

Hispanic Heritage Patch

Girl Scouts of New Mexico Trails Patch Program

This patch program is designed to help Girl Scouts of all cultures develop an understanding and appreciation of the culture of Hispanic/Latin Americans through Discover, Connect and Take Action.

To earn your Hispanic Heritage Patch you must complete:

- **Daisies & Brownies:** Each activity with a * and one additional activity for each Discover, Connect, and Take action to total 6 activities.
- **Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, & Ambassadors:** Each activity with a *, each activity with a **, two additional activities for each Discover, Connect, and one or more Take Action to total 9 or more activities.



DISCOVER

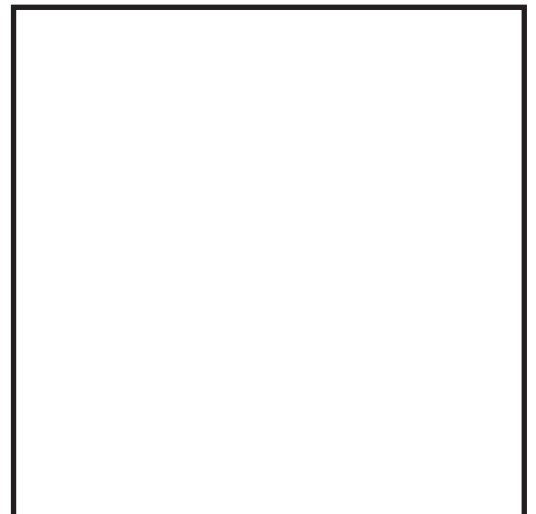
- * Find out how many Hispanics are currently living in your county. You can visit the Census Bureau website to find out information - census.gov.
- ** What is Camino Real? How was it important in American History?
- Identify and learn about five current Hispanic personalities, local or national, in different professional fields: sports, entertainment, politics, science, arts and literature.
- Research stories or poetry from Hispanic authors. Many are translated to English. Read it to your troop/family and talk about it. What does it mean?
- Hispanic Heritage Month begins on September 15, the anniversary of independence for five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico declared its independence on September 16 and Chile on September 18. Learn more about the independence story of one of these countries.
- Learn about a Hispanic trailblazer. Explore how they became a leader. What have they accomplished? Discuss with your friends, family, or troop any struggles or obstacles they encountered to make history and achieve their accomplishments.
- Discover a Hispanic artist. This can be a musician, writer, film director, producer, singer, or actor. There are many here in and/or from New Mexico!
- Discover the history of when the Spanish first came to New Mexico. How has Hispanic culture influenced how New Mexicans work, play, and live?
- Learn the currency names and exchange rates for four Latin countries. Use the exchange rate to calculate how much a box of Girl Scout Cookies and Girl Scout Annual Dues would cost in those countries.
- Learn what the term Hispanic means. Where did it originate? How does it differ from other terms? For example, can someone be Hispanic AND Latinx? Have you heard of Neomexicanos? Who are they and where can they be found?

CONNECT

- * Learn about the tradition and history of Girl Scouts/Girl Guides in Latin countries. Find out if their Girl Scouts/Girl Guides do anything different from Girl Scouts in the USA. Visit waggsworld.org.
- ** Make a traditional craft. Santos, retablos, hide paintings, straw applique, tinwork, ramilletes, pottery, basketry, ristras, for example.
- Visit the National Hispanic Cultural Center in Albuquerque for a tour, an art exhibition, a play, or a show.
- There are Hispanic grocery stores and restaurants in almost every county; ask an adult to visit one with you. Explore what the store serves or sells. Look around—how is it different or similar to the ones you currently visit?
- Attend a local Hispanic festival. Ex. Spanish Market, Los Golondrinas, Zozobra, Santa Fe or local Fiestas, Albuquerque Latino Film Festival, ¡GLOBALQUERQUE!, Nochebuena.
- Visit and support an authentic Hispanic restaurant.
- Visit local historic sites such as Los Golondrinas, Santa Fe Plaza, Coronado Historic Site, Fort Selden, Los Luceros Historic Site.
- Invite a person from a Hispanic country to visit your troop. Ask them to talk about their country, what it was like growing up there, when and why they came to the United States, and what their experience has been like becoming a part of the community here. What do they miss the most?
- Take a virtual tour of a National Museum in a Spanish country and share with your friends, family, or troop what your favorite part of the museum was.

TAKE ACTION

- Create a poster celebrating Hispanic Heritage. Use vibrant colors and things you've learned throughout this patch program.
- Read local Hispanic periodicals (newspapers/magazines/blogs) and learn about issues important to local Hispanic communities. Issues to consider include immigration, housing, transportation, education, employment, and language.
- Research organizations that serve Hispanics living in the US. What are the main issues they deal with. Learn how you can get involved.
- Dance it! Learn one of the many traditional dancing styles such as Flamenco, Merengue, Salsa, or Bachata. Where did the dance originate? What cultures influenced this dance? Look up videos on YouTube or ask someone you know to teach your troop the dance.
- Pen Pals: Become pen pals with a Girl Scout/Girl Guide who lives in a Hispanic country.
- Have a Fiesta! Make traditional Hispanic food, listen to Hispanic music, and do traditional dances. Invite your friends and family so they can celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with you.
- Volunteer at a local Hispanic event, organization, or museum.
- Design a Hispanic Heritage Fun Patch. What do you think best represents Hispanic Heritage based on what you have learned while earning this patch? Submit your drawing to customer-care@nmgirlscouts.org



Hispanic Heritage patches may be ordered at
www.bit.ly/GSNMTPatches

Draw your patch design here.