

Girl Scouts of the Sierra Nevada

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 the American democratic process.

Daisies-Complete the Required Objectives and one Elective

Brownies- Complete the Required Objectives and two Electives

Juniors- Complete the Required Objectives and three Electives

Cadettes- Complete the Required Objectives and four Electives

Seniors & Ambassadors- Complete the Required Objectives and five Electives

Required Objectives:

- 1) Complete the Citizen badge for your level:

Daisy: Good Neighbor

Brownie: Celebrating Community

Junior: Inside Government

Cadette: Finding Common Ground

Senior: Behind the Ballot

Ambassador: Public Policy

- 2) 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.

Electives:

- 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 Suffrage 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 which state you live in). 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, 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, and if so, when were women 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. How do these organizations support or promote civic engagement today?
- Plan a 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!