



Diversity Equity Inclusion

Patch Program

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Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey

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At Girl Scouts we build girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place. We are committed to empowering girls to speak out and stand up against racial injustice and all other forms of discrimination. Using the tools of education and empathy, we aim to unite girls across the country to find shared experiences and celebrate different backgrounds. Through these actions, we can all aspire to *Be a Better Sister!*

Level Requirements

Discover: D/B: Complete at least one activity. J/C/S/A: Complete both activities

Connect: D/B: Complete at least one activity. J/C/S/A: Complete both activities

Take Action: All levels must complete both activities

Important Terms

Diversity: showing a great deal of variety, very different

Activist: a person who campaigns to bring about political or social change

Community Organizer: a person whose job is to coordinate cooperative efforts and campaigning carried out by local residents to promote the interests of their community

Discover

Virtual City Tour

Do you know how special your city or town is? Does your city have any special history or is it the birthplace of any famous activists? Has anything important regarding diversity ever happened in your city? Now is the time to do research on all of this. With the help of an adult do research on your city or town regarding historical events and more specifically historical events centered around diversity.



While completing your research take notes on where these historical events happened. Once your research is complete and you have some locations of importance it is time to take a virtual city tour. These historical landmarks may offer their own virtual tour online, but if they do not other websites, such as [Google Maps](#), can be used to help with virtual tours. While observing these landmarks online, pay attention to where these landmarks are in comparison to the city as a whole. What are the demographics of the city currently? Compare the demographics of your city to the national average, how does it compare?

Women Activists in History

Now that you have done research on your city/town and historical events that have taken place there, it is time to investigate people in your area that helped make change happen. More specifically, we are going to research women that helped shape the history of discrimination in some way. These women can include activists, community organizers, local government officials, and so much more! With an adults help, use the internet to research women leaders that have made an impact in your local community specifically based around diversity. Once you have found an important female leader from your area answer the following questions:

1. What was her title?
2. What year(s) did she make an impact?
3. What was her goal?
4. Who did she aim to help?
5. Was she completely successful?

Connect

Information for both connect pieces are going to be collected through this [form](#).

Through Their Eyes

Have you ever personally witnessed or been a victim of discrimination? Now is the time to share your story.

Share a story, letter, poem, or video about discrimination that you have either personally witnessed or fallen victim to.

Even if you may not think you have witnessed discrimination, think about if you have you ever witnessed bullying? Bullying can often be tied back to discrimination without knowing.



Coast to Coast Pen Pals

Connect with other Girl Scouts by writing them a letter! Use these questions for some ideas about what to include in your letter.

Staff will connect you to a Girl Scout in a different area for you to mail your letter.

- Some topics you can include in your letter:
 - o Introduce yourself
 - o Where you are from/where have you lived
 - o What Be a Better Sister means to you
 - o Favorite quote about __ (Equality? Civic engagement? Justice?)
 - o Questions or something you want to know about your sister Girl Scout

Take Action

You have had a chance to discover and connect but it is now time to take action!

Sign the GSUSA Pledge

Visit [The Girl Scout Advocacy Center](#) and read the statement from Sylvia Acevedo. Once you have read Sylvia's statement, sign the [GSUSA pledge](#). If you are under 13 years old, have a parent or caretaker assist.

Take the GSCCC Pledge

What does be a better sister mean to you? Now is your chance to share!

Fill out the included Girl Scouts of California's Central Coast pledge with what is means to you to be a better sister and make sure to sign it with your best signature! Submit a photo of yourself holding the filled-out template [here](#).

