



Hispanic Heritage Patch Program

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Thank you to BB&T for sponsoring the Hispanic Heritage Patch Program.

Hispanics are the fastest growing segment of the U.S. population. Discover how many Hispanics are living in your county; learn about the Hispanic influence in Tampa and develop awareness and appreciation of diversity.

Requirements

- ❖ Girl Scout Daisies choose and complete at least two activities.
 - ❖ Girl Scout Brownies choose and complete at least four activities.
 - ❖ Girl Scout Juniors choose and complete at least six activities.
 - ❖ Girl Scout Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors choose and complete at least eight activities.
1. Learn at least five 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 his/her experience when moving to the U.S. If he/she was born here, ask him/her to share childhood experiences – were they different or 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 local or national in different professional fields: sports, entertainment, politics, science, arts and literature.
 5. There are Hispanic grocery stores and restaurants in almost every county; ask an adult to visit one with you. Explore what the store serves or sells. Look around – how is it different or similar to the ones you currently visit?
 6. Research on the Internet or at your local library for story or poetry books (translated in English) with popular tales or poetry from Latin America. Read it to your troop/group and talk about it – what does it mean?
 7. Hispanic Heritage Month begins on Sept. 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 Sept. 16 and Chile on Sept. 18. Learn about the independence story of one of these 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 established their first Girl Scouts/Guides Guides troop.
 9. Learn about the Hispanic influence in Tampa. Find out the names of explorers that visited this part of the U.S. and where they were from. Where did they settle?
 10. Learn about the different events to celebrate the Hispanic Heritage in Tampa each year. Choose one event and share the information with your troop or school during Hispanic Heritage Month.

Resources:

Tampa Hispanic Heritage Inc. <http://www.tampahispanic.org>
National Hispanic Heritage Month <http://www.hispanicheritagemonth.gov/>
Smithsonian Education – Hispanic Heritage
http://www.smithsonianeducation.org/educators/resource_library/hispanic_resources.html