Explore Southampton County

Southampton County is home to many historic figures, such as Nat Turner and George Thomas. As a result, the area is rich with history and culture.

GUIDELINES: Visit Southampton County. Based on the grid, complete the number of activities for your grade level.

	DISCOVER	CONNECT	TAKE ACTION	ANY ACTIVITY UNDER ANY KEY	TOTAL NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES
Girl Scout Daisy	1	1	1	0	3
Girl Scout Brownie	1	1	1	1	4
Girl Scout Junior	1	1	1	2	5
Girl Scout Cadette	1	1	1	3	6
Girl Scout Senior	1	1	1	4	7
Girl Scout Ambassador	1	1	1	5	8

DISCOVER
- Look at a map of Virginia and identify Southampton County https://www.southamptoncounty.org. Research the size of Southampton County, in addition to the population. Which cities are included in Southampton County? What are some neighboring cities? What is the name of the river associated with Southampton County?
- Learn about the history and establishment of Southampton County. How did it get its name? Who established Southampton County and when? Describe how originally the English colony was divided into shires, which later on became counties. Which shire was Southampton County a part of?
- Who was George Henry Thomas? What did he accomplish? What was his military career like? Where did he go to pursue his education? Which branch of the military did he serve in and for how long?
- Research the two Native American tribes who inhabited Southampton County, the Nottoway and Meherrin tribes. Learn about their way of life. How did they hunt? What kinds of shelters did they build? How did they interact with the English colonists? What is their impact on the area today?

CONNECT
- Participate in the self-guided Historic Courtland Walking Tour. While there, be sure to visit the following sites:
  - Southampton County Courthouse (Main Street, Courtland)
  - Rochelle-Prince House (22371 Main Street, Courtland) http://sites.rootsweb.com/~vaschs/
  - Mahone Tavern (22341 Main Street, Courtland) https://www.mahonestavern.org/
  - Walter Cecil Rawls Library and Art Museum https://www.blackwaterlib.org/courtland/
  - Southampton Agriculture and Forestry Museum (757-653-9554). To get started, call 757-653-2222 for more details about your visit.
- Find our "Girl Scout Hut" from Historic Southampton Co. Main Street in Courtland. Refer to these directions in order to locate it (10 minute drive):
  - Travel EAST on the US-58 Business towards Southampton Parkway
  - Turn LEFT at the light onto US-58 EAST
  - Turn LEFT onto US-58 Business EAST/Camp Parkway
  - Travel through the traffic light, pass the park on the right and make the next left onto BEAMON Street
  - Cross the railroad track and find the Girl Scout Hut on the left at 100 Beamon Street

- Visit one of the following popular restaurants during your trip to Southampton.
  - Fred's Restaurant for southern cuisine, 107 S Main St, Franklin, Fred's Restaurant
  - Pino's Pizza and Subs, 23319 Jerusalem Road (757-653-0725) https://www.pinospizzacourtland.com/
  - Belmont Peanuts Shop & Deli, 22420 Southampton Parkway (1-800-648-4613) https://belmontpeanuts.com/deli/
- Take a trip to see the birthplace of General George Thomas located at 28537 Chickamauga Drive in Newsome. While there, consider the previous questions listed above under the DISCOVER section about George Thomas and his impact during the Civil War; find more information at https://www.hmdb.org/m.asp?m=18125.

TAKE ACTION
- During one of your visits at one of the places listed under CONNECT, take photos so you can assemble a scrapbook, collage, or poster for the location. Be creative and incorporate your own ideas as well. Once you have finished, present your work to your family and your Girl Scout troop.
- Put together a timeline with other girls from your troop of Southampton County's history. Be specific and add photos, drawings, or stickers as you deem necessary. Make sure to include important days such as the birthdays of special people to Southampton County i.e. George Thomas. Present your work to the rest of the troop.
- Create a diorama of some of the places you visited in Southampton County. Try to include as many historical landmarks as possible. Once you have completed your diorama, share it by putting it on display for your fellow Girl Scouts in your troop to admire.
- Contact the following libraries in Southampton County to see if there are any available volunteer positions for you and/or your Girl Scout troop: Troxler Memorial Library (757-899-6500) and Richardson Memorial Library (434-634-2539). Keep in mind there might be age restrictions, and this activity may only be applicable for older Girl Scouts.