

Name: Illinois Badge

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

Available to: Junior Girl Scouts

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



#### Activities:

- \* 1. Locate, on a map of Illinois, a town or city other than the one you live in. Learn the meaning of the town's name. Write to the Chamber of Commerce in the town for more information.
- \* 2. Visit a lock or aqueduct. Learn about the importance of locks and aqueducts to Illinois history.
3. Learn what industries are important to Illinois. Visit one industry and learn how it is operated.
4. Locate on a map at least one national park or historical site in Illinois. Find out why they are important and visit one. Talk to a park ranger about the place you visit and about the ranger's job.
5. Color a map that identifies each county in Illinois. Be able to identify the following:
  - Capital of Illinois
  - State Flower
  - State Bird
  - Name of the Governor of Illinois
6. Find out what the town was like 20 years ago, 50 years ago, and 100 years ago (size, transportation, industry, etc).
7. Participate in an activity (such as a trash clean-up, scatter seeds, erosion prevention, conservation projects) that help to improve Illinois.
8. Visit the state capital in Springfield. If possible, speak to a legislator from your community. Find out what the governor and the legislator do in Illinois.
9. Illinois has many forms of wildlife (birds, fish, animals, and plants) that are endangered. Find out about four of them and share what you have learned with your troop. You could make a drawing, a diorama, or a map.
10. Take pictures of places you visit and collect brochures. Make a scrapbook or poster about your trip or trips. Display the scrapbook or poster in the Girl Scout Center or in your school.