



Georgia on My Mind

Our Own Council's Girl Scout Brownie Badge

Georgia was one of the 13 original states! Today it is the tenth largest state in the USA. Georgia has mountains, farmlands, big and little cities, and even an Atlantic Ocean coastline. Keep Georgia on *your* mind as you discover more about "the Peach State." *To earn this badge, complete all five steps. There are three choices under each step; complete one choice to complete the step.*

Steps

1. Be a Georgia Genius
2. All Over the Map
3. Sporty Georgia
4. State Specialties and Symbols
5. Olden Times in Georgia

Purpose

When I have earned this badge, I will know more about the state I live in (or am visiting), including places to go, things to do, and people who made Georgia history.

Step 1 – Be a Georgia Genius

Show off your knowledge of Georgia history! Discover more about the Georgia women and men who helped their state, America, or the world.

CHOICES – DO ONE:

- o **Name the following people who helped make Georgia and American history.** Find a picture of them, if you can, and answer the question or do the activity about them:
 1. Who was the founder of the Georgia colony? Why was the Georgia colony created? If you can, find a map of colonial America that includes Georgia.
 2. Who was the Muscogee (Creek) American Indian who helped the founder of Georgia? How did he help the settlers? Discover the connection between this American Indian chief and Juliette Gordon Low.
 3. Who were the three signers of the Declaration of Independence from Georgia? They all have counties named after them; find the counties on a map of Georgia.

Or...
- o **Women made Georgia history too!** Discover the names and find pictures of these three Georgia women. Which part of the Girl Scout Law do you think describes all three of these women?
 1. The only woman for whom a Georgia county is named, she was a Revolutionary War hero.
 2. The Savannah woman who brought Girl Scouting to America
 3. The African-American woman who became the first Olympic athlete to successfully defend a sprint title in consecutive Olympic Games (clue: she was born in Griffin, Georgia)

Or...
- o **Georgians Making a Difference.** Who were these three Georgians who did their best to make the world a better place? How can you, as a Girl Scout, help carry on their work?
 1. The only President of the USA born in Georgia, he also won a Nobel Peace Prize. His hometown in southwest Georgia is a National Historic Site.
 2. An Atlanta civil rights leader who won the Nobel Peace Prize, he is also honored with a federal holiday and has a National Historic Site named for him. (You can visit the Historic Site or his Birth Home in Atlanta.)
 3. A northwest Georgia woman whose little mountain school became a big, beautiful college. You can tour her birthplace and a museum created in her honor.

Step 2: All Over the Map

What's a fun way to learn more about the state of Georgia? Travel! With your family or Girl Scout friends, plan and go on a discovery trip to one of these sites. Remember to follow all the Safety Activity Checkpoints!

CHOICES – DO ONE

- **Park Here!** Use a map or go online to find Georgia State Parks or Historic Sites that are within about a two-hour's drive of where you live or are visiting. With an adult's help, plan a day trip to the site you choose. Go to the Visitor's Center or read Historical Markers to learn as much as possible about your site. With an adult's help, you can find out about Georgia's state parks and historic sites at www.gastateparks.org. Or...
- **Make New Friends.** Visit a Georgia community that is different from yours. For example, if you live in a city or the suburbs, visit a small town in a rural county; or, if you live in a small town or a rural community, visit a large city. Make a scrapbook, photo album or DVD to record your trip. Include a list of things you feel make Georgia special. Or...
- **Georgia: Part of a Big Nation.** The National Park Service of the USA takes care of America's natural resources. These public lands belong to all Americans. Georgia has national parks, historic sites, trails, monuments, a recreation area and seashore. With the help of an adult, go to <http://www.nps.gov/state/ga/index.htm?program=parks> and learn about Georgia's national parks and choose one to visit. With your Girl Scout friends or your family, plan and go on your trip.

Step 3: Sporty Georgia

Georgians love sports! Georgia has professional sports, semi-pro sports, college, high school and community sports. Find out more about Georgia's sports and teams and enjoy a game.

CHOICES – DO ONE

- We bet you've heard of the Atlanta Falcons - but do you know about the Atlanta **Ravens (Xplosion)**? The Ravens/Xplosion is a women's full contact professional football team that plays a spring schedule. With the help of an adult, go online to check the team's schedule and ticket prices then plan and go to a game. Before you go, learn a little about Women's Professional Football and the basic rules of the game. Or...
- The Hawks aren't the only pro basketball team in Atlanta - the Atlanta Dream is an active member of the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA.) Find out the special meaning of their name (the Atlanta Dream.) Plan and go to a live game if possible, or get together with friends to watch a game on TV or YouTube. Or...
- Attend "Girl Scout Day" with the Atlanta Braves; or attend any home game being played by the Minor League Rome Braves or "G" (Gwinnett) Braves. Or, watch a televised game with Girl Scout family or friends.

STEP 4: State Specialties and Symbols

Every state has its own traditions, specialties and symbols. Find out about the things that make Georgia unique!

- **Red, White and Blue, Too.** Find a picture of the current Georgia flag (adopted in 2003.) You could look online (with an adult's help) or ask a librarian or media specialist where to find a picture in a book. What do the different parts of the Georgia flag stand for? Did you know that the Georgia flag has its own pledge of allegiance? Find and say the pledge to the Georgia state flag. Or...
- **Create and play a game that shows you know some of Georgia's state symbols** (bird, flower, tree, song, etc.) It could be a card game, board game, relay or something you think up yourself! To hear the sounds that some of our state symbols make, go to www.legis.state.ga.us/legis/2005_06/house/kids/elemsymbols.htm. Or...
- **What's cooking in Georgia?** Use a "state food" recipe from www.legis.state.ga.us/legis/2005_06/house/kids/elemsymbols.htm or find your own recipes and prepare a snack or part of a meal using one of Georgia's state foods, either peaches, peanuts (**check for food allergies**), Vidalia onions or grits. If you do not already know, find out what grain is ground up to make grits. If possible, visit a peach orchard or a farm where peanuts, Vidalia onions, or corn are grown.

STEP 5: Olden Times in Georgia*

CHOICES – DO ONE

- Did you know that America's first Gold Rush was in Georgia? Visit the **Gold Museum State Historic Site** in Dahlonega to discover where gold was found in the Georgia hills and how it changed our history. If possible, visit a site where you may pan for gold. Or...
- When Daisy Gordon (who grew up to be Juliette Gordon Low) was a little girl, she and her sisters would visit their Uncle and Aunt Styles at their farm, Etowah Cliffs, near Cartersville. It burned down many years ago, but you can take a peek at Victorian life in Cartersville by visiting **Roselawn House Museum**. Go to their Web site to find out about tours and events for kids, then use the

information to plan and go on your trip with your family or Girl Scout friends. There are so many places to see in and near Cartersville, you may want to spend the day! **Or...**

- o What was life like for Georgia’s farmers in the “olden days”? Find out at the **Jarrell Plantation Historic Site** near Macon. Take a tour of the plantation buildings or go to the museum and see a film documenting the history of the Jarrell Plantation. Go the Georgia State Parks Web site to learn more about the plantation and how to get there, and when there will be special events like cane-grinding and sorghum making.

*If you would like to know more about Georgia’s First People, the Cherokee and Muscogee Creek Nations, Girl Scouts of Greater Atlanta has an Our Own Council’s “Georgia’s Native People” badge for Girl Scout Brownies.



Add “Georgia On My Mind” to your Journey! As you explore Georgia with your real Girl Scout friends, you can also travel through “A World of Girls” with the three Brownie friends and Brownie Elf. You can imagine Juliette Low’s story as you visit places where “Daisy” really lived – and learn the stories of other Georgia women as well.

Now that I’ve earned this badge, I’m prepared to give service by:

- o Sharing pictures and stories about Juliette Low with Girl Scout Daisies.
- o Helping my school plan a Martin Luther King Day celebration.
- o Telling my friends about girls and women who play sports – and encouraging them to play too!

What are you inspired to do with your new skill?

I’m inspired to:

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