Maine Women’s Suffrage Centennial Patch | 2019-2020

“The vote is the emblem of your equality, women of America, the guarantee of your liberty.”

Carrie Chapman Catt
BACKGROUND

2020 marks the Centennial of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote in the United States. Throughout the history of the Women's Suffrage Movement, Suffragists marched in parades, held rallies, staffed tents at fairs, and distributed information to spread the word of how important it was for women to be granted the right to vote.

By completing this patch program, you will become more aware of that movement and the women who helped shaped history. You’ll explore how these actions set the stage for women’s rights throughout history, how the Women’s Rights Movement is still a part of our current lives, and how through advocacy we have the power to impact the lives of others.

Patches are available at the GSME Service Center Retail Shops in Bangor and South Portland and by mail as needed. Once you or your troop has completed the steps, to receive your patch(es) please complete the patch program questionnaire at: https://form.jotform.com/GirlScoutsofMaine/suffragecentennialpatch

RESOURCES

- **Maine Suffrage Centennial**: https://www.mainesuffragecentennial.org/
- **Women's Rights Movement**: www.history.com (search for the 19th Amendment)
- **Women's Suffrage Timeline**: https://www.thoughtco.com/womens-suffrage-timeline-3530518
- **League of Women Voters of Maine**: http://www.lwvme.org/index.html
- **National Women's History Museum**: https://www.womenshistory.org/
- **Women's Rights Hall of Fame**: www.womenofthehall.org
- **Library of Congress**: https://www.loc.gov/ (search for Women’s Suffrage)
- **National Archives**: https://www.archives.gov/ (search for Women’s Suffrage)
- **Women's Rights National Historic Park**: https://www.nps.gov/wohi/index.htm
- **Books and Movies**: https://www.amahtygirl.com/catalogsearch/result?q=suffrage
- **Suffrage Movement in Maine**: www.florencebrookswithhouse.com
- **Women's Suffrage and a Century of Change**: http://www.suffrageroadtrip.com
Please complete at least one option from all three steps.

**Step 1: Learn About the History of the Movement**

A. Discover who the first women to lead the Suffrage Movement were. Learn more about ONE person: Who was she? Where was she from? What was her involvement in the movement? What did she do to inspire others?

B. What were some of the most important events in the Suffrage Movement? Create a timeline highlighting some of these important events to show how long it took for all women to get the right to vote.

C. Read a book about the Women’s Suffrage Movement. Draw a picture showing something you learned from the book. Suggested books include (for other book suggestions, visit: www.amightygirl.com):

   - *Around the World to Win the Vote: Two Suffragists, a Kitten, and 10,000 Miles* by Mara Rockliff
   - *Marching with Aunt Susan: Susan B. Anthony and the Fight for Women’s Suffrage* by Claire Rudolf Murphy
   - *Elizabeth Leads the Way: Elizabeth Cady Stanton and the Right to Vote* by Tanya Lee Stone
   - *Elizabeth Started Trouble* by Doreen Rappaport
   - *I Could Do That: Esther Morris Gets Women the Vote* by Linda Arms White
   - *Miss Paul and the President: The Creative Campaign for Women’s Right to Vote* by Dean Robbins

**Step 2: Celebrate The 19th Amendment**

A. Attend an event or ongoing exhibit promoted by the Maine Suffrage Centennial Celebration such as the Maine State Museum’s “Women’s Long Road—100 Years to the Vote” exhibit. What did you learn from this event or exhibit?

B. Earn your Girl Scout Citizen Badge (registered Girl Scouts only)

C. Interview an adult in your life about the role the 19th Amendment has played in her life or the impact of the Women’s Rights Movement.

**Step 3: Share Your Voice**

A. Create your own Suffrage banner or poster. Share it on social media (with the help of your parents or troop leader), in your meeting place, your school, or another public place.

B. Create a song to share that highlights what you have learned.

C. Thank a woman who inspires you. It can be a historical figure from the Women’s Suffrage Movement or someone making a difference today. Send her a card/letter, write her a message on social media (be sure to get your parent/guardian’s permission), or create a short video showing your appreciation.
Juniors/Cadettes/Seniors/Ambassadors
(Recommended for Ages 10 and Up)

*Please complete at least one option from all five steps.*

**Step 1: Learn About the History of the Movement**

**A. Discover who the first women to lead the Suffrage Movement were.** Select one person you feel played an important role in the movement. Who was she? Where was she from? What was her involvement? What did she do to inspire others?

**B. What opposition did the Women’s Suffrage Movement face?** What were some of the major barriers these women overcame and challenges they faced? What role did race/ethnicity play (or not play) in the movement?

**C. Create a comic or short graphic novel** (or other art source) highlighting some of the major events that took place during the Women’s Suffrage Movement. Share your art with others so they can learn more about this important part of history.

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**C. Discover how democracy works and why voting is important for women** by visiting the League of Women Voters of Maine at http://www.lwvme.org/. What are some of the current issues they highlight? How do they support voting as a whole?

**Step 3: Learn About Famous Women Who Fought for Women’s Rights Throughout History**

**A. Visit the National Women’s Hall of Fame** at www.womenofthehall.org. See what women throughout time have been inducted into the hall of fame. There are many famous women who have been inducted that were or still are Girl Scouts. Name at least one woman related to Girl Scouting and 2 others that you feel have had an impact in either the Suffrage Movement or other women’s rights issues. Who do you feel you have a connection with?

**B. Learn about at least 3 women or girls around the globe making an impact in their communities and beyond.** What did they do? What opposition did they face? How has their story been told? Who are some of the current famous females making a difference worldwide around women’s rights issues?

**C. Explore some of the current women’s rights issues being discussed around the world.** Why are these issues important? What steps have been taken to fight for these rights?

**Step 4: Decide What Justice Means to You**

**A. Think of a time you felt you were treated unjustly.** How did that impact you? Why do you think injustice exists and how can you change that? Justice is said to be blind, but is it really?

**B. Think about and envision what justice means to you.** Who do you feel needs justice most in today’s world? Why do you feel the way you do? Do you think bringing justice to those you listed will be difficult? Would it be worth the fight? What could you do to advocate for justice?

**C. Learn the definition of civil disobedience.** Discover if there were any instances of civil disobedience during the Women’s Rights Movement. Has civil disobedience been used in supporting any current women’s rights issues? How?
Step 5: Share your Voice

A. Plan a victory celebration in honor of the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment. It was a long and difficult effort to win the right for women to vote in the United States, celebrate their efforts.

B. Register to vote (if 18 years old) or encourage other women to register to vote. Share how hard it was for women to earn the right to vote and how important it is for everyone to honor those women who fought for this right by casting your ballot on Election Day.

C. Thank a woman who inspires you. It can be a historical figure from the Women's Suffrage Movement or someone making a difference today. Send her a card/letter, write her a message on social media (be sure to get your parent/guardian’s permission and help), or create a short video showing your appreciation. Be sure to share the impact she has made on you, your community, or to make the world a more just and better place.