

Pattie's Blog

Sept./Oct. Blog 2021: Hispanic Heritage Month



Happy Hispanic Heritage Month!

Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated from September 15 through October 15 each year. The celebration begins in the middle of the month because it coincides with the anniversary of independence for Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua, followed by Mexico on September 16, Chile on September 18 and Belize on September 21. Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates the histories, cultures, and many contributions of U.S. Latinos who are of Spanish, Mexican, Caribbean, and Central American or South American origins.

Hispanic or not, it's a great time to educate ourselves about the cultures and learn more about Hispanic friends, colleagues, and communities; explore the many cuisines and listen to an abundance of great music.

The “¡Yo soy una Girl Scout!” Fun Patch is designed to provide Girl Scouts and volunteers of all backgrounds the opportunity to learn more about the cultures of the 21 Spanish-speaking countries and territories honored during Hispanic Heritage Month. Activities delve into art (learn a Hispanic or Latin dance and teach it to a friend), community traditions (think food and folklore) or dive deeper to learn the difference between Hispanic and Latina/o, for example or learn all you can about Our Cabaña in Mexico, one of 5 Girl Scout World Centers. The Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) has a great [documentary series](#) on Latino America or check out the podcast “[Latino USA](#)”.

In the words of Girl Scout alum, and the first U.S. Supreme Court Justice of Hispanic heritage, Sonia Sotomayor, “It is important for all of us to appreciate where we come from and how that history has really shaped us in ways that we might not understand.”

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