girl scouts of the colonial coast

# Explore Virginia Beach

Virginia Beach is a part of the Hampton Roads area, and is where the very first landing of English colonists occurred. Enjoy the historical and cultural activities in this city while earning your patch.

**GUIDELINES:** Visit Virginia Beach. 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 |
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| 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

- Take a look at Virginia Beach on a map and identify where it is located in Virginia. Which cities surround Virginia Beach? How many people currently live in Virginia Beach? What other interesting facts can you find out about the city?
- Research some nature trails in Virginia Beach and their origins. Consider taking a picnic to one of the trails one afternoon or go for a bike ride.
- Discover details about Virginia Beach's history. Which Native American tribe lived in what is currently Virginia Beach? How many different provinces of this tribe existed and what were their titles?
- Virginia Beach has several military bases. Identify which bases they are. How many different military bases are located in Virginia Beach? Which branches of the military have bases?
- Research some current events related to Virginia Beach. What does this tell you about Virginia Beach? How do these events affect the city?

## CONNECT

- Take a trip to The Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center. Consider watching an IMAX film or going on one of the boat excursions, which includes dolphin watching and cruising the creek. What stands out to you about this center? How do you think the Virginia Marine Science center is making a difference for the wildlife in the area? For more information, call 757 385-3474 or visit https://www.virginiaaquarium.com .
- Visit the Military Aviation Museum and explore a variety of aircraft from World War I and II, in addition to other military aircraft. All of the planes have the ability to fly and participate in air shows. How do you think the addition of planes to combat influenced the outcomes of World War I and II? Do you notice any difference in the construction of planes from different countries? To learn more, call (757) 721-7767 or visit their website at https://militaryaviationmuseum.org.
- Adventure out to First Landing State Park (2500 Shore Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23451-1415). This park is the actual site where the settlers who established Jamestown first landed. Before your visit, check out dcr.virginia.gov/state_parks/fir.shtml.
- Near First Landing State Park is the Preservation Cape Henry Lighthouse (583 Atlantic Ave., Fort Story, VA 23459). Prior to your visit, investigate the history of this lighthouse. When was it built and who initiated its establishment? What efforts have been taken in order to preserve the lighthouse? If you have questions, call 757-422-9421 or visit preservationvirginia.org/visit/historic-properties/cape-henry-lighthouse.



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## TAKE ACTION

- During your visit to one of the sites listed above, take lots of pictures and create a scrapbook of your adventures. Share this with your Girl Scout troop or family.
- Apply to volunteer at one of the Virginia Beach public libraries. All volunteers must be 12 years of age or older. To complete an application, go to https://libraries.virginiabeach.gov/ .
- Write a letter to one of the places you enjoyed visiting in Virginia Beach. Express how much you enjoyed your visit and make mention of a particular memory that really stood out to you.
- Look into some community service organizations in the Virginia Beach area. Pick something that you are really passionate about and want to help make a difference in.