

## Alabama's Bicentennial Patch

**For:** All Girl Scout Age Levels

**Objectives:** To learn about the state of Alabama while participating in fun activities during our Bicentennial. Patch may be earned from July 2016 – July 2019.

**Guidelines:** Complete the following number of activities for each age level, including at least one from each category:

- Daisies and Brownies complete 5 activities
- Junior and Cadettes complete 7 activities
- Senior and Ambassadors complete 9 activities

### Discover:

Discover State of Alabama history:

- Find out when Alabama became a state.
- Where was the first Capital?
- Who was the first Governor?
- What is the oldest city in Alabama? Was it established prior to statehood?

Learn about Alabama before it became a state.

- Find out in which cave the skeletal remains of a pre-historic man was found.
- Who were its inhabitants? Where are they now?
- Which Native American Tribes were significant in Alabama history?

Research the seven flags of Alabama and their significance to Alabama. Find out what flags fly over your hometown and their significance to your hometown.

Pick a person from Alabama who played an important role in the history of our state, heritage or culture. What is the reason for his/her fame? What was the effect of his/her actions on the history of the country, heritage or culture? How might things be different today if not for that person?

Trace your family's journey to Alabama.

Discover the origins of Mardi Gras in Alabama.

Research state tourism and find out the impact that industry has on the state's economic growth.

Learn where our water comes from; how it gets to our homes; and where it ends up. Research ways we can conserve our water use.

Research Alabama's role in the space program.

Discover Alabama's literary tradition. Who are some of the most famous writers from Alabama, and what did they write?

Alabama is the only state with all major natural resources needed to make iron and steel. Find out which resources they are and where they can be found in the state.

### Connect:

Talk to someone about the history of your community or about an important local tradition.



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Visit the Museum of Alabama at the Alabama Department of Archives and History in Montgomery.

Visit a historical landmark and find out why it is significant to Alabama and/or your community.

Take a walking tour of an historical district and find out its significance to the community.

Visit a historical site related to the civil rights movement. What was the significance of that site to the movement?

Visit a fort, battlefield, or an important site to the formation of the state of Alabama. What part did it play?

Visit a local Science Museum and learn about plants or animals native to Alabama. Learn about at least one endangered native plant or animal. What is being done to protect it? Learn about an invasive plants or animals to Alabama and their impact on native plants and animals. What is being done to protect the native species?

Attend a local festival different from your culture and taste a new food or engage in an activity you have never done.

Visit an art museum and learn about Alabama artists and their contribution to the arts.

Attend a reading of an Alabama author at your local book store or library. Read the book or visit a library or bookmobile in your community and check out a book written about Alabama or by an Alabama author.

Attend a local music festival that is a new genre of music to you. How did it make you feel?

Visit a tourist attraction that has an economic impact to the state of Alabama. Find out how many visitors come there annually.

Visit a local park that is named after someone in your community. Find out what contribution this person has made in your area.

Visit one of the following to learn about government in action:

- Your town's City Hall and sit in on a city council or town meeting.
- The State House in Montgomery and sit in on a legislative session.

Visit with people at least two generations older than you to learn about their life when they were your age. Visiting a nursing home or assisting living facility is a great way to accomplish this.

## Take Action:

Educate others about Alabama's natural resources.

Participate in a service related project that makes "Alabama the Beautiful" a better place.

Create a scrapbook about what you have learned about Alabama while earning the Bicentennial Patch and share with others.

Draw a picture of what you have learned about Alabama while earning the Bicentennial Patch and share with others.

Work with others to host a Bicentennial Celebration for your local community (Girl Scout or beyond).

Help a younger troop earn the Bicentennial Patch.

Advocate about local issues you have learned about while earning the Bicentennial Patch. Email or write your local congressman and/or the governor.

Plant and care for a bicentennial garden.