



**Girl Scouts of Eastern Oklahoma
Our Council's Own Badge Award
DISCOVER OKLAHOMA**

Developed by Girl Scout Troop #181 for their Silver Award, this patch expands the knowledge of the history, culture and geography of our state.

Girls are to complete 7 activities: 2 Skill Builders, 1 Technology, 1 Service Project, 1 Career Exploration and 2 others.



SKILL BUILDERS

1. List the Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma. Locate on a map the present day capitals of each of these tribes. Pick one tribe and find out where the tribe was from and what area of the state they settled in.
2. Research the following: When did Oklahoma become a state? What does the word Oklahoma mean? The word "Oklahoma" comes from which tribal language?
3. Which two cities in Oklahoma have been state capitols? Find out why the capitol was moved.
4. Oklahoma was once mainly an Indian Territory. Find out when the territory was opened to everyone. When did this event occur? What was it known as?
5. Oklahoma was also known as a haven for criminals prior to statehood. Name a famous location in southeastern Oklahoma that was used as a hideout for outlaws. Find out about three notorious outlaws and write a brief story on one of these people.
6. Identify the following: Oklahoma's state bird, state wildflower, state tree and state symbol. Also find out what the design on our state flag represents.
7. Oklahoma is also rich in cowboy history. Visit two sites (such as a museum, old west preservation site or theater production) to learn about cowboy life.
8. The Trail of Tears was the forced removal of the Cherokee Nation from their homeland to Oklahoma. Visit Tahlequah and Cherokee Heritage Center.
9. On what side did most Native Americans fight during the Civil War? Discover why.
10. Visit your town's Historical Society Museum and find out about the history of your town.
11. Visit two locations where Native American artifacts are displayed.

TECHNOLOGY

1. Using the internet see what type of Native American Art is on display at the Smithsonian.
2. Oklahoma has the largest population of Native Americans of any state. Using the internet find out the overall population of Oklahoma and what percent are Native Americans.
3. Find out how technology has changed mining processes for natural resources over the years.
4. Oklahoma is known as Tornado Alley. Visit one of the TV stations and talk to a weatherman about the equipment they use to predict tornadoes.

SERVICE PROJECTS

1. Find several examples of Native American games and teach one to a group of younger Girl Scouts.
2. Collect all the data you have gathered about this badge and make it available to others in your community by placing it in schools, libraries or the Girl Scout Service Center.
3. Take a younger group of children to the history section of a library and help them to explore the history and cultural resources of Oklahoma.
4. Make up a board game about Oklahoma and teach it to Brownie Girl Scouts.

CAREER EXPLORATION

1. Oklahoma is rich in mineral resources such as petroleum and natural gas. In the 1920's the state's main economic activity was changed from agriculture to mining. Research the type of career opportunities in both industries.
2. Learn the names of five famous people who helped shape Oklahoma in to the state that it is today. Find out about their educational backgrounds and careers.
3. Research two of the following crafts: Beading, pottery making, weaving, basket making. Locate someone who is skilled in one of these crafts. Find out from them what they have learned about selling their craft and what advice they can offer to someone else who wants to sell crafts.
4. Visit a working ranch and find out the skills required for this occupation.