



Home Means Nevada

Purpose:

Many members of the Girl Scouts of Frontier Council have the privilege of living in Nevada. This patch program is designed to encourage exploration and discovery of this great state.

Requirements:

- Daisy = 4 Items, including 3 starred
- Brownie = 6 Items, including 3 starred
- Junior = 8 Items, including 3 starred
- Older Girls = 10 Items, including 3 starred

1. Nevada is often called the "Silver State". President Lincoln signed the bill to make Nevada a state on October 31, 1864. Research the bird, capital and flower. The words 'Battle Born' appear on the state flag. Find out what significance these words have on Nevada history.
2. A variety of Native American tribes occupied what is now Nevada. Find out more about the Native Americans that resided there, such as the Shoshone and Paiute. What regions of Nevada did they occupy? How did they prepare their food and what type of housing did they have?
- *3. One state, 6 territories, Reno/Tahoe, Las Vegas, Pony Express, Cowboy Country, Pioneer and Indian. Choose a territory to learn more about. Discover places to visit, outdoor activities, resources, weather, or terrain.
- *4. Discover famous women Nevadans. Singers and actors, Native Americans and cowgirls, Nevada has had some outstanding women. Research a famous woman from Nevada, where and when they were born and what they are known for. Some examples are Sarah Winnemucca, Helen Stewart, Dorothy Porter.
5. Mining! 1855 saw the first lode mine in Nevada. Where was it located? What minerals were mined? How many mines are currently registered in Nevada?
6. Nevada had a small but significant role in the Civil War. Discover why it was important in the history of Nevada.
7. By 1841, wagon trains started to cross the Nevada Territory and Sierra Nevada Mountains on their way to California. Some of the groups had a large impact on the emigrant movement through these mountains. Research one group and learn what made them decide to come west and what happened to them when they reached the Nevada Territory.

8. With our varied terrain, there are many flowering plants that are native to the 6 territories of Nevada. Choose 3 species to learn more about, such as color, the time of year or where it blooms.
- *9. Venture on a hike viewing nature, historical trails, or a state park. Complete an activity involving tree, plant or animal discovery: visit a historical or educational site that will enhance your knowledge about the history of Nevada.
10. On March 19, 1931, Nevada Governor Fred Balzar approved a 'wide open' gambling bill. What was the first casino opened and where was it located? Today, how much does the gambling industry contribute to the economy of Nevada?
11. In 1935, the Las Vegas Elks club instituted the Helldorado Days, a weeklong celebration of Las Vegas' frontier heritage featuring a parade down Fremont Street. How has the event changed since that time?
12. Nevada has over 422 known settlements, mining camps and/or ghost towns. Choose one to learn more about. Where is it located? What is its history? How has it changed?
13. The Boulder Dam Project Act was signed by President Coolidge on December 21, 1928. This project was destined to change Southern Nevada forever. One of the greatest man-made endeavors of the modern world, it was only surpassed by the Pyramids of Egypt and the Roman Coliseum. How long did it take to construct? How did it change Southern Nevada?
14. Research a historical site, museum or famous landmark of Nevada, such as the Lost City Museum, Nevada Test Site, Hoover Dam or Lake Mead.

Did you know?

- Mark Twain began his writing career as a report for the Virginia City Territorial Enterprise.
- Nevada is the largest gold producing state in the nation. It is 2nd in the world to South Africa.
- Las Vegas does not sit in Las Vegas Valley as everyone believes. Because it is not a valley. A valley is sided by two mountain ranges, whereas the area commonly known as Vegas Valley, is sided by four mountain ranges, thereby making it a "bowl". The four mountain ranges are: East- Frenchman Mountain Range; West - Spring Mountain Range; North - Sheep Mountain Range; and South - McCullough Mountain Range
- Hoover Dam, the largest single public works project in the history of the United States, contains 3.25 million cubic yards of concrete, which is enough to pave a two-lane highway from San Francisco to New York.
- Las Vegas has more hotel rooms than any other place on earth, and the majority of the largest hotels in the world.
- The longest Morse code telegram ever sent was the Nevada state constitution. Sent from Carson City to Washington D.C.



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Patch Program Application

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Program activities completed: _____ of _____.

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