girl scouts of the colonial coast

Explore U.S. Marine Pride

From Massachusetts to California and Brazil to Beijing, Girl Scouts is proud to serve military families across our country and the world.

GUIDELINES: Based on the grid, complete the number of activities for your grade level to earn this patch. *Developed by Gabrielle, Cadette Troop 1593, Smithfield, Virginia as her Silver Award Project.*

	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

- Research the history of the U.S. Marine Corp. When were the Marines founded? What is their motto, and what does it mean? What are the core values? What does "First to Fight" mean? What are the symbols of the U.S. Marines and what do they stand for? Listen to the U.S. Marine Corps Hymn and explain its significance: https://www.marineband.marines.mil/Audio-Resources/The-Marines-Hymn/.
- Research the U.S. Marine uniform. What is the dress uniform called? What are on the buttons, how long have they been on the uniform, and what is special about them? What colors are in the uniform? What is the significance of the red stripe? What is important about the collar? The sword is a very important part of the uniform; why?
- Draw a picture of the Marine Corps flag and explain its significance.
- Find the U.S. Marine Corps base that is closest to your home. Who is in charge of the base? How many Marines are stationed there? How long has the base been there?
- List three vehicles that the U.S. Marines use.
- What is the Marine Corps yell?
- Discover what the Silent Drill Platoon is. How would you be chosen for it?
- Research and discover the Marine Corps Oath. Explain its meaning.

CONNECT

- Find out about a charity that the U.S. Marine Corps supports. Find out how you can support this charity without making a financial donation.
- List and discuss the contributions that the U.S. Marine Corps has made to our country.
- Locate and discuss a picture of a famous sculpture that features the U.S. Marine Corps in action.
- Interview the child or spouse of a U.S. Marine. Where have they lived? How does their life differ from yours? Do you think it would be difficult to have a member of your family serve in the U.S. Marine Corps?

- What role did the Marines play in the WWII Battle of Iwo Jima? What symbol is most often associated with this battle?
- Why did the U.S. Marine Corps invade Red Beach in the Battle of Iwo Jima? What happened on day five of the 35 day long battle?
- Research the Crucible, a rite of passage for all Marines. What is it? Where is it held? How long does it last? What Marines participate in it? How many meals are given during the Crucible?

TAKE ACTION

- Tour a U.S. Marine Corps base, cemetery, museum, memorial, or monument. Draw a picture of something that you learned or saw, or write a poem about how it made you feel.
- Attend a Veterans Day memorial, parade, a military program or service, an air show or other event to honor U.S. Marines and the sacrifices that they have made. To find local military events go to the USO of Hampton Roads at https://hrcv.uso.org/ and click on Events.
- ** Send a care package or Gift of Caring cookies to U.S. Marines stationed overseas with a letter of appreciation for all they do. To find a place to send your donation go to http://adoptaplatoon.org. The website has a great list of current programs and campaigns to support the military.
- ** Write a letter, draw a picture, or make a card, for Holidays for Heroes. Your donations will go to a member of the U.S. military. For more information go to https://www.redcross.org/volunteer/volunteer-opportunities/holidays-for-heroes.html.
- Create a short skit or presentation that teaches others what you learned about the U.S. Marine Corps. Perform it for your family, school, friends, troop, or another Girl Scout troop, and encourage them to complete the Marine Pride award, too!

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