



Girl Scouts®

EXPLORE COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG



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GUIDELINES: Complete all activities listed. Daisy Girl Scouts may receive a patch for participating in any activity and are not expected to complete a set number.

1. See the movie *Williamsburg - The Story of a Patriot*. Approximately 45 minutes.
2. Tour the Historic Area with an adult or with your troop, either on your own or with a Colonial Williamsburg Historical Interpreter.
Visit the following:
 - a. The Capitol building where patriots, loyalists and those who were undecided debated the future of Virginia colony.
 - b. A second government building (e.g. the gaol, the county courthouse, Magazine & Guardhouse, Bruton Parish Church, the Wren Building at the College of William & Mary or the Governor's Palace.)
 - c. Any two trades (the cooper, the blacksmith, the wheelwright, the wigmaker, the cabinetmaker, the apothecary shop, Gunsmith & Foundry.)
 - d. A place where people lived: gentry home (Peyton Randolph house or the George Wythe house), an upper middling sort house (James Geddy, Benjamin Powell house or Great Hopes Plantation). Be sure to find out where slaves lived too.
Learn about the people of Williamsburg and how they lived:
 1. The gentry - wealthy landowners and their families.
 2. The middling sort - those who worked with their hands and their families.
 3. The poorer sort - indentured servants and free blacks and their families.
 4. Enslaved people - the half of the population of Williamsburg whose choices were limited and who were owned for life by others.
3. Answer the following questions. Review your answers with an adult.
 - a. What important event took place at the Capitol on May 15, 1776?
 - b. The stocks and pillories are next to the county courthouse. How were they used in the 18th century?
 - c. Draw a picture of your two favorite trade shop signs.
 - d. How were young people educated in 18th century Williamsburg?
 - e. Name three important skills young ladies learned at home.
 - f. Could slaves read and write in the 18th century?
 - g. How did most 18th century Virginians earn their living?
 - h. What sort of work did slaves do in the city of Williamsburg?
 - i. What will you remember most about Colonial Williamsburg?