Civil Rights History

For:  Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors, Ambassadors

Objective: To promote awareness of and learning about Civil Rights History, and the history that exists in Montgomery Alabama in a fun way, that involves education and hands-on learning.

Guidelines: Complete the following number of activities for each age level, including at least one from each category:
- Brownies complete 5 activities
- Juniors and Cadettes complete 9 activities
- Seniors and Ambassadors complete 12 activities

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Discover:
Investigate Civil Rights history. Find a few important facts like:

Name the person responsible for “starting” the Civil Rights Movement. What year did it all begin? Why was Montgomery important in the Civil Rights Movement?

What is the birth date of Martin Luther King, Jr.? When did he die?

Name some of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s professional accomplishments.

Name the two African American women who were arrested during the 1950’s in Montgomery for refusing to give up their bus seats.

What is the date Rosa Parks refused to give up her bus seat?

How did the bus boycott in Montgomery begin and what was the year?

How long did the bus boycott last?

Find out about the Parsonage bombing. How many people were in the Parsonage on the night it was bombed? Was everyone ok?
Connect:
Visit one of these historical civil rights establishments:
- The Rosa Parks Museum (http://www.troy.edu/rosaparks/)
- The Civil Rights Memorial
- Dexter Parsonage Museum
- Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church

Watch a movie, read a book or magazine article that is about a person or place relating to Civil Rights history.

Look up at least one Civil Rights Museum online and share your findings with your troop.

Take the Civil Rights History audio walking/driving tour available at the Montgomery Area Visitor’s Center.

What is the saying inscribed on the Civil Rights Memorial, located in front of the Southern Poverty Law Center in Montgomery? Who is this saying credited to?

Take Action:
Identify a national holiday created to honor a civil rights leader. Do something special on that day to honor the memory of all fallen civil rights participants.

Share what you have learned about Civil Rights history with at least three other people.

Draw a picture or create a poster showing Civil Rights history and share it with your troop or another group.

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