



Girl Scouts®

EXPLORE THE ADAM THOROUGHGOOD HOUSE



1636 Parish Road
Virginia Beach, Virginia

FEE: \$1 per person with advance troop reservations.
Troop leaders should book reservations at least two weeks in advance.
Call: (757) 431-4000

GUIDELINES: Tour the house and answer all of the questions below. Daisy Girl Scouts may receive a patch for participating in any activity and are not expected to complete a set number.

1. Who was Adam Thoroughgood and why is he important to the history of Virginia Beach? Who built the house you are visiting today?
2. The Thoroughgood House is located on the banks of the Lynnhaven River. Adam Thoroughgood came from King's Lynn, England. How did this river get its name? Can you think of three uses of the river in 17th century Virginia.
3. Why were gardens important to life long ago? What kinds of gardens would a house like this have?
4. Look closely at the Adam Thoroughgood House. Look at the side of the house that faces the street. What is the pattern of brickwork? Which door do you think was the front door? Why? How are the two ends of the house different?
5. Do you think history can change? Examine the large stone plaque on the street side of the house. What do you notice about the information on the plaque?
6. The south room has a large fireplace and the north room has a smaller one. Why?
7. Why is there a carpet on the table in the north parlor?
8. Did the people living in 17th century Virginia have a sense of humor? How do you know?
9. Name two ways that life was different for women 300 years ago.
10. What was your favorite place/room at the Adam Thoroughgood House? Would you have liked to live in this house long ago? Why or why not?