



Black History Month Patch Program for Girl Scout Daisies-Ambassadors

A Century of Celebrating Black History Month

February is Black History Month, and the annual celebration, which began as "Negro History Week," was created in 1926 by Carter G. Woodson, a noted African American historian, scholar, educator, and publisher. **This year (2026) marks 100 years of commemorating Black History Month and honoring Black culture.**

From the list of activities below, **spend at least 100 minutes in total this month** choosing and exploring the items that interest you the most to **learn more and earn your GSNNJ Black History Month Patch**. Write down the facts you learned and bring them to one of our Council Shops for a **FREE Black History Month patch**.

Leaders & Changemakers

- Learn 3 facts about Rosa Parks
- Watch a short biography of Harriet Tubman
- Read about Wangari Maathai's environmental activism
- Research a modern Black girl activist
- Learn about Madam C.J. Walker
- Find one quote from Maya Angelou and share it with others
- Discover who Fannie Lou Hamer was
- Discover who was the first African American Honorary President of GSUSA
- Learn about the first African American Troop. When was it formed? Where was it located? When did GSUSA begin to desegregate troops?
- Create a "Future Me" drawing as a leader
- Write a thank you note to a mentor you note to a mentor



Arts & Culture

- Watch a video of Misty Copeland performing. She was the first Black woman to become a principal dancer at the American Ballet Theater.
- Draw art inspired by painter Alma Thomas, the first African American woman to be included in the White House's permanent art collection
- Listen to a song by a Black woman vocalist
- Learn about author Jacqueline Woodson, Author of *Brown Girl Dreaming*
- Try an African dance tutorial
- Learn about Aretha Franklin or Nina Simone
- Learn about the Harlem Renaissance and create your own Night at the Apollo.
- Listen to 'Lift Every Voice and Sing,' often referred to as the Black National Anthem.
- Host a virtual movie night (*Hidden Figures*, *Selma*, *The Color Purple*, 13th).

Women in STEM

- Learn who Mae Jemison is
- Research Katherine Johnson's math contributions
- Try a kid-friendly science experiment inspired by Dr. Shirley Ann Jackson friendly science experiment inspired by Dr. Shirley Ann Jackson
- Find one invention by a Black woman scientist
- Research an African American woman in STEM in New Jersey
- Explore a coding game created by women

Outdoors & Adventure

- Learn about climber Sophia Danenberg, first African American woman to summit Everest
- Take a nature walk and identify 3 different colors found in the Pan-African flag
- Learn about Black environmentalists like Hazel Johnson
- Identify one Black woman involved in conservation

This patch program is available for Girl Scouts of Northern New Jersey Members only.
Bring your notes to one of our Council Shops and pick up your FREE Black History
Month Patch. For shop hours: www.gsnnj.org/Shop

