



GUIDELINES: Step back in the past and explore the Revolutionary City by visiting public buildings, homes, and trade shops while earning a patch! Here you will experience the beginnings of our nation, examining democratic principles and rights that were inspired not only by the founding fathers, but also by ordinary individuals. Through hands-on activities, you will discover our nation’s story and what it truly means to be an American.

	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

- See the movie *Williamsburg: the Story of a Patriot* with your troop or family at the Colonial Williamsburg Regional Visitor Center and discover how patriots, loyalists and those undecided debated the future of the Virginia colony.
- Take part in hands-on activities, uncover the clues and reveal the secrets about everyday life of the 18th century by joining the militia, playing a colonial game or test your skill in helping to run the bucket brigade (offered seasonally).
- Visit Bruton Parish Church, the Presbyterian Meeting House or see the African American Religion exhibit that tells the story of the First Baptist Church. How did values define the colonial community? How did the recognized church, compared to churches of dissenters, view the world differently and the same?
- Take a carriage, or an ox cart ride or discover the rare breeds program where you will find cattle, horses, sheep, pigs and poultry. Find out first-hand how the animals are used daily to interpret and teach lessons about life in the 18th century.

Connect

- Visit the Revolutionary City and face the difficult choices and challenges that confronted Williamsburg’s people during a time of profound change, revolution and war. When seeing sites such as the Governor’s Palace, the Capitol, the Wythe or Randolph House, the Military Encampment or Magazine, the Armory, as well as numerous trades in town, step back in the past and be a part of the story. What is freedom, what is liberty; how did Williamsburg’s inhabitants define these very important concepts during this time of turmoil? What is at stake for you and your family? How will you react, what will you choose to do, will you go to war, will you support the crown, will you run from your master’s farm?
- Experience colonial life from multiple perspectives: working-class young men, women, gentlemen, merchants, enslaved and free African Americans by visiting sites such as the Prentis Farm, or the houses of Peyton Randolph, George Wythe, and James Geddy. What choices did the inhabitants of Williamsburg have during a time of conflict and war? How did these choices affect their families, home and livelihood?
- Visit a trade shop such as the Cooper, Wigmaker, or Silversmith and investigate what an apprenticeship is and how this system promoted team building within the trade. How can you use this method today in your

Council or family? Is there information that you can pass onto younger Girl Scouts? How can you help them in areas of challenge but also encourage them in their achievements? What do you know that is important to pass onto others?

- Build family and friend relationships by attending an evening program about pirates or 18th century entertainments, or dine in a colonial tavern for a taste of early American times. Here you and your family, troop and friends can reconnect while experiencing the capitol city.

Take Action

- Step back into the past and engage with a person of the past and find out why everyone is so upset during this time of Revolution, and turmoil. How will you inspire others to take action during this time of discord?
- Visit the Capitol and find out what important event took place on May 15, 1776. Once you find the answer, take action, and decide how you would vote. How does your and the Burgess' decisions change this world? What can you do today to maintain the desires of the founding fathers? How can you participate in your community and continue to uphold the truths that laid the foundation of the American government?
- Research what it takes to be a tradeswoman at Colonial Williamsburg by speaking with the Weaver, the Shoemaker, or Blacksmith, or do online research by visiting www.history.org. Is there a colonial profession you would be interested in, and if so, which trade? Find out what kind of training or education you would need to be a Colonial Williamsburg tradeswoman. Share this information with your troop, family or friends.
- Go to Colonial Williamsburg Making History Blog at <http://makinghistorynow.com> where you can keep up with what is going on behind the scenes, plus tips for visiting and a whole lot more. Feel free to post a comment and take part in the dialogue. Visit often to see what's new and to add your voice to the discussion.