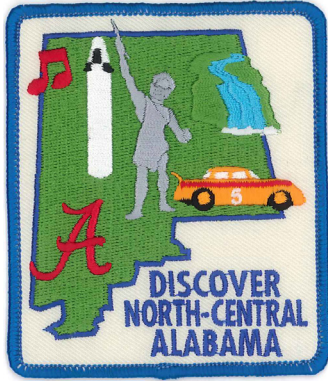


Discover North-Central Alabama



Objectives:

This patch was created to show members of Girl Scouts of North-Central Alabama all of the many different educational, cultural, service-oriented and fun opportunities available to explore in the 36-county Council area. This is a Girl Scout Silver Award project activity.

Grade Level Requirements:

To earn this patch, everyone must complete requirements 1, 2 and 3. These requirements can be done as a troop or individually. Each grade level must also complete the minimum number of activities listed below:

Grade Level	Additional # of Requirements
Daisy	5
Brownie	7
Junior	8
Cadette	9
Senior/Ambassador	10

Note: This is a GSNCA council patch and should be worn on the back of the uniform.

Requirements:

1. Visit at least two state parks in North-Central Alabama. One can be close to your home and the other one has to be at least two counties away.
2. Research and visit an industry in your community. Find out when the company was started, who founded it, what products are made and how are they used, what is used to make them, where the products are sold, how many people are employed there and what this industry contributes to your community.
3. **FOR DAISIES & BROWNIES ONLY:** Find your hometown on a map of Alabama and put a star by it. Find the Girl Scout camp closest to your hometown and circle it. Which of the Girl Scout camps is the farthest from your home? Draw a box around it. Practice writing the names of these two camps.
4. Commit to service hours for an organization that benefits your community, such as a homeless shelter, zoo or botanical garden, animal shelter; or participate in a health fair or a walk for cancer, diabetes, heart health, etc. What did you learn? Why is it important to help others? Can one person make a difference?
5. Visit a Girl Scout camp that you have never been to before. For Daisies and Brownies, you must take a hike and have a picnic. For Juniors and older, you must spend the night there and hike two trails. Interview the camp ranger or director to find out what is special about their camp.
6. Visit at least two historical sites or museums in another part of the state where you have never been. For Juniors and older, write a report or share with your troop what you have learned and what you liked best. Some interesting places to visit are: Ivy Green, Southern Museum of Flight, Alabama Music Hall of Fame, Alabama Constitution Village, Noccalula Falls and Talladega Speedway.
7. Festivals are held all over North-Central Alabama. Visit one and draw or paint a promotional poster for it. Some festivals that you might want to visit are: City Stages in Birmingham, Kentuck Festival of the Arts in Tuscaloosa (Northport), the annual Helen Keller Festival in Tusculmbia, Art on the Lake in Guntersville, Moundville Native American Festival in Moundville, Oktoberfest in Cullman, Riverfest on the Coosa in Gadsden, Panoply Arts Festival in Huntsville.
8. Research two colleges in North-Central Alabama that you might want to attend to see if they have courses in the area of your career choice. Find out the qualifications for acceptance. Ask whether earning the Bronze, Silver or Gold Award might increase your chances of being accepted.
9. Attend a GSNCA Pathway trip in Alabama.
10. Research when Alabama became a state.
11. Answer the following questions:
 - What is the Alabama state tree?
 - What is the Alabama state flower?
 - What is the Alabama state nickname?
12. Visit and/or learn about a site that explores Alabama's Native American heritage, i.e. Moundville Archaeological Park or Barrett on the Mountain.
13. Discover which GSNCA city served as the temporary state capitol from 1819–1820.
14. Alabama is ranked second nationally in catfish farms. Visit a local catfish farm or take a fishing trip.