



**Girl Scouts of California's Central Coast
Black History Month Patch Program**

Limited time patch program – February 1- 28, 2021

Black history is American history, but Black History Month provides us an opportunity to dig deeper.

Created by Carter G. Woodson, an African American Harvard trained historian, announced in 1925, February is National Black or African American History Month. It was first celebrated as Negro History Week in February 1926 around the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln & Frederick Douglass. It was extended to a month in 1976.

Since 1928, the Association for the Study of African American Life and History has provided a theme for Black History Month. In 2021, the theme will be The Black Family: Representation, Identity, and Diversity.

To earn this patch, complete the following number of items for each section:

	Discover	Connect	Take Action
Daisy	2	2	1
Brownie	2	2	1
Junior	3	3	1
Cadette	3	3	1
Senior	4	4	2
Ambassador	4	4	2

Discover

- Learn more about the current and past Black History Month themes here - [Association for the Study of African American Life and History](#).
- Watch this [Kids Academy](#) for more information on the Civil Rights movement. Good for younger girls.
- Go to National Geographic Kids site to learn about [African American Heroes](#).
- Discover the name of 1 African American, past or present in any 4 of the following fields:
 - Education
 - Medicine
 - Arts& Entertainment
 - Literature
 - Sports
 - Civil Rights
 - Military
 - Politics

- Learn about the [About - Black Lives Matter](#) movement.
- Wander through the Smithsonian to learn about the [Roots of African American Music | Smithsonian Institution](#). This site has lots of interesting information. Go exploring!!

Connect

- Experience beautiful works of art by inspired [African American Artists \(nga.gov\)](#) at the National Art Gallery.
- Attend a session of [The 2021 Black History Month Virtual Festival](#). The sessions are free.
- Read at least 2 of the books listed below from any group. They are about some of the unsung heroes of black history. If you enjoy reading read 2 more!

Good for Elementary Girls

- The Doctor with an Eye for Eyes: The Story of Dr. Patricia Bath by Julia Finley Mosca
- Charlie Takes His Shot: How Charlie Sifford Broke the Color Barrier in Golf by Nancy Churnin
- She Loved Baseball: The Effa Manley Story by Audrey Vernick
- Mumbet's Declaration of Independence by Gretchen Woelfle
- Bring Me Some Apples and I'll Make You a Pie: A Story About Edna Lewis by Robin Gourley
- Molly, by Golly! The Legend of Molly Williams, America's First Female Firefighter by Diane Ochiltree
- Henry's Freedom Box, A True Story from the Underground Railroad by Ellen Levine
- Granddaddy's Gift by Margaree King Mitchell

Good for Middle School Girls

- Schomburg: The Man Who Built a Library by Carole Boston Weatherford
- Tiny Stitches: The Life of Medical Pioneer Vivien Thomas by Gwendolyn Hooks
- Howard Thurman's Great Hope by Kai Jackson Issa
- Stars Beneath Our Feet by David Barclay Moore
- Blended by Sharon M. Draper
- Many Thousand Gone: African Americans from Slavery to Freedom by Virginia Hamilton
- The African American Family Album by Dorothy Hoobler
- Into the Land of Freedom by Meg Greene

Good for High School Girls

- The Watsons Go to Birmingham-1963 by Christopher Paul Curtis
- Sojourner Truth Ain't I a Woman? by Patricia C. McKissack
- Heart and Soul The Story of America and African Americans by Kadir Nelson
- The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind by Bryan Mealer
- November Blues by Sharon M. Draper
- Heaven by Angela Johnson
- Feathers by Jacqueline Woodson

- Go exploring at the [National Museum of African American History & Culture](#). There is lots of wonderful and interesting information to find.
- Learn about the first African American Girl Scout Troop. Answer the following questions.
 - When was it formed?
 - Where was it located?
 - Did they have a troop #?
 - How many girls were in the troop?
 - When did the Girl Scouts USA begin to desegregate troops?

Take Action

- Bring art and history together by recreating civil rights freedom movement posters.
 - Create your own civil rights poster.
 - Go to [civil rights poster art project - Bing images](#) for examples of posters.
 - When you complete your poster take a photo and send to media@girlscoutsgcc.org. Remember to include your name, troop # or city.
- Research the National Association for the Advancement Colored People's (NAACP). Answer the following questions:
 - How & why was the organization started?
 - What is its mission?
 - Does your county have a local NAACP chapter? If yes, who is the President of your county chapter?
 - Share this information with your family, troop, and friends.
- Create a piece of artwork in the style of one of the artists below.
 - Start by researching their artwork online.
 - Decide which piece of artwork you want to copy.
 - When you complete your artwork take a photo and send to media@girlscoutsgcc.org. Remember to include your name, troop # or city.

Alma Thomas was an expressionist painter. Her artwork is characterized by shapes, color, rhythm, and powerful emotions. She tells a story about how she feels by how and where she puts color on the page.

Jacob Lawrence painted both historically significant moments of African American history as well as scenes from the daily life of ordinary people. His paintings are representational and narrative.

Aaron Douglas painted murals and large-scale paintings using lush colors, wild movement, and symbolic images. He is known for his signature use of concentric circles that create the appearance of movement and light throughout the work.

Elizabeth Catlett was a sculptor and printmaker. Her sculptures are known for their round, intuitive physicality and often depict mothers and their children. Her printmaking depicted "ordinary people." Her artwork has a deeper message of justice, activism, and empowerment.

Faith Ringgold artwork is diverse. She has written almost 20 children's picture books. Her art includes a wide variety of styles, paintings, costumes, performances, sculptures, and quilts. She is still making art today. Her work centers on social justice, fighting racism and telling the stories of African American individuals, families, and communities.

- Recreate a Black family's journey using the Green Book. This guide was written to help Black Americans travel safely during the mid-20th century.
 - Learn about the history of [The Negro Motorists Green-Book](#) on the History Channel.
 - Design your own travel guide to help others travel safely in your community. You can create a story to go with your travel guide.
 - Design a cover for your travel guide.
 - When you complete your travel guide take a photo and send to media@girlscoutsgcc.org. Remember to include your name, troop # or city.

- Complete the [GSCCC MLK Day of Service Patch](#) Program.