

Enterprise Boll Weevil Monument Patch

For: All Girl Scout Age Levels

Objectives: To learn about the history of the Boll Weevil and its impact on Enterprise and Alabama.

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 the history of Enterprise, Alabama:

- Find Enterprise, Alabama on a map.
- Find out when the city was established and by whom?
- Name 2 of the 3 places in Enterprise that are listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Learn about the history of the Boll Weevil:

- What does a Boll Weevil look like? Find a picture of it.
- What is the scientific name?
- What type of bug is it?
- What type of crop does it primarily feed on in Alabama?
- Where did it come from?
- What years did it migrate to Alabama and devastate the crops?

What is the name of the man who travelled to Enterprise, Alabama and advised them to plant peanuts instead of cotton?

Extra credit: What is significant about this man and the fact that he addressed a large group of farmers?

Learn the history of the Boll Weevil Monument:

- On what day was the monument dedicated?
- Who proposed a commemoration of the pest for turning Enterprise's economy around?
- What does the inscription read?
- What did the first statue look like?
- In what year was the boll weevil placed on the statue?

Connect:

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

Visit the Depot Museum in Enterprise.

Attend the Boll Weevil or Peanut Festival.

Take a walking tour of Enterprise and find out significance of each of the historical landmarks.

Visit the Pea River Historical Society.

Visit Weevil Way.

Visit Southern Broadway Dinner Theater and take in a show.

Take a selfie at the Boll Weevil Monument.

Take Action:

Educate others about the history of the Boll Weevil.

Educate others about the history of cotton in Enterprise and why it was replaced with peanuts.

Contact the Enterprise Tourism Board about volunteer opportunities.