



Norfolk is a city that is a part of Hampton Roads and is home to Norfolk Naval Station, the largest naval base in the world.

GUIDELINES: Visit Norfolk. Complete the number of activities for your grade level according to the grid below.

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

## DISCOVER

- Identify where Norfolk is on a map of Virginia. What are some things that stand out to you about its geographical location? Identify the current population and when Norfolk was established.
- Research several major historical events that occurred in Norfolk. Why were these so significant? What was the end result of these events? How do they effect current times?
- One of Norfolk's symbols is the mermaid. Explore the meaning behind this symbol and how this came to be. What established this and how long has this symbol existed?
- Norfolk is well known for its military community, as evidenced by the fact that it includes the world's largest naval base in the world. Look up how many naval bases are in Norfolk and how many active duty members are based out of Norfolk. How many ships does Norfolk Naval Station support?
- Investigate the history of the USS Wisconsin, one of the largest and last built battleships of the United States Navy. When was she commissioned and who was her captain at the time? During her service, what were some monumental experiences the USS Wisconsin underwent?

## CONNECT

- Take a visit to Nauticus, a nautical museum which focuses on naval and economic interests related to the sea. This site is also where the USS Wisconsin rests. During your trip, consider seeing a movie in order to understand the influence of the sea better. To learn more, visit the Nauticus website [nauticus.org/](http://nauticus.org/) or call (757) 664-1000 for more information.
- Visit the Chrysler Museum of Art in Norfolk. This impressive art museum is well recognized for the superb artwork displayed and as a result, is regionally renowned. The exhibits also include themes of historical significance. In addition, the exhibits periodically change, so there is always something new and exciting present at the Chrysler Museum. To find out more information, take a look at their website [chrysler.org/](http://chrysler.org/) or call (757) 664-6200. Go see a Norfolk Tides baseball game or an Admirals hockey game. The Norfolk Tides are a Triple-A affiliate team of the Baltimore Orioles and the Admirals are the recent champions of the 2012 Calder Cup. To look at the game schedules, visit their websites <https://www.milb.com/norfolk> and [norfolkadmirals.com/index.php](http://norfolkadmirals.com/index.php).
- Schedule a tour of Norfolk Naval Station. Experience the carriers, destroyers, frigates, and amphibious assault ships up close. These tours are led by Navy personnel as well. While on the tour, consider how ships such as the ones you see are built and the effort it requires to preserve the condition of these ships. In order to schedule a tour, call (757) 444-7955 and refer to this website: [cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrma/installations/ns\\_norfolk/about/installation\\_guide/visitor\\_information.html](http://cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrma/installations/ns_norfolk/about/installation_guide/visitor_information.html).
- Visit the Norfolk Botanical Gardens (6700 Azalea Garden Rd.), one of the most popular sites in Norfolk, for an outdoor activity. In 2013, the Botanical Gardens celebrated their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Explore the gardens and consider taking a

group tour. Before you go, check out which plants will be in season during your visit. If you have any questions, call (757) 441-5830 and refer to their website: [norfolkbotanicalgarden.org/](http://norfolkbotanicalgarden.org/).

#### **TAKE ACTION**

- While visiting any of the places listed above, take pictures of your trip. Afterwards, create a scrapbook from the photos and share it with your family or Girl Scout troop.
- Create a presentation on the history of Norfolk. Include information regarding how Norfolk was established and its importance during the Revolutionary and Civil War. Consider creating a PowerPoint for this project or using a tri-fold board. Present this to your classmates at school, other Girl Scouts or your family members.
- Investigate any local organizations, particularly those related to the military, and see if there are any volunteer opportunities. Help the community in some way by giving your time and efforts.
- Consider volunteering with the Norfolk Public Library. This opportunity is available for students ages 13 and up. Check out the following website to learn more and to download an application:  
[npl.lib.va.us/volunteers/volunteers.html](http://npl.lib.va.us/volunteers/volunteers.html).