



Explore Colonial Williamsburg

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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 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 movies *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 Capital, 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 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?

Take Action:

- Step back to 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 Bugess' 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 tradesman or women at Colonial Williamsburg by speaking with the Weaver, the Shoemaker, or Blacksmith, or do online research by visiting www.colonialwilliamsburg.org. Is there a colonial profession you would be interested in, and if so what trade? Find out what kind of training or education you would need to be a Colonial Williamsburg tradesman or woman. Share this information with your troop, family or friends.