



# Explore Busch Gardens

There is more to this amazing theme park than just fun rides and delicious food. Check out all the things you can learn and do to earn this patch!

GUIDELINES: 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

- While visiting Busch Gardens, you have three options to get to different locations. Using your park map, what do you think is the best way to get from one point to the other? Draw a line to match Column A to Column B:

Column A  
Globe Theatre to Abbey Stone Theater  
Escape From Pompeii to the Verbolten  
Roman Rapids to Le Scoot

Column B  
Train  
Walk  
SkvRide

- Before your visit to Busch Gardens, with your family or Girl Scout troop, have a meeting to discuss important aspects of the trip. Be sure to include proper attire (including shoes for walking with closed toes and heels that will not fall off on rides), packing list (what to bring and NOT to bring), travel safety (car and park rules), buddies, meal options, sun safety and a general schedule. The better prepared you are ahead of time, the more enjoyable the day will be for everyone.
- Investigate the career paths Busch Gardens has to offer: Culinary, Merchandise, Entertainment, Marketing, Park Operations, Zoological and more. Please select your top two career choices and your preferred date of visit. Email this information along with your troop number, city, troop leader name and contact information to [bgw.education@BuschGardens.com](mailto:bgw.education@BuschGardens.com) to set up a time to meet with a staff member from one of these areas (for groups of 15 or more). Smaller groups may speak directly with staff at the park or ask for a manager in each specific area.

## CONNECT

- Download the Busch Gardens map prior to entering the park at <https://buschgardens.com/williamsburg/park-info/theme-park-map/> to select your three favorite activities or locations and make a practical plan to visit them all. Consider distance, location and things to

do along the way. Try to make a path that allows you to visit everything without having to cross your own path too many times. For example you would not want to go to the Der Wirbelwind (swings) then to a show in England and over to Alpegeist. A more efficient plan would be to stop by the show in England on your way in, then go to Der Wirbelwind and over to Alpegeist, stopping for lunch and other rides along the way.

- Visit a show that focuses on a culture that is unfamiliar to you. Discuss with your friends and family how this culture is both different from and similar to your own.
- Investigate languages. While in the park seek out words and phrases from European countries; translate if you can. (Example: Ristorante/Italian = Restaurant/English). How many new words did you learn today? Try to find at least eight examples throughout the park.
- There are many aspects of Busch Gardens that are based on European countries. Find at least three unique connections to Germany or Italy within Busch Gardens. (Example: clothing). List them here:

## TAKE ACTION

- During your visit at Busch Gardens, see how many different animal species you can find. List four of your favorites and one interesting fact you learned about each. Now select one and become an animal advocate. Contact the SPCA in your area and ask what they need from you. If you are old enough then volunteer your time; if not, host a supply drive for items they may need. Collect the items and make the donation. Maybe you are more interested in conservation. Check out [www.swbg-conservationfund.org](http://www.swbg-conservationfund.org) for more ideas of ways you can help. Choose one and participate.
- Create a "Where to Go" flier or brochure for troops who may be planning a trip to Busch Gardens. Remember to include tips on where to find the following inside the park: First Aid, Lost Child, Guest Assistance Center, Height Check, etc.
- While it is not an exact science, wearing a pedometer is a great way to measure exercise and distance. Wearing a pedometer, create a walking map of Busch Gardens.

Average girl:                    1.25 feet= 1 pedometer step    4,000 steps = 1 mile    5380 feet= 1 mile

Average teen/adult:    2.5 feet= 1 pedometer step    2,000 steps= 1 mile    5380 feet= 1 mile

How many total steps, feet and miles did you walk today? \_\_\_ steps \_\_\_ feet \_\_\_ miles

Walk and record the distance between the attractions listed below. Choose at least four of the following.

Walk directly from point to point and record you findings in feet.

Der Autobaun to DaVinci's Cradle                    \_\_\_ steps \_\_\_ feet

DaVinci's Cradle to Loch Ness Monster                    \_\_\_ steps \_\_\_ feet

Loch Ness Monster to Lorikeet Glen                    \_\_\_ steps \_\_\_ feet

Lorikeet Glen to Alpegeist                    \_\_\_ steps \_\_\_ feet

Aplengeist to Der Autobaun                    \_\_\_ steps \_\_\_ feet

- Create a PowerPoint presentation, poster, or brochure promoting at least three of the European landmarks you experienced during Europe in the Air. Pay close attention on the ride. When you return home or at your next troop meeting, research those landmarks online, or at the library. Be sure to include history and current day facts about the site. Share the project at a Thinking Day event, with friends or family members planning to visit Europe, classmates and teachers, or in the children's section of your local library.

The staff at Busch Gardens Williamsburg would love to hear what you and your troop thought of your experiences at the park. If you'd like to share your comments with them, please email [bgw.groupsales@buschgardens.com](mailto:bgw.groupsales@buschgardens.com)