



Diversity

“We must strive to show the similarities rather than the differences between different cultures.” ~ Juliette Low Seminar, Our Chalet, 1983

What is diversity about? Diversity is a word that we may often hear, but do we really know what it means? The goal of this fun patch is for you to learn more about what diversity is and to gain understanding of how diversity plays a role in your life, in the lives of other girls in your troop, and in the world around you.

Imagine a world where everyone was the same. It'd be a pretty bland place, right? Learning more about the diversity around you helps increase your understanding and appreciation of the rich canvas diversity creates.

It can be easy to focus solely on our differences—yet it's those very differences that make us unique and interesting. A person's differences create a beautiful opportunity for you to expand your world view. Focus on celebrating differences and sharing your differences with others.

How to earn the Diversity patch the Girl Scout way:

Steps:

1. **Discover**—Learn more about what diversity means.
2. **Connect**—Immerse yourself in the diversity all around you.
3. **Take Action**—Create a video about ethnic and cultural understanding.

Materials Needed:

In order to complete this patch, you'll need a few things:

- resources (Go online with an adult, ask a teacher or other professional, or visit your public library.)
- journaling and scrapbooking materials and supplies
- a video recording device and access to social media (Short videos can be sent to GSWPA for the chance to be featured on the GSWPA social media channels.)

STEP

1 Learn more about what diversity means.

Through diversity, we enhance personal development, build better communities, and recognize one another's strength and uniqueness.

1. Look up the difference between “ethnicity” and “cultural heritage.”
2. How do you think diversity plays a role in your troop? Use the definitions you found to learn what types of backgrounds, ethnicities, and cultural heritages the girls in your troop have. Make a list of how you can incorporate these into future meetings, projects, and events.
3. Choose a film or a video to watch to learn about people with a cultural/ethnic heritage different from most of your troop.

STEP

2

Immerse yourself in the diversity all around you.

Connecting with the diversity brings a richness to our lives.

1. Visit a cultural or heritage museum, multi-cultural center, or historical site.
2. Attend an ethnic/cultural festival or celebration.
3. Create your own ethnic/cultural heritage activity or ceremony for your troop.
4. Visit an ethnic or multicultural grocery store, bakery, or restaurant to sample foods or have a meal. You can also find an ethnic/cultural recipe that contains several ingredients that are new to you and prepare it with your family or troop!

STEP

3

Create a video about ethnic and cultural understanding.

Sharing your experiences and what you learn with others is an amazing gift to both them and you.

1. Create journals and scrapbooks (at least 2 pages per girl) of the steps you completed and what you learned about the girls in your troop. Share it with other troops in your area.
2. Make a short video on the importance of ethnic and cultural understanding and celebration. Share your video with your troop, service unit, and/or on social media. Videos can be sent to GSWPA for the possibility of being featured on GSWPA social media outlets.

All done?

CONGRATULATIONS! You've completed all the necessary steps to earn the Diversity patch.



After completing the activities from each step, visit or call a Girl Scouts Western Pennsylvania retail shop at **800-248-3355** to purchase your patch. A patch may be worn on the back of a vest, sash or tunic.