



Girl Scouts of West Central Florida **iVIVA Girl Scouts! Patch Program**

Outcomes:

- Girls Discover - develop awareness and appreciation of the Hispanic culture
- Girls Connect and Take Action - advance diversity and inspire others to do the same.

Hispanics are the fastest growing segment of the U.S. population and more than a third of those who live in the US are under the age of 18. Girl Scouts would like to uphold its mission to serve all girls and their families by developing awareness and appreciation of diversity.

Requirements

- ❖ Girl Scouts Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors choose and complete at least 8 activities.
 - ❖ Girl Scouts Juniors choose and complete at least 6 activities.
 - ❖ Girl Scouts Brownies choose and complete at least 4 activities.
 - ❖ Girl Scouts Daisies choose and complete at least 2 activities.
1. Learn at least 5 words or phrases in Spanish. Compare them to English, are they similar, different?
 2. Invite a Hispanic guest speaker to talk to your troop, church, or school – ask him/her to share their experience when moving into the US, if he/she was born here ask to share childhood experiences, were they different, similar to your experience?
 3. Find out how many Hispanics are currently living in your county. You can visit the Census Bureau website to find out information <http://www.census.gov>
 4. Identify and learn about five current Hispanic personalities in different professional fields: sports, entertainment, politics, science, arts and literary.
 5. There are Hispanic groceries stores and restaurants in almost every county, ask an adult to visit one with you. Explore what they serve or sell. Look around, how is different, how is similar to the ones you currently visit?
 6. Research on the internet or at your local library for story or poetry books (translated to English) with popular tales or poetry from Latin America. Read it to your troop/group, talk about it, what it means?
 7. 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 about the independence story of one of those countries.
 8. Visit the website for World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts www.wagggg.org find out which Spanish speaking countries are members and when they had their first Girl Scouts/Guides troop.

9. Learn about the Hispanic influence in Florida. Find out the names of explorers that visited this part of the U.S., where were they from? Where did they get established?
10. Learn about a problem or issue affecting the Hispanic community right now, you can find information through newspapers, television, and radio. What can you do about it? Who you can talk or write about your views/opinion on that issue? Plan a presentation to increase community awareness on the subject.

"¡VIVA Girl Scouts!" participation patch is free. Please complete the information below and bring this form to the Girl Scout Resource Center. To receive the patch or patches by mail, include a check for \$3.00 to cover shipping and handling. Please make check payable to Girl Scouts of West Central Florida.

Name: _____ Service Unit _____

Address: _____ Troop # _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip Code: _____

Please circle the Age Level: D B J C S A Number of patches needed: _____