

Paddle Wheels and Wagon Wheels Patch Program



The purpose of the patch program for Girl Scout Juniors is to explore the unique history and heritage within our Council's jurisdiction and its impact on each girl's community.

Activities

The girl must complete four activities, including the **bold** item, to earn this patch.

- 1. Find at least two historical markers in your community. Discover why they were erected and who placed them there. If a marker is in poor condition, contact someone in your community and ask if you can help to have it repaired.
- 2. Make a collection of five or more items at least 20 years old. Share your collection with other troop members. How have these items changed over the years?
- 3. Take part in a local historical or ethnic celebration.
- 4. Identify the first settlers of your community. What was their main means of transportation to this area? Draw a map of Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri, showing major waterways and highways. How do you think this patch got its name?
- 5. Visit the reference section of a local school library or online and find information on at least three personalities from the Council area. (Here's one: Vincent Price.)
- 6. Before settlers moved westward across the Mississippi river, this territory was a prairie inhabited by Native Americans. Find out what the prairie was like and how it changed. Investigate the tribes of Indians who originally lived here: their customs, lifestyles and their fate.
- 7. Plan an outing with a troop from another area in this Council. Go to a place where you can share what you have accomplished while working on this patch and other Girl Scout Junior badges. (Hint: troops representing many different areas share the Council's facilities while troop camping).
- 8. Learn to make at least three historic crafts typical of this area. Share your creations with others.

Upon completion the Paddle Wheels and Wagon Wheels patch may be purchased in the Girl Scout Shop.