I HAVE A DREAM

The purpose of the I Have a Dream Patch is to increase knowledge of the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the African American community. Completion will also heighten awareness of issues of diversity and equality in the larger community.

ACTIVITIES

» Girl Scout Brownies – complete 4 activities
» Girl Scout Juniors – complete 6 activities
» Girl Scout Cadettes – complete 8 activities
» Girl Scout Seniors – complete 10 activities

1. With your troop/group/family, plan a Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday party. Use a theme that related to his life such as peace, justice, fairness or equality. Consider making decorations, invitations, birthday cake, playing games and other party elements to add to the fun.

2. See a film, read a book or go to the library to learn about the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. Create a picture poster or humanity collage from magazine pictures to share with others what you have learned. To learn about the life of Martin Luther King, Jr., visit www.stanford.edu/group/King/

3. Interview people who lived before the civil rights movement to discover what social changes have evolved. OR talk to people who lived during the time of the civil rights movement to discover what they remember about Martin Luther King, Jr.

4. Take a field trip to a place where you can learn about the role of African American history. OR visit a site in your community that is important to African American history.

5. Take part in a Martin Luther King, Jr. commemorative activity in your community. OR organize a commemorative activity of your own such as a peace march. OR plan and implement a special awards ceremony for community leaders who are living out the ideas of Martin Luther King, Jr.

6. Invite African American women from your community to speak to your troop about African American history. OR write about the African American heroine you most admire.

7. Find out about the women who were involved in the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. and the role they played in developing the civil rights movement. Share what you learn with your family, friends, or troop. OR write a press release reporting an incident of one of the women who played a role in developing the civil rights movement.

8. Find out about the Nobel Peace Prize. Who awards it, how is it earned and why it was awarded to
Martin Luther King, Jr. Share what you learned with Brownie Girl Scouts or other younger girls. OR write and act out a skit about how Martin Luther King Jr. earned the Nobel Peace Prize. To learn more about the Nobel Prize for Peace, visit www.nobel.se/nobel/index.html

9. See a video or read a copy of the “I Have A Dream” speech given by Martin Luther King, Jr. Describe what you think his dream of America was. Share times when you have judged people for reasons other than “the content of their character”; such as if they were too short or tall, overweight etc. OR write what the “I Have A Dream” speech means to you and how you want to live the dream in your everyday life. To view the “I Have a Dream” speech, visit http://web66.coled.umn.edu/new/MLK/MLK.html

10. Read Coretta Scott King’s autobiography. What kind of education did she have? What problems and joys did she experience? Relate your life to hers. Do you have the same experiences? List the similarities and differences. Talk with your big sister, mother, Girl Scout Leader, or other adult about your list. To view the biography of Coretta Scott King, visit www.triadntr.net/~rdavis/mlkwife.htm

11. What can you do to help the “dream”? What concerns and attitudes, in your community, prevent or help people to achieve equality and be treated as equals. Put together a plan of action that you can carry out to promote change.

12. Complete a list of groups and organizations in your community involved in social change. What do they do and what types of careers are involved in these organizations. Investigate these careers and what education is needed. Do local schools and universities offer the education you need for these careers? Share your findings with younger girls, your troop members, or your family.

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Copies of the “I Have a Dream” speech are available for viewing at the Council Shop library.