more about the 19th Amendment, Women's Suffrage, and 100 years of its impact on women and the American democratic process. To earn your **Girls Scouts of the Sierra Nevada Women's Suffrage Centennial Patch**, complete the two Required Objectives and the number of age level-appropriate Elective Objectives by December 15, 2020.

Daisies – Complete the Required Objectives and one Elective Objective

Brownies – Complete the Required Objectives and two Elective Objectives

Juniors – Complete the Required Objectives and three Elective Objectives

Cadettes – Complete the Required Objectives and four Elective Objectives

Seniors / Ambassadors – Complete the Required Objectives and five Elective Objectives

Required Objectives:

- Complete the Girl Scout Citizen badge for your age level:

Daisy – *Good Neighbor*

Brownie – *Celebrating Community*

Junior – *Inside Government*

Cadette – *Finding Common Ground*

Senior – *Behind the Ballot*

Ambassador – *Public Policy*

- Learn what the word “suffrage” means and its origin. What does it mean for girls and women in today's society? Research some of the important events in the Suffrage Movement and create an informational suffrage-themed collage/poster/banner.

Elective Objectives:

- Interview a female, 65 or older, about their first voting experience. Has she been an active voter since then? Why or why not?
- Attend a local women's march in your area, or any local march/parade/event/museum exhibit related to women's civic engagement.
- Investigate the definition and meaning of civil disobedience. What were some instances of civil disobedience during the Women's Rights Movement? Discuss the concept of civil disobedience with another Girl Scout troop.
- Investigate when women were given the right to vote in Nevada or California (depending in which state you live). What obstacles did women continue to face after being given the right to vote? On a poster, make a timeline of the significant dates and share what you learned with friends and family.
- Discover where and how to register to vote, and the eligibility requirements to do so. Visit a voter registration office at any time and/or a polling place during an election.
- Compare our nation's political system and voting practices with those of another country. Are women in that country allowed to vote? When were women in that country given the right to vote? What is the voting age? What obstacles did women in that country have to overcome to obtain the right to vote? Are there still restrictions on voting for women in that country? Share this information with another Girl Scout troop.
- Investigate organizations that have been formed over the years to support woman voter registration. What are some of these organizations and how do these organizations support or promote civic engagement today?
- Plan a Right to Vote victory celebration and put on a presentation, a show-and-tell, or a play in honor of the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment. Share your celebration and presentation with another troop, parents, a senior center—the sky is the limit!

*Did you complete all the requirements to earn your Women's Suffrage Centennial Patch? If so, don't forget to fill out the **Women's Suffrage Centennial Patch Program Completion Form** located at <https://www.gssn.org/en/our-council/news-room.html>. This form tells us about all the awesome activities in which you participated and lets us know that you are ready to receive your patch(es)!*

Note: Beginning on October 1, 2020, there will be a \$5 per patch fee (includes shipping, taxes, and cost of the patch).

If you have questions about the Women's Suffrage Centennial Patch Program contact girlscoutshelp@gssn.org.