

# City of Tempe Girl Scout Patch

Discover more about the history, government, community and sustainability efforts of one of Arizona's most diverse and innovative cities!

## Activities

- » Complete *at least one activity per area of interest*. Don't forget to take pictures along the way! Please email photos to: [marcom@girlscoutsaz.org](mailto:marcom@girlscoutsaz.org) in the subject line please write: **City of Tempe Patch**.

## History

- » 1. Learn about City of Tempe's rich history, from the four southern Native American tribes; Ak-Chin Indian Community, Tohono O'odham Nation, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, and Gila River Indian Community, who first inhabited this area; to the 21st century innovation hubs of today.
  - a. Climb "[A](#) Mountain". Take note of any native plants and petroglyphs (rock art left by the Hohokam Indians) that you see. On a piece of paper, draw what you see while on your hike or take a picture so you can draw later at home. Look up your findings later to learn more.
  - b. Take a [self-guided tour](#) highlighting Downtown Tempe, Tempe Town Lake, and the historic portions of Arizona State University.
  - c. Visit the City of Tempe History Museum's main gallery. Pick one of four themes on display to explore: Surviving the Desert, Building Our Community, College Town, and Living Together.

## Government

- » 2. Find out more about the City of Tempe's government—how it works and serves everyone who lives, works and goes to school here.
  - a. Attend (virtually, or in-person) a [Tempe City Council Meeting](#). Share with your troop or family members about one item on the agenda that was discussed at the meeting and what you thought about it.
  - b. Visit the [Tempe City Hall](#). Call ahead to see if any tours are available.

- c. Write an email or letter to the [Mayor or a Councilperson](#) about a problem at school or in the larger community that you would like help with. Get advice from your troop leader or caregiver about how to be clear and direct when writing your message.

## Community

- » 3. Community is the heart of the City of Tempe and includes the neighborhoods where people of almost every race and ethnicity, religion and nationality call home. It is important to care about our communities and to think about how we can care for others.
  - a. Help other youth. Donate school supplies, full-sized hygiene products, and new or gently-used clothing for ages 13-18 to any Teen Threads Location in the City of Tempe.
  - b. Learn more about homelessness. Explore a [public dashboard](#) with data about the City of Tempe's homeless outreach and encampment efforts.
  - c. Become familiar with public transportation and learn why it's important. [Ride an Orbit bus or a Tempe Streetcar](#). Plan your trip ahead of time using a transit map (paper copies are available at the Tempe Transportation Center, 200 E. Fifth St).

## Sustainability

- » 4. The City of Tempe is dedicated to sustainability and caring for the world around us; we take local action to address global problems by reducing our emissions and increasing our resiliency.
  - a. Read about the [City of Tempe's Climate Action Plan](#). Share with your troop or family one Guiding Principle you will follow to help meet our climate goals.
  - b. Learn how to recycle properly. Other cities may have different requirements. Make a list for your family of the top 10 accepted items for your blue recycle bin. This is where you can find [recycling information](#) for residents of the City of Tempe
  - c. If you live in the City of Tempe, you may contact the city for a free recycled compost container at 480-350-4311. Tempe provides residents repurposed trash and recycling containers for use as compost containers free of charge (one container per household). These containers are for your own personal composting efforts. The repurposed containers have holes drilled in the side for ventilation and you can modify the container to make any improvements you wish. For more info, visit <https://www.tempe.gov/government/municipal-utilities/solid-waste-and-recycling/residential-recycling/composting-at-home>.

## More to explore

- » • [Tempe Youth Leadership Program](#) through the Tempe Chamber of Commerce
- » • [Tempe Sister Cities Student Exchange Program](#)
- » • [Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission](#) (MYAC)
- » • [Tempe Fire Cadet Program](#) (for high school graduates)
- » • [Tempe Youth Volunteers](#)
- » • [Tempe Library Volunteer](#)

## Service opportunities

- » • [Keep Tempe Beautiful](#)
- » • [Tempe Community Action Agency](#)