

Cultural Carousel Patch

(Four-Segment Patch Program)



INTRODUCTION:

Culture has been defined as the values, traditions, norms, customs, arts, history, folklore, and institutions that a group of people, who are unified by race, ethnicity, language, nationality, or religion, share. The Cultural Carousel Patch Program is designed to help girls learn, appreciate and enjoy the richness of the diverse and multicultural world in which they live. Girls are evermore being exposed to an increasingly diverse world and will, through this program, increase their knowledge and understanding of the lifestyles, heritage and traditions of the cultures highlighted in this program: Hispanic, African American, Asian, and American Indian.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:

In completing this program, girls will:

- ❖ Gain knowledge about the beliefs, morals, language, and traditions of the various cultures they will study.
- ❖ Accept all individuals on the basis of individual worth, rather than race, religion, nationality, or socio-economic status.
- ❖ Learn to communicate and express ideas and opinions that are free from labels and stereotypes.
- ❖ Approach new experiences with people with an open mind.

GUIDANCE FOR LEADERS:

You are the key person in implementing a successful cultural study experience. You have the responsibility of promoting activities in a positive and non-judgmental environment. In making this program successful, leaders should:

- ❖ Agree with the goals and objectives of this program.
- ❖ Have a strong personal commitment for the value of multicultural concepts.
- ❖ Allow for and prepare for free discussion of questions and emotions that may arise in the course of the experience and respond with positive, non-judgmental and non-stereotypical answers.
- ❖ Let the girls choose which heritage patch they wish to work on. You might suggest that girls work on different cultures at the same time. Encourage girls to report and discuss interesting facts and stories as they learn.

TO ORDER THE PATCH SEGMENTS:

Please use the Council Patch Order Form which can be downloaded from the www.gsgcf.org website download section and mail or fax to the council headquarters.

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CULTURAL HERITAGE PATCH

ASIAN HERITAGE SEGMENT



DISCOVER:

- ❖ Locate Asia on a world map or globe. What countries make up the continent of Asia? What are some of the major cities in Asia?
- ❖ Learn about the language of one Asian country. How are the characters and writing different from English? Learn how to greet someone, count to ten or ask a question in the language you chose.
- ❖ Explore the lives of at least two famous Asian or Asian-American women who have made an impact on music, literature, exploration, science, sports or medicine.
- ❖ Find a folktale or story commonly read to young children in an Asian country. Where did the story originate from? Read the story and create a play from it. Was there a moral to the story?
- ❖ Learn about the clothing and fashion in one Asian country of your choice. Find pictures of formal and informal clothing. Make a display or poster to share at a meeting.

CONNECT:

- ❖ Create a collage, wall mural, scrapbook with pictures, magazine cut-outs, drawings, stories, etc. that displays the beauty of Asian culture.
- ❖ Invite a person who comes from an Asian country to your troop meeting. What was it like growing up there? How is it different from here?
- ❖ Go on a heritage tour of your community. Find ethnic restaurants and shops. Look around for signs in an Asian language. Visit the international section at your local supermarket. How many labels are written in an Asian language?
- ❖ Sample traditional Asian food. Try making your own Asian dish or visit a local restaurant. How is the food different? Are there ingredients that are unfamiliar to you?
- ❖ May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. Are there ethnic festivals or celebrations in your area? What kinds of activities are happening?
- ❖ Learn about Asian arts, theater, crafts and music. Create your own craft, song or play in the traditions you have learned.

TAKE ACTION:

- ❖ Have a Girl Scouts' own using the Asian culture and the lives of Asian Americans as your theme. Include poems, songs and readings in your ceremony.
- ❖ Prepare an Asian celebration for family and friends. Serve ethnic food, play music and provide some sort of entertainment.
- ❖ Create a program for younger girls to teach them about Asian cultures – possibly where they can earn this segment of the Cultural Carousel Patch.
- ❖ Create your own service project or activity related to Asian cultures from what you have learned from this program.