



Multicultural Awareness Patch Program

Purpose for Multicultural Patch Program

For girls to learn and understand about various cultures they are not familiar with while debunking stereotypes and celebrating the uniqueness of each one. Culture is the word we use to identify the behaviors and traditions certain groups of people share like recipes, traditions, language, music, clothing, and art. When we do not share somebody's culture, it seems strange to us, but it is important to remember we share a lot more in common than we have in than what we are different.

DISCOVER (DBJ-minimum of two activities, CSA-minimum of two activities)

- Learn the difference between race, ethnicity, and culture. Define both and identify one of each.
- Learn about the different ethnic groups in your community. Identify one ethnic community in your neighborhood, school, etc.
- Discover the culture wheel (resource page). Identify one component on the culture wheel and share how it relates to your culture.
- Decide on one specific culture to explore and identify key words used in the culture. You may want to align with an upcoming holiday, month, or day of remembrance! (resource page)
- Locate a country or region on a map. Identify the type of clothing that someone in that culture would wear in their climate
- Find a recipe of a popular food from a different culture. Share with family and friends.

CONNECT (DBJ-minimum of one activity, CSA-minimum of two activities)

- Make a [multicultural community tapestry](#).
- Read the book, "Throw your Tooth on the Roof" by Selby B. Beeler, and share one of your traditions from your culture
- Attend a multicultural museum, international festival, market, or celebration from the culture you are researching
- Host activity/craft station (e.g. Chinese or Japanese fans, Mexican weaving, Aboriginal dot art, henna hands)
- Create a scavenger hunt by giving participants questions that they need to answer about various cultures
- Learn a unique song/dance from around the world (Ex.- [American Indian Music](#))
- Exhibit student and family artwork that celebrates cultures across the globe (Visit [GS at Home](#) for virtual program on "Around the World")
- Decorate with maps and visual symbols from family history or different cultures (similar to what we did during the summer)

TAKE ACTION (DBJ and CSA-choose a minimum of one activity)

- Ask girls to come dressed in a cultural heritage costume (i.e. girls can get creative and design their own)

- Ask volunteers to share traditional legends, explain about history and culture or read a famous story
- Encourage storytellers to dress up as famous heroes or heroines and read a book from their culture
- Ask a volunteer (girl scout, troop leader, community) to have a multilingual story-time (girl reads in native language/some translates in English)
- Invite students, parents, grandparents and others to share memories from their own experiences (family engagement)
- Facilitate a book swap area for families to donate a book about their culture and gain a book about another culture
- Host a dance or music performance (ask students or community artists/dancers)

This patch program available to all girls including registered Girl Scouts of West Central Florida in all grade levels.

Patches are available for purchase through the Girl Scouts of West Central Florida Girl Scout store for \$2.75 each. Tampa Store: 813-262-1793.

Shop 24/7 Online <http://www.girlscoutshop.com/WEST-CENTRAL-FLORIDA-COUNCIL>

RESOURCES FOR LEADERS

- [Multicultural Patch Program FAQs](#)
- [Multicultural Monthly Celebrations](#)
- [The Culture Wheel](#)
- <https://www.diversitybestpractices.com/diversity-holidays>
- <https://www.amazon.com/Throw-Your-Tooth-Roof-Traditions/dp/0618152385>
- <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/manitoba/what-s-in-a-name-indian-native-aboriginal-or-indigenous-1.2784518>
- <https://www.britannica.com/topic/Tribal-Nomenclature-American-Indian-Native-American-and-First-Nation-1386025>
- <https://www.usf.edu/student-affairs/multicultural-affairs/organizations/arab-middle-eastern-orgs.aspx>
- [American Indian Music](#)