



Girl Scouts of California's Central Coast Equal-Tea Patch Program

Must be completed by November 30, 2020

The suffrage (right to vote) movement was unique in that it was the first time; women across the nation became politically active on women's right. These female activists, called Suffragettes protested their right to vote with marches, letters and articles in local papers, and were often arrested while participating in these activities.

Tea had traditionally been a way for women to socialize and organize. Suffragettes used tea parties as a way to educate others and plan protest activities. These teas began to be called Equal-Teas.

This patch program aligns with GSUSA's Democracy badges at every level.

Everyone must complete the following requirements:

Discover!

Pick three (3) of the following Discover activities:

- Learn what the word "suffrage" means and its origin. What does it mean for girls and women in today's society?
- Watch the 2015 movie Suffragette, PG-13.
- Learn about civil disobedience. What does it mean? How does it help make change?
- Explore the history of voting rights in the United States of America. Did all women get to vote after the 19th Amendment passed? If not why?
- Learn about the National Association of Colored Women (NACW) at <https://www.nacwc.com/>. NACW was founded in 1896. How did this organization support the Suffragette Movement?
- Discover the difference between voting in person, absentee voting and mail-in voting.
- Discover where and how to register to vote, and the eligibility requirements to do so.

Connect!

Pick two (2) of the following Connect activities:

- Interview a female, 65 or older, about their first voting experience. Has she been an active voter since then? Why or why not?
- Explore the history of the League of Women Voters (LWV) at <https://www.lwv.org/>. LWV was founded in 1920. What led to the organization's creation?
- Listen to a session of SheVotes podcast at <https://www.shevotespodcast.com/>
- Learn more about the women of color who helped shape the Suffrage Movement. Pick two of the women from the list below and learn more about them.

- Mabel Ping Hua Lee
- Gertrude Simmons Bonnin (Zitkala-Sa)
- Josephine St. Pierre Ruffin

Take Action!

Pick one (1) of the following Take Action activities:

- Create your own suffrage poster or banner based on a historic or current voting right issue. Share with your family and Girl Scouts friends! Take a photo; send to media@girlscoutscoc.org. Remember to include your name, troop # or city.
- Take a virtual tour of the National Women's Hall of Fame at <https://www.womenofthehall.org/women-of-the-hall/>. Find at least one woman related to Girl Scouting and 2 others that you feel have made an impact on women's rights. Share with your family and Girl Scouts friends!
- Get out the vote! In California, you can register or pre-register to vote as young as 16. This can be done online at <https://registertovote.ca.gov/>. It takes approximately 10 minutes. Share with your family and Girl Scout friends!

Optional GSUSA At Home Democracy Activity!

Pick one (1) of the following:

- Daisy - Democracy for Daisies Badge AT Home Activity <https://www.girlscouts.org/en/girl-scouts-at-home/activities-for-girls/daisies/daisy-democracy-badge-activity.html>
- Brownie - Democracy For Brownies Badge Activity <https://www.girlscouts.org/en/girl-scouts-at-home/activities-for-girls/brownies/brownie-democracy-badge-activity.html>
- Junior - Democracy for Juniors Badge Activity <https://www.girlscouts.org/en/girl-scouts-at-home/activities-for-girls/juniors/junior-democracy-badge-activity.html>
- Cadette - Democracy for Cadettes Badge Activity <https://www.girlscouts.org/en/girl-scouts-at-home/activities-for-girls/cadettes/cadettes-democracy-badge-activity.html>
- Senior - Democracy for Seniors <https://www.girlscouts.org/en/girl-scouts-at-home/activities-for-girls/seniors/senior-democracy-badge-activity.html>
- Ambassador - Democracy for Ambassadors Badge Activity <https://www.girlscouts.org/en/girl-scouts-at-home/activities-for-girls/ambassadors/ambassador-democracy-badge-activity.html>