

Black History Month Patch

In February 1926, historian Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History initiated Negro History Week, which planted the seed for the celebration of Black History Month, originated in 1970. Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements and contributions of the African American and Black communities—a time (though not the only time) for emphasizing the central role of this varied community throughout U.S. history.



Our Council's Own Black History Month patch is designed to help you discover more about Black History and the achievements and contributions of the African American and Black communities specific to Arizona, connect with community resources, and take action to educate others.

ACTIVITIES

Daisies & Brownies: Complete 1 activity from each section.

Juniors & Cadettes: Complete 2 activities from each section.

Seniors & Ambassadors: Complete 3 activities from each section.

Discover:

- Visit the [George Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center](#) in Phoenix to learn more about this history and culture of African Americans in Arizona and the American west.
- Visit the Shining Light Foundation [website](#) to find a map of their Black History Month Mural Project. Take a tour of Phoenix murals and learn more about historical Black figures!
- Learn about the historic [Tanner Chapel AME Church](#) in Phoenix and which Civil Rights leader spoke at the chapel in the 1960's.
- Visit [Fort Verde State Historic Park](#) in Camp Verde to learn more about the former US Military Headquarters building where [Buffalo Soldiers](#) reported for duty, starting in 1885.
- Learn more about Flagstaff native, Jane Dorsey, the first African American flight attendant for American Airlines who traveled around the world. Dorsey is highlighted in a mural at the Cleo Murdoch Community Center in Flagstaff, as a leader in the community and a former student in the same building. Dorsey is also featured in a traveling exhibit called [Resilience](#).



Connect:

- Attend an event at the Cleo Murdoch Community Center in Flagstaff to connect with community members and learn more about the [South Side historical resources](#) available through the center.
- Learn more about Black-owned businesses in your area by using a directory app or webpage with your family. Choose one business to visit and learn more about. Use the [Girl Scout Internet Safety Pledge](#) and guidelines as always.
- Dive into the history of southern soul food with a fork and spoon, and plan a visit to the historic [Mrs. White's Golden Rule Cafe](#) in Phoenix, family-run and open since 1964.
- Visit the [GSACPC Global Programming](#) webpage to find local Black History Month Events. Choose one to attend in February and explore future opportunities to explore cities like New Orleans in October 2026.

Take Action:

- Connect with one sister troop or another IGM to plan a Black History Month Celebration. Consider activities, decorations, foods, and music to help you celebrate and learn more about Black History.
- Form a book club with your friends to read a book by a Black author. Learn more about the author and what inspired them to write the book you have chosen.
- Plan a movie viewing with friends, family, and/or your community to screen a film that highlights Black stories and experiences, such as *Hidden Figures*. Follow-up with discussions about themes, lessons, and historical contexts.
- Read poems by authors such as Maya Angelou, Langston Hughes, and Amanda Gorman. Reflect on their work and write your own poem about identity, resilience, and hope.
- Research local non-profits and social justice organizations and volunteer for opportunities to take action with a trusted adult.



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