

Name: Illinois Badge

Purpose: To educate girls about the nature, history, people and unique qualities of their home state, Illinois.

Available to: Cadette & Senior Girl Scouts and STUDIO 2B members (girls ages 11-17)

Requirements: Complete nine of the following activities, including the two starred.



#### Activities:

1. Locate, on a map of Illinois, three old state capitals, and tell what part they had in Illinois history.
2. Choose one of the old capitols, and find out who was its first governor. When was each capital built? What were some of the special events in its history? What caused it to move, and when? Using the answers, make a time chart or display to illustrate the state time line.
3. Learn the names of five people who played a part in Illinois history during the 1800's. What did they do? How many of these five are women?
4. Native Americans have played a major part in Illinois history. Visit a Native American museum and find out how their culture has had to yield to modern culture. Make a list of at least six changes they have made and why. Have these changes been positive or negative? Why?
5. Coal plays an important role in Illinois's economics. Know two mines by name and their locations. Be able to show where they are on an Illinois map. Visit a coal mine in your area, if possible.
- \* 6. Learn a little about Illinois wildlife. Be able to identify three trees, three shrubs, three cacti, and six wildflowers or five animals and five birds that grow or live in Illinois. Find out if there are any on the endangered species list. Share the information you have learned. Take a hike when you can identify the wildlife; you might want to spend at least one night camping at a state or county park.
7. Find out about a woman who has played, or is playing a role in Illinois history. Find out about her community, life, family, and friends. She can be anyone you admire, dislike, or find interesting. Make a report that would be representative of her life.
- \* 8. Illinois has played an important role in the formation of the United States. Know when and how Illinois became a state, what is its rank, its official nickname, and its highest and lowest points.
9. Learn about Illinois cooking. Collect five local recipes. Prepare three of them to share.
10. Research two of the following crafts: quilting, candle making, knitting, weaving, and carving. Locate someone skilled in one of the crafts, and ask them to share their skill with the troop.
11. Learn about all the state symbols: state song, state bird, state flower, state tree, state animal, state insect, state fossil, state mineral, state prairie grass, state fish, state dance, state slogan, and state flag. Find out when the state symbol was adopted and what it is.