



# The "ME" Patch

The "ME" Patch is especially designed for the individual girl who wishes to learn about her "roots". It is not for troop work. If a girl wishes she may earn this patch during the summer. Girls should use their imaginations and seek out "first hand" resources -other relatives!

**Purpose:** To develop in a girl a sense of pride and self-dignity through the exploration of her own heritage and family customs, cultural experiences and growth.

## **Requirements:**

To earn this patch, you must complete at least seven (7) of the following activities:

- \* 1. Trace an outline of your family's home country. If possible listen to the music of the national anthem. Learn the names of the present heads of state. Find a picture of the present flag.
2. Find out when your family came to America and why. Show on a chart or map the places your family members reside in the world.
- \* 3. Read a children's story, fairy tale or a historical story from your family's home country, OR learn about the daily life of a girl your age in your family's home country and share it with your troop.
4. Learn a short song or poem in the language of your family's native country and share it with your troop.
5. Research the meaning of these words: genealogy, ancestor, sibling, ethnic, kin, culture.
6. Design a FAMILY TREE! A sample is attached - use it if you wish. Chart your family's development starting with yourself and try to chart your ancestors "back" as far as four generations, if possible.
7. Write a letter to your grandchildren, telling them what you think they would like to know about your life now.
8. Write ten questions that you would have liked to ask your great-great grandparents. How many can you find answers for?
9. Ask the oldest living relative you know to talk about his/her life experiences. Record the conversation and share it with your troop. (For an especially elderly person you may want to have your specific questions written down).
- \*10. Share the information you have learned with your troop and family.

**\*Required**

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# MY FAMILY TREE

Girls: Here's your very own family tree chart to record your ancestor. Fill in the blanks to the right. Next, write the names of your parents in the center. Put your father's name on the left side and your mother's on the right side. Then write the name of their parents in the next circle, and so on, until you've gone back five generations!!!

**YOUR NAME**\_\_\_\_\_

**BIRTH DATE**\_\_\_\_\_

**SISTERS**\_\_\_\_\_

**BROTHERS**\_\_\_\_\_

**TODAY'S DATE**\_\_\_\_\_