

# PADDLE WHEELS AND WAGON WHEELS PATCH PROGRAM

## **PURPOSE:**

For Junior Girl Scouts to explore the unique history and heritage within our council's jurisdiction and its impact on each girl's community.

## **ACTIVITIES:**

The troop **must complete FOUR activities**, including the starred item, to earn this badge.

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 the Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri, showing major waterways and highways. How do you think this badge got its name?
5. Visit the reference section of a local or school library and find information on at least three famous personalities from the Council area. (Here's one: Vincent Price)
6. Before modern civilization moved westward across the Mississippi River, this territory was a prairie inhabited by Indians. 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 district in this Council. Go to a place where you can share what you have accomplished while working on this and other badges. (Hint: troops representing many different districts 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.