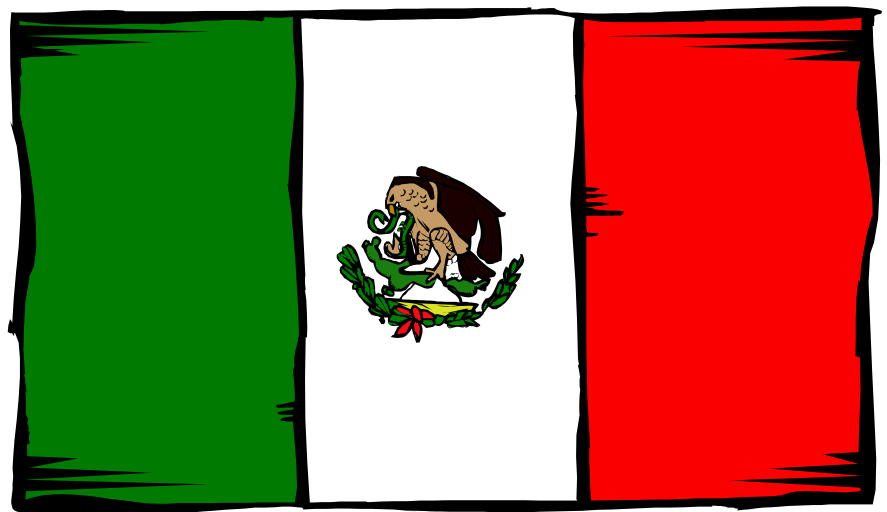




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MEXICO!

PATCH PROGRAM



All grade-levels complete activities 4. Please complete the following number of additional activities according to your grade-level:

Daisy – 2

Brownie – 4

Junior – 6

Cadette and up – 8

Cadettes may earn a patch by helping a younger troop complete the requirements.

1. Locate the country of Mexico, the state of Mexico, and Mexico City on a map. Find out the following facts:
 - a) Population of Mexico City. Compare it to the population of Maine.
 - b) Compare the climate of Mexico City to that in Maine.
 - c) Find out about the Mexican flag. What is the symbol on it? What does it mean?
2. Find out what language is spoken in Mexico. Learn to say some words. For example: hello, good-bye, thank you, please, numbers 1-10.
3. Learn about a Mexican craft and make one of the following: pinata, amate, God's Eye, or straw weaving.
4. Find out about the World Center in Mexico. What is its name? Where is it located? What is its symbol and what does it mean? Who can go there? View a video to learn more about this World Center. Learn the song for that World Center.
5. Mexican culture is among the oldest in the Western Hemisphere. It is an interesting blend of Indian and Spanish. Learn a little about the history of Mexico. Find out who Cortes was. Learn a little about the Maya and Aztec Empires. What part does the church play in Mexican culture? Learn more about the Shrine of Guadalupe. Find out about the Day of the Dead.
6. As part of the heritage, dancing has always been an important part of their culture and part of every fiesta. Learn to do the Mexican Hat Dance.
7. Learn about Mexican food. Go to a Mexican restaurant or make your own Mexican dishes.
8. Invite a person who has been to Mexico to speak to your troop.
9. In the fall you might see a black and orange butterfly called a monarch around your home. Find out more about this butterfly. What does Mexico have to do with this butterfly?
10. Learn about Mexican money. What is it called? If possible, ask your bank to get some for you. What is it currently worth compared to the U.S. dollar?
11. Pretend that your troop is going to Mexico. Learn what steps you would need to take before you could go. Ask your local travel agency to help you. How would you get there? What will it cost? What besides luggage will each girl need in order to leave the United States and enter Mexico? Learn about going through customs and immigration as part of your trip.
12. Learn about some present day problems in Mexico. For example, pollution, sanitation, ecology versus economics, poverty, and politics.
13. Learn something about traditional Mexican dress that might be worn by men, women, and children.
14. Have a Fiesta. Include in it what you have learned. Invite people to share it with you (maybe another troop or parents).

Questions? Comments?

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