

History Museum Explorers Patch

The History Museum Explorers Patch is a progressive patch. All Girl Scouts must first complete the questions using critical thinking to discover what a museum is and connect with their communities as they learn the history of the local museums in our council jurisdiction. Girl Scouts should complete the starred question and 4 others of their choice. Once that portion of the patch is completed the base and top star of the flag pole may be purchased at any GSNETX shop. Then Girl Scouts may choose which of the 7 participating museums they would like to visit to earn the corresponding flag pennant and flag pole to build the progressive patch. Girl Scouts may earn only one or up to seven of the flag pennants and poles.



★ 1. What is a museum?

American Association of Museums <http://www.aam-us.org/aboutmuseums/>

2. Why might you choose to go to a museum? What will you discover when you get there?

3. Museums have many different kinds of jobs, including curators, docents, archivists, registrars, preparators, conservators, educators, interpreters, and historians? Explore 3 of these museum jobs that are new to you and learn more about them.

4. What is proper museum etiquette?

Bella Online <http://www.bellaonline.com/articles/art59100.asp>

Greenberg, David T. *Don't Forget Your Etiquette! The Essential Guide to Misbehavior*

New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2006.

Midwest Museum of Natural History www.mmnh.org/etiquette.html

5. How do museums tell stories?

6. Research the history of a Dallas museum. Why is this museum located in Dallas (instead of another city)? Would this museum "fit" in another city or state? Why or why not?

African American Museum Dallas www.aamdallas.org

Dallas Heritage Village at Old City Park www.dallasheritagevillage.org

The Dallas Historical Society www.dallashistory.org

Dallas Holocaust Museum/Center for Education and Tolerance www.dallasholocaustmuseum.org

Frontiers of Flight Museum www.flightmuseum.com

The Old Red Museum of Dallas County History & Culture www.oldred.org

The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza www.ifk.org

7. Many museums are associated with a historic landmark. A historic landmark is a building or site that is officially recognized and protected for its historical significance. Research a Dallas museum that is associated with a historic landmark. Why is that Dallas building or site worth protecting?

8. Did you know that if you cannot visit a museum, you can visit online by taking a virtual tour or exploring an online exhibit? Connect with a museum by taking a virtual tour of a museum or explore an online exhibit. Some examples:

Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art www.picturebookart.org/Visit/Virtual_Tour

CIA Museum <https://www.cia.gov/about-cia/cia-museum/cia-museum-tour/index.html>

Dallas Historical Society http://www.hallofstate.com/tour/tour_map.htm

Lower Eastside Tenement Museum www.tenement.org/Virtual_Tour/index_virtual.html

Smithsonian Museum of American History

<http://americanhistory.si.edu/exhibitions/category.cfm?category=online>

Brief descriptions of each of the 7 museums are listed below to help girls decide which museums they would like to discover.

The African American Museum www.aamdallas.org

The African American Museum is an institution dedicated to the research, identification, selection, acquisition, presentation and preservation of visual art forms and historical documents that relate to the African American community.

Dallas Heritage Village www.DallasHeritageVillage.org

How did people survive without electricity and grocery stores? Did Dallas always have freeways, skyscrapers and big suburbs? Travel back in time and find out how farmsteads and dirt trails became the bustling city we know today. Girl Scouts can chat with historic characters, feed farm animals, stroll along historic Main Street and so much more with our exciting, hands-on self-guided tours. Pick up an activity pack at the Ticket Office and your Girl Scout Troop is on its way to making history!

The Dallas Historical Society www.dallashistory.org

The purpose of The Dallas Historical Society (DHS) is to institute and encourage historical inquiry; to collect, preserve, and exhibit the material of history; and to spread historical information, especially concerning the city of Dallas, the county of Dallas, and of Texas. DHS is committed to collecting and preserving the materials of history, and is dedicated to exploring and implementing new ways of teaching history to local students and adults.

The Dallas Holocaust Museum/Center for Education and Tolerance www.dallasholocaustmuseum.org

The Dallas Holocaust Museum/Center for Education and Tolerance is dedicated to preserving the memory of the Holocaust and to teaching the moral and ethical response to prejudice, hatred, and indifference for the benefit of all humanity. Touring the exhibit and listening to Survivor testimonies can help Girl Scouts to develop the qualities of leadership, strong values, and social conscience, essential in fulfilling their promise and laws. They will view evidence and artifacts that show how not to behave toward others and to consider the ethical aspects of situations, to become committed to social justice, community service, and action.

The Frontiers of the Flight Museum www.flightmuseum.com

The Frontiers of Flight Museum was founded in 1988 to display the History of Aviation Collection donated to UTD by aviation historian George Haddaday. It opened in the Dallas Love Field Terminal in 1990 showcasing the history of flight from its beginnings to today's modern aircraft and space vehicles.

In 2004, the Museum moved into its present location that encompasses 100,000 square feet. Housing over 25 original aircraft and space vehicles, it features exhibits relating to the entire history of flight, an extensive Education Experience Center and a state-of-the-art auditorium.

The Old Red Museum of Dallas County History & Culture www.oldred.org.

The Old Red Museum of Dallas County History & Culture is Dallas County's regional history museum, interpreting the rich stories of the people, cultures, places, and events that make Dallas County unique. Located in the 1892 Old Red Courthouse in Dallas' historic West End District, the Old Red Museum includes four galleries, four theaters, 41 computer touch screens, and an interactive children's education center. The museum is open daily 9am to 5pm.

The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza www.jfk.org

The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza examines the life and legacy of President John F. Kennedy, who was killed in Dallas, Texas on November 22, 1963. Since opening in 1989, the Museum has welcomed more than six million visitors from around the world. Girl Scouts visiting the Museum receive our award-winning audio tour of the exhibit, which adds historic television and radio footage to the photographs and artifacts that tell the story of the event and its aftermath. Group discounts are available.