

Girl Scouts of New Mexico Trails Council Patch

Girl Scouts will develop an understanding and appreciation of the history of Girl Scouts of New Mexico Trails and learn about New Mexico culture through Discover, Connect and Take Action.

To earn your Girl Scouts of New Mexico Trails Council Patch you must complete:

- Daisies & Brownies: Each activity with a * and one additional activity for each Discover, Connect, and Take action to total 5 activities.
- **Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, & Ambassadors:** Each activity with a *, two additional activites for each Discover, Connect, and one or more Take Action to total 7 or more activities.



DISCOVER

- *Girl Scouts of New Mexico Trails was formed after the merging of two legacy councils. What were the names of the two legacy councils, and what year did this merger take place?
- *Learn about the two camps located in Girl Scouts of New Mexico Trails. What are they called? When did they open? How were they named? Where are they located?
- Using a map of the state of New Mexico, indicate what the Girl Scouts of New Mexico Trails boundary lines are and identify six prominent trails within its boundaries. What Council covers the rest of New Mexico?
- Most states have a state bird and/or flower. New Mexico does too, but we also have a state aircraft, cookie, gem, and tie. Look up all the "official" symbols of New Mexico.
- New Mexico's state capital of Santa Fe is in our council's jurisdiction, and it is unique because its capitol building is round. Why is it round? Are there other unique features about the building? Are there other unique features about other capitol buildings in other states?
- There are three Air Force bases in New Mexico. What are their names and what city/town are they
 located in? Is there a Girl Scout troop that is part of the military base? Find out from a council
 staff person if there is a troop and if you are not already part of that troop as a member, maybe
 become a pen pal with the troop.
- What colleges or universities are in New Mexico Trails' jurisdiction? Where are they located and how many students go to the school?
- Interview someone who has lived in New Mexico. Discover what their favorite things are about NM. Ask them what the state question is and what it means.

CONNECT

- Visit the Girl Scout Trail at Hyde State Park in Santa Fe. Learn about the history of the area by going into the information hut. If possible, arrange to do a Service Project.
- Learn about one of the many Native American tribes that call New Mexico home. Find a book, visit the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center in Albuquerque, or review a video about a tribe in New Mexico. Find at least two things that you learned and share it with your troop, family or friends. Take a look at the Native American Heritage Patch to learn more.
- Plan with your troop what it would take to visit one of the 35 state parks, 2 national parks, or 11 national monuments in New Mexico. What activities can be done there? Can this be a day trip or would it be an overnight trip? Is there a time of year that makes a trip to that location even more special? Vote with your troop and set a date!
- Visit a historical site in your area. Write a story, draw a picture, or make a display of what you saw.
- Visit the Girl Scout Bluebird Trail in Amole Canyon. Learn about the bluebirds in the canyon by visiting the plaque at the trail head. This trail was the result of a Girl Scout Silver Award project.

TAKE ACTION

- Attend an event or camp at Rancho del Chaparral in Jemez, NM or Camp Elliot Barker in Angel Fire,
 NM. Draw a poster or make a video about an activity you did or skill you learned. Share it with your troop, friends or family to inspire someone else to see one of our camps!
- Draw a picture of the New Mexico State Flag. Share with your troop, family or friends what the colors and the symbol stand for.
- Choose a local park, school playground, or church parking lot and do a clean-up project to help keep New Mexico beautiful.
- Tourism is a major industry in New Mexico, bringing millions of dollars to boost our economy.
 You have just been appointed the Director of Tourism for the community you live in (or are visiting) and your first assignment is to create a brochure for a well-known "hot spot" for tourists to visit. Include pictures and exciting descriptions. Share your brochure with GSNMT at bit.ly/GSNMTPhotos