



Council's Own Badge: **Newark**



Did you know that Newark is not only New Jersey's largest and oldest city, but it is the third-oldest city in the United States? Newark is a center for arts, culture, history, education, technology, business, and so much more! Come discover, connect, and take action in the historic and beautiful city of Newark, New Jersey.

Steps

1. Explore and Discover
2. Learn, Connect, and Have Fun
3. Create
4. Plan, Do, Share
5. Take Action

Purpose

When I've earned this badge, I'll know about Newark and will be able to share what I've learned with my home community.

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STEP

1 Explore and Discover

Experience some of Newark's coolest sites!

CHOICES – DO ONE:

- Attend a Newark arts or cultural event.** Arts and culture can be found throughout Newark all year long. Many of the events are free or low cost. Find and attend one of these events. An adult can help you find events by looking at the community arts calendars at [WBGO Jazz 88.3FM](#), [Newark City Hall](#), or the Greater Newark Convention and Visitors Bureau.

OR 

- Try a Portuguese and/or Spanish dessert or snack in the Ironbound district.** Newark is rich with restaurants offering food from various world cultures like Portugal, Africa, and Latin America, along with businesses specializing in gourmet food trends. Try a Portuguese or Spanish dessert or snack from an Ironbound restaurant and learn how to say the name of the item in Spanish or Portuguese.

OR 

- Visit Newark's oldest park, Branch Brook Park, or newest park, Riverfront Park.** Newark is primarily an urban community, but there are many green spaces both large and small throughout town. Learn one fact about the park you choose to visit that you can share with your family.

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STEP

2 *Learn, Connect and Have Fun*

Dig deeper into the history, people, and neighborhoods of Newark.

CHOICES – DO ONE:

- Interview a Newarker about what they do for fun in Newark.** Contact a Newark organization, the City Hall, or the Visitors and Convention Bureau and ask for help connecting with a Newark resident whom you can ask questions about life in Newark. You can also contact the Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey Council and ask to be connected to a Girl Scout troop from Newark. Once you connect with a Newarker, ask them your questions and share what you learn about Newark's history and life in Newark with your troop, family, or friends.

OR 

- Research and visit a Newark landmark that dates from before 1900.** Founded in 1666, Newark is the third oldest city in the US. Today, Newark has grown into New Jersey's largest city. There have been many significant historic events and contributors to the world who have lived or spent time in Newark. Learn more about Newark's past by identifying one landmark, historic event, or famous resident from 1666 to 1980. Then visit a Newark site relevant to what you learned. You may want to consider sites in Military Park, graves of famous Newarkers in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, or some of the beautiful churches around town.

OR 

- Attend a small tour to see what Newark is up to today.** A tour is a great way to learn about a part of Newark from an expert. Find, and then attend, a small tour in Newark. The New Jersey Historical Society and "Have You Met Newark" provide regular tours of historic homes and other sites, such as Military Park.

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STEP

3 Create

Use your creative side to learn or hone an artistic skill either through a Newark-based arts organization or on your own.

CHOICES – DO ONE:

- Draw a picture.** Draw a picture about Newark or your visit there. Display your picture along with a few sentences describing highlights of your visit or what you learned about the city.

OR

- Develop a new artistic skill.** Visit one of Newark's vibrant arts organizations such as GlassRoots, the Newark Museum, cWow, the Newark Print Shop, or NJPAC. Participate in a community arts program or visit an open studio session to work collaboratively on a project. Not sure where to go? Check out the [Newark Arts Council](#) at for some ideas.

OR

- Create a map.** Print or find a map of Newark you can use for an arts project. On the map, add five locations you learned about and/or visited. Maybe trace your travel routes from your trip. Use your photos, drawings, and/or brochures to mark the locations in your design.

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4 Plan, Do, Share

Learning about a new city is no fun unless you have a chance to share your experiences.

CHOICES – DO ONE:

- Tour Newark's public transit.** Newark is home to a major NJ Transit hub: Penn Station. Learn about the history of Penn Station, then visit three of the sites you learned about.

OR

- Design a puzzle.** With so much going on, Newark is a fun city to explore! At a popular site in Newark, create an "I Spy" hunt that future visitors can use to turn their next Newark trip into a game. Consider setting your game in an historical or current cultural site that makes Newark unique. Pick a site you discovered, such as NJPAC, the Prudential Center, Military Park, or the Newark Museum. Have your troop try out your hunt in order to determine if changes need to be made, then share it for other people to try.

OR

- Present a guide to a Newark neighborhood.** The large city of Newark is divided into multiple smaller neighborhoods. Each neighborhood has its own community of residents, flavors, and resources. Visit one of the unique neighborhoods in Newark. After your visit, make a basic profile of each interesting place you visited. The program should include a picture from your visit or drawing with 2-3 lines of information. Make sure your guide includes restaurants, art or cultural sites, historical sites, major businesses or stores, churches or religious centers, schools, important streets, or any other important features of the neighborhood. Put together the profiles to make a book and share.

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5 *Take Action*

Girl Scouts are great at giving back to their communities, and Newark is a great place to take action.

CHOICES – DO ONE:

- Help the environment.** Along with technology and the arts, Newark has focused on keeping the city beautiful and thriving for future generations. Contact an environmental organization such as the Greater Newark Conservancy or a group working to beautify Newark, and volunteer to help on a community project.

OR 

- Support those most in need.** Newark is home to over 250,000 residents. In addition, many homeless individuals (who are not included in formal counts) live in Newark. Contact one of the many organizations in Newark serving people in need, such as St. John's Soup Kitchen in downtown Newark, and find out what items the organization could use to help take care of their clients. Gather items and donate them to the organization. You can also choose to collect items for an animal shelter caring for Newark's furry citizens.

OR 

- Raise the spirits of the sick or elderly.** Give your time to brighten the lives of Newark's residents in a hospital or senior center. Contact one of the organizations in Newark serving sick or elderly clients (such as Casa Israel Medical Daycare in Newark's North Ward), and arrange a visit for your troop or a group of your friends. When you visit, bring the residents something you made as a gift.

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STEP

1 Explore and Discover

Experience some of Newark's coolest sites!

CHOICES – DO ONE:

- Attend a Newark arts or cultural event.** Arts and culture can be found throughout Newark all year long. Many of the events are free or low cost. Find and attend one of these events by looking at the community arts calendars at [WBGO Jazz 88.3FM](#), [Newark City Hall](#), or the Greater Newark [Convention and Visitors Bureau](#).

OR

- Eat Newark's Portuguese and/or Spanish food in the Ironbound district.** Newark is rich with restaurants offering food from various world cultures like Portugal, Africa, and Latin America, along with businesses specializing in gourmet food trends. Eat Portuguese or Spanish food at an Ironbound restaurant and learn one phrase in Portuguese or Spanish that you can practice with your server!

OR

- Visit Newark's oldest park, Branch Brook Park, or newest park, Riverfront Park, and complete a photo challenge.** Newark is primarily an urban community, but there are many green spaces large and small throughout town. Find out why both parks are famous! When you visit Branch Brook Park, take a picture of the cherry blossom grove, the country's largest collection of cherry blossom trees. Also, take a photo of the skating rink in Branch Brook Park, one of the last urban skating rinks left in the US. In Riverfront Park, walk along the orange walkway and read the signs along the way that tell you about the Passaic River. Take a group photo with the Newark skyline behind you.

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STEP

2 **Learn, Connect and Have Fun**

Dig deeper into the history, people, and neighborhoods of Newark.

CHOICES – DO ONE:

- Interview a Newarker about living in Newark.** There is no better way to learn about a place than to talk with the people who live there. Contact a Newark organization, the City Hall, or the Visitors and Convention Bureau, and ask for help connecting with a Newark resident whom you can interview about what living in Newark is like. You can also contact the Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey council and ask to be connected to a Girl Scout troop from Newark. Once you connect with a Newarker, ask them your questions and share what you learn about Newark's history and life in Newark with your troop, family, or friends.

OR

- Research and visit a Newark landmark that dates from before 1900.** Founded in 1666, Newark is the third oldest city in the US. Today, Newark has grown into New Jersey's largest city. There have been many significant historic events and contributors to the world who have lived or spent time in Newark. Learn more about Newark's past by finding a newspaper article or document created between 1666 and the late 1980s. Then visit a Newark site relevant to a location, event, or resident that you learned about.

OR

- Attend a large tour to see what Newark is up to today.** A tour is a great way to learn about a part of Newark from an expert. Find, then attend, a large tour in Newark (i.e. one of the city's many universities or a museum), which are provided regularly by the New Jersey Historical Society and "Have You Met Newark."

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STEP

3 Create

Use your creative side to learn or hone an artistic skill either through a Newark-based arts organization or on your own.

CHOICES – DO ONE:

- Write a poem.** Create a poem about Newark or your visit there. You can also start with a phrase and write an acrostic poem. Your poem should speak to the highlights of your visit, what you learned about the city, and can even include historical moments or famous Newarkers whose stories intrigue you.

OR

- Develop a new artistic skill.** Visit one of Newark's vibrant arts organizations such as GlassRoots, the Newark Museum, cWow, the Newark Print Shop, or NJPAC. Watch an artist demonstrate their process, then try a new technique or skill that you saw. Not sure where to go? Check out the [Newark Arts Council](#) for some ideas.

OR

- Create a map collage.** On a map of Newark, create a collage of what is important, interesting, and historically valuable. Incorporate photos, pieces of brochures, and pieces of Newark magazines.

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4 **Plan, Do, Share**

Learning about a new city is no fun unless you have a chance to share your experiences.

CHOICES – DO ONE:

- Tour Newark's public transit.** Newark is home to an active port, airport, and major NJ Transit hub. Select one transportation hub and make a guide featuring history and important facts for future visitors. Visit Newark to see the location for yourself.

OR 

- Design a Newark Puzzle.** With so much going on, Newark is a fun city to explore! On your trip to Newark, take photos of the historic places you visit. Print the photos and attach them to cardboard or card stock. Cut your photos into puzzle pieces, and add a fact on the back of each piece about the location the finished puzzle will reveal. Consider important historical or current cultural sites that make Newark unique such as NJPAC, the Prudential Center, Military Park, the Newark Museum, Newark's many monuments, or another site you discovered. Share the puzzles with a troop of younger girls or a Newark senior center.

OR 

- Present a guide to a Newark neighborhood.** The large city of Newark is divided into multiple smaller neighborhoods. Each neighborhood has its own community of residents, flavors, and resources. Visit one of these neighborhoods and make a profile of each noteworthy site. The profile should include a picture or drawing, and detailed information. Make sure your guide includes restaurants, art or cultural sites, historical sites, major businesses or stores, churches or religious centers, schools, important streets, or any other important features of the neighborhood. Put together the profiles to make a book and share.

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5 **Take Action**

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CHOICES – DO ONE:

- Help the environment.** Along with technology and the arts, Newark has focused on keeping the city beautiful and thriving for future generations. Contact an environmental organization such as the Greater Newark Conservancy or a group working to beautify Newark. Plan, then visit the organization to help them complete a service project in Newark.

OR

- Support those most in need.** Newark is home to over 250,000 residents. In addition, many homeless individuals (who are not included in formal counts) live in Newark. In your community, organize a drive to gather supplies that can be upcycled into donations, such as old clothes, single socks, etc. Look online for ideas on how to use the items collected. Gather with your troop and families to craft the items, then bring your projects to donate in Newark. You can also choose to make projects for animal shelters caring for Newark's furry citizens.

OR

- Raise the spirits of the sick or elderly.** Give your time to brighten the lives of one of Newark's residents in a hospital or senior center. Contact an organization in Newark serving sick or elderly clients (such as Casa Israel Medical Daycare in Newark's North Ward), and find out what activities the organization currently has planned. Then, volunteer to help with the activity.

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STEP

1 **Explore and Discover**

Experience some of Newark's coolest sites!

CHOICES – DO ONE:

- Attend a Newark arts or cultural event that you have not seen before.** Arts and culture can be found throughout Newark all year long. Many of the events are free or low cost. Look at the community arts calendars at [WBGO Jazz 88.3FM](#), [Newark City Hall](#), or the Greater Newark [Convention and Visitors Bureau](#) to find and attend an arts or cultural event you have not seen in person.

OR 

- Eat Newark's Portuguese and/or Spanish food in the Ironbound district and try something new.** Newark is rich with restaurants offering food from various world cultures like Portugal, Africa, and Latin America, along with businesses specializing in gourmet food trends. Eat Portuguese or Spanish food at an Ironbound restaurant and learn at least three phrases in Portuguese or Spanish that you can practice with your server! Make sure to try at least one food or drink you have never had before.

OR 

- Visit Newark's oldest park, Branch Brook Park, and newest park, Riverfront Park.** Newark is primarily an urban community but there are many green spaces both large and small throughout town. Find out why both parks are famous. While in Branch Brook Park, explore the cherry blossom grove, the country's largest collection of cherry blossom trees. In Riverfront Park, walk along the orange walkway and read the signs along the way that tell you about the Passaic River. Take a photo with the Newark skyline behind you. As you travel, discuss how the parks differ and how they are alike.

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STEP

2 **Learn, Connect and Have Fun**

Dig deeper into the history, people, and neighborhoods of Newark.

CHOICES – DO ONE:

- Interview a Newarker about life in Newark since the 1960's.** There is no better way to learn about a place than to talk with the people who live there. Newark has had a long yet, at times, challenging history, especially since the mid-1900's. Research the challenges Newark faced in the 1960's – 2000's and put together a list of questions you would like to ask someone who lived there during that time. Contact a Newark organization, the City Hall, or the Visitors and Convention Bureau, and ask for help connecting with a Newark resident whom you can interview about their experiences. You can also contact the Girl Scout Heart of New Jersey council and ask to be connected to a Girl Scout troop from Newark. Once you connect with a Newarker, ask them your questions and share what you learn about Newark's history and life in Newark with your troop, family, or friends.

OR //

- Research and visit a Newark landmark that dates from before 1900.** Founded in 1666, Newark is the third oldest city in the US. Today, Newark has grown into New Jersey's largest city. There have been many contributors to the world who have lived or spent time in Newark. Learn more about Newark's past by researching a resident who lived or worked in Newark between 1666 and the late 1980's. Identify one Newark landmark or historic event related to the historic figure, then visit it. You may want to consider graves of famous Newarkers in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, or subjects of memorials around town.

OR //

- Attend a walking or boat tour to see what a whole Newark neighborhood is up to today.** A tour is a great way to learn about a part of Newark from an expert. Find and attend a neighborhood tour in Newark. Tours are provided regularly by "Have You Met Newark." Want to see Newark by boat? Summer boat tours launch on weekends from Riverfront Park.

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3 Create

Use your creative side to learn or hone an artistic skill either through a Newark-based arts organization or on your own.

CHOICES – DO ONE:

- Write a story.** Create a story about a historic moment in Newark, famous Newarker, or place in Newark today. Display your writing along with a painting, drawing or photo. Your story should speak to the highlights of your visit, what you learned about the city, historical moments, famous Newarkers whose stories intrigued you, or something special about Newark today.

OR 

- Develop a new artistic skill.** Visit one of Newark's vibrant arts organizations such as GlassRoots, the Newark Museum, cWow, the Newark Print Shop, or NJPAC. Watch an artist demonstrate their process, then learn a new technique or skill and complete a project using what you were taught. Not sure where to go? Check out the [Newark Arts Council](#) for some ideas.

OR 

- Create a map.** Create a map from scratch of your visit to Newark. Include the places you visited and learned about. Your map can be made of photos, drawings, paintings, or be 3D.

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4 **Plan, Do, Share**

Learning about a new city is no fun unless you have a chance to share your experiences.

CHOICES – DO ONE:

- Create a public transit tour.** Harness the power of public transit and plan an hour tour of Newark sites using only one train line or light rail path. Visit Newark to test out your route.

OR 

- Design a scavenger hunt.** With so much going on, Newark is a fun city to explore! Plan a game future visitors can do to turn their next Newark trip into an adventure. Design a scavenger hunt using the signs found at Newark locations. Consider important historical or current cultural sites that make Newark unique such as NJPAC, the Prudential Center, Military Park, the Newark Museum, or other sites you discover. Then, visit Newark and test out your hunt. Determine if changes need to be made, then share it online for other people to try.

OR 

- Present a guide to a Newark neighborhood.** The large city of Newark is divided into multiple smaller neighborhoods. Each neighborhood has its own community of residents, flavors, and resources; visit one. Decide what you liked best about the neighborhood, it might be the restaurants, art or cultural sites, historical sites, major businesses or stores, churches or religious centers, schools, important streets, or another important feature of the neighborhood. Sticking with the theme you selects, make a profile of each site you visited. The profile should include a picture or drawing from your visit, and detailed information about the site. Put together the profiles to make a book and share.

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5 **Take Action**

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OR

- Support those most in need.** Newark is home to over 250,000 residents. In addition, many homeless individuals (who are not included in formal counts) live in Newark. Contact an organization in Newark serving people in need (such as St. John's Soup Kitchen), and find out what items the organization could use for their existing drives or projects. Lead efforts in your own community to organize a drive and gather requested supplies. Donate your collected items to the organization and spend time volunteering there. You can also choose to start a drive and volunteer with an animal shelter caring for Newark's furry citizens.

OR

- Raise the spirits of the sick or elderly.** Give your time to brighten the lives of Newark's residents in a hospital or senior center. Contact an organization serving sick or elderly clients (such as Casa Israel Medical Daycare in Newark's North Ward), and find out what projects the organization currently has planned and how you can help.

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STEP

1 **Explore and Discover**

Experience some of Newark's coolest sites!

CHOICES – DO ONE:

- Attend a Newark arts or cultural event and send a letter to the presenters.** Arts and culture can be found throughout Newark all year long. Many of the events are free or low cost. Find and attend one of these events by looking at the community arts calendars at [WBGO Jazz 88.3FM](#), [Newark City Hall](#), or the Greater Newark [Convention and Visitors Bureau](#). Before your visit, find information, videos, or photos about the performers or places you will be visiting. After your visit, talk with your family or other Girl Scouts about how the event compared to your expectations. Send a letter to the presenters letting them know what you liked about the event and suggestions for helping kids to enjoy similar events in the future.

OR 

- Eat Newark's Portuguese and/or Spanish food in the Ironbound district.** Newark is rich with restaurants offering food from various world cultures like Portugal, Africa, and Latin America, along with businesses specializing in gourmet food trends. Eat Portuguese or Spanish food at an Ironbound restaurant. Find an ingredient on the menu that is not typically a part of your diet and try it prepared in three different ways. Ask your server for suggestions!

OR 

- Visit Newark's oldest park, Branch Brook Park, and newest park, Riverfront Park.** Newark is primarily an urban community but there are many green spaces both large and small throughout town. Find out why both parks are famous. While in Branch Brook Park, explore the cherry blossom grove, the country's largest collection of cherry blossom trees. In Riverfront Park, walk along the orange walkway and read the signs along the way that tell you about the Passaic River. Take a photo with the Newark skyline behind you.

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2 Learn, Connect and Have Fun

Dig deeper into the history, people, and neighborhoods of Newark.

CHOICES – DO ONE:

- Interview a Newarker about life in Newark in the mid-1900's.** There is no better way to learn about a place than to talk with the people who live there. Newark has had a long yet, at times, challenging history, especially since the mid-1900's. Research Newark in the 1940's and 50's and put together a list of questions you would like to ask someone who lived there during that time. Contact a Newark organization, the City Hall, or the Visitors and Convention Bureau, and then ask for help connecting with a Newark resident whom you can interview about their experiences. You can also contact the Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey Council and ask to be connected to a Girl Scout troop from Newark. Once you connect with a Newarker, ask them your questions and share what you learn about Newark's history and life in Newark with your troop, family, or friends.

OR

- Research and visit a Newark landmark that dates from before 1900.** Founded in 1666, Newark is the third oldest city in the US. Today, Newark has grown into New Jersey's largest city. There have been many significant historic events and contributors to the world who have lived or spent time in Newark. Learn more about Newark's past by researching its history over the course of any decade between 1666 and the late 1980's, and make a timeline. Visit a Newark landmark, and research a historic event and famous resident from that time period; add photos and news clippings to your timeline.

OR

- Attend a walking or boat tour to see what a whole Newark neighborhood is up to today, then select one small location to explore more deeply.** A tour is a great way to learn about a part of Newark from an expert. Find and attend a neighborhood tour in Newark. Tours are provided regularly by "Have You Met Newark." Want to see Newark by boat? Summer boat tours launch on weekends from Riverfront Park. Find one small location on your tour to visit and explore more deeply.

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STEP

3 Create

Use your creative side to learn or hone an artistic skill either through a Newark-based arts organization or on your own.

CHOICES – DO ONE:

- Write a story as a famous Newarker.** Imagine you are one of the famous Newarkers who you learned about. Create a story from the perspective of that person and tell us more about his/her life or what made him/her famous. Display your writing with a corresponding painting, drawing or photo.

OR 

- Develop a new artistic skill.** Visit one of Newark's vibrant arts organizations such as GlassRoots, the Newark Museum, cWow, the Newark Print Shop, or NJPAC. Watch an artist demonstrate their process, learn a new technique or skill and complete a project or performance using what you were taught. Not sure where to go? Check out the [Newark Arts Council](#) for some ideas.

OR

- Create a large map of downtown.** Visit Newark's downtown and explore what makes this area of Newark special. Redesign a large map of downtown Newark highlighting important, interesting, or historic locations. Incorporate collage, photos, painting, mixed media, souvenirs you picked up, and/or pop-up elements into the design.

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STEP

4 Plan, Do, Share

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CHOICES – DO ONE:

- Create a public transit tour.** Using two forms of public transportation, harness the power of public transit to plan a two-hour tour of sites around Newark. Visit Newark and test out your route. Determine if changes need to be made to your plan, and then share it online for other people to try.
OR 
- Design a scavenger hunt.** With so much going on, Newark is a fun city to explore! Plan a game future visitors can do to turn their next Newark trip into an adventure. Design a scavenger hunt around one of Newark's many locations. Consider important historical or current cultural sites that make Newark unique such as NJPAC, the Prudential Center, Military Park, the Newark Museum, New Jersey Historical Society, or other sites you discover. Then, visit Newark and test out your hunt. Determine if changes need to be made, then share it online for other people to try.
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- Present a guide to a Newark neighborhood.** The large city of Newark is divided into multiple smaller neighborhoods. Each neighborhood has its own community of residents, flavors, and resources; visit one. Decide what you liked best about the neighborhood (the restaurants, art or cultural sites, historical sites, major businesses or stores, churches or religious centers, schools, important streets, or some other important feature of the neighborhood). Sticking with the theme you select, make a profile of each site you visited. The profile should include a picture or drawing from your visit, and detailed information about the site. Put together the profiles to make a book and share in a presentation as if you are the tour guide.

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OR 

- Support those most in need.** Newark is home to over 250,000 residents. In addition, many homeless individuals (who are not included in formal counts) live in Newark. Contact an organization in Newark serving people in need (such as St. John's Soup Kitchen), and find out what items the organization could use to help take care of their clients. Organize a drive in your own community to gather some of these supplies. Donate your collected items to the organization and spend time volunteering there. You can also choose to start a drive and volunteer with an animal shelter caring for Newark's furry citizens.

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STEP

2 Learn, Connect and Have Fun

Dig deeper into the history, people, and neighborhoods of Newark.

CHOICES – DO ONE:

- Interview a Newarker about life before and after the 1960's.** There is no better way to learn about a place than to talk with the people who live there. Newark has had a long yet, at times, challenging history, especially since the mid-1900's. Research challenges Newark faced in the 1960's – 2000's and put together a list of questions you would like to ask someone who lived there before and during that time. Contact a Newark organization, the City Hall, or the Visitors and Convention Bureau, and ask for help connecting with a Newark resident whom you can interview about their experiences. You can also contact the Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey Council and ask to be connected to a Girl Scout troop from Newark. Once you connect with a Newarker, ask them your questions and share what you learn about Newark's history and life in Newark with your troop, family, or friends.

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OR 

- Attend a walking or boat tour to see what a whole Newark neighborhood is up to today, then select one large location to explore more deeply.** A tour is a great way to learn about a part of Newark from an expert. Find and attend a neighborhood tour in Newark. Tours are provided regularly by "Have You Met Newark." Want to see Newark by boat? Summer boat tours launch on weekends from Riverfront Park. Find one large location on your tour, like a museum or college, to visit and explore more deeply.

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STEP

3 Create

Use your creative side to learn or hone an artistic skill either through a Newark-based arts organization or on your own.

CHOICES – DO ONE:

- Compile a book about famous Newarkers and share with the community.** Imagine you are various famous Newarkers. Create a story from the perspectives of each person to tell us more about their lives or what made them famous. Display your writing with a corresponding painting, drawing or photo. Compile all your stories into a book and share with a younger troop, Newark senior center, or the Newark Historical Society.

OR

- Develop a new artistic skill.** Visit one of Newark's vibrant arts organizations such as GlassRoots, the Newark Museum, cWow, the Newark Print Shop, or NJPAC. Working with the organization, plan and lead a community arts project. Not sure where to go? Check out the [Newark Arts Council](#) for some ideas.

OR

- Create a large map of a Newark neighborhood.** Visit a Newark neighborhood other than downtown, and explore what makes this area of Newark special. Then design a large map of the neighborhood highlighting important, interesting, or historic locations. Incorporate collage, photos, painting, mixed media, souvenirs you picked up, and/or pop-up elements into the design. Share your design with a community organization in the neighborhood.

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4 Plan, Do, Share

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CHOICES – DO ONE:

- Create a public transit tour.** Harness the power of public transit and plan a tour of sites around Newark. You can use as many forms of public transportation as you need, but try to limit the tour to three hours. Visit Newark to test out your route. Determine if changes need to be made to your plan, and then share it online for others to try.

OR

- Design a scavenger hunt.** With so much going on, Newark is a fun city to explore! Plan a scavenger hunt future visitors can do to turn their next Newark trip into a game. Include at least four important historical or current cultural sites that make Newark unique, such as NJPAC, the Prudential Center, Military Park, the Newark Museum, or other sites you discover. Have the answers to each location reveal a word that will complete a fact about Newark. Then, visit Newark and test out your hunt. Determine if changes need to be made to your hunt, and then share it online for others to try.

OR

- Present a guide to a Newark neighborhood.** The large city of Newark is divided into multiple smaller neighborhoods. Each has its own community of residents, flavors, and resources; visit one. Make profiles of important aspects of that neighborhood, separated by theme, such as restaurants, art or cultural sites, historical sites, major businesses or stores, churches or religious centers, schools, important streets, or any other important features of the neighborhood. Each profile should include a picture from your visit or drawing, and detailed information about the site. Put together the profiles to make a book organized by theme and share in a presentation as if you are the tour guide.

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5 Take Action

Girl Scouts are great at giving back to their communities, and Newark is a great place to take action.

CHOICES – DO ONE:

- Help the environment.** Along with technology and the arts, Newark has focused on keeping the city beautiful and thriving for future generations. Contact one of the environmental organizations such as the Greater Newark Conservancy or a group working to beautify Newark. Plan a service project for the community in Newark to be involved in, then visit the organization to help lead and complete the service project.

OR

- Support those most in need.** Newark is home to over 250,000 residents. In addition, many homeless individuals (who are not included in formal counts) live in Newark. Contact an organization in Newark serving people in need (such as St. John's Soup Kitchen), and find out what projects the organization could use your help to complete. Plan out the project and organize a drive in your own community to gather the supplies you need to complete the project. Donate your collected items to the organization and spend time volunteering there to carry out your plan. You can also choose to volunteer with an animal shelter caring for Newark's furry citizens.

OR

- Raise the spirits of the sick or elderly.** Give your time to brighten the lives of Newark's residents in a hospital or senior center. Contact an organization serving sick or elderly clients (such as Casa Israel Medical Daycare in Newark's North Ward), and find out what the organization needs and how you can help. Create a plan to fill the need, gather supplies through donations from your community, then volunteer at the organization and complete the plan.