

**Purpose:** This patch program is designed to help Girl Scouts of all cultures develop an understanding and appreciation of the Hispanic/Latino culture through History, Dance, Literature and the Arts.

**This patch can be done individually or as a troop.**

**To earn this patch:**

**Daisy Girl Scouts:** Complete three activities and may do any number of additional activities.

**Brownie Girl Scouts:** Complete three activities and may do any number of additional activities.

**Junior Girl Scouts:** Complete four of the starred activities and two additional activities.

**Cadette Girl Scouts:** Complete five of the starred activities and at least three additional activities.

**Senior Girl Scouts:** Complete six starred activities and at least four additional activities.

**Ambassador Girl Scouts:** Complete six starred activities and at least four additional activities.

Once requirements for each level have been completed, girls can purchase the HLTF Cultural Patch that can be picked up at the GSNC Shop

***Please use all resources available to you in making this experience educational and FUN (libraries, books, internet, museums, people etc...)***

## Activities

- ★ 1. Find some information on the Latin American Continents, some examples below:
  - a. Which Countries are in which Continent that make up Latin America?
  - b. How many countries make up Latin America?
  - c. Name four religions in Latin America.
  - d. How many language/dialects does Latin America have? And name four of them and where are they from.
  - e. How many people live in Latin America?
  - f. Research the people and how they live: food, music, customs and dress.
- ★ 2. Research what is the difference between Hispanic and Latino?
- ★ 3. Learn about the first Latino/Hispanic Girl Scouts Troop in the US. Share your work with your troop and present it to your leader.
- ★ 4. Research Girl Scouts in Latin America?
  - a. What are they called?
  - b. How are they similar to Girl Scouts in the US?
  - c. How are they different?



- ★ 5. Learn about a famous Latin American woman and how she has contributed to society in the United States (Politician, Actor, Teacher, Writer, Artist, Mother, Activist, Girl Scout etc. . . )
- ★ 6. Research and cook a recipe of Latin American origin and share it with your troop, family and/or friends.
- 7. Visit a restaurant that serve ethnic food and try something new. (i.e.: Dominican, Peruvian, Mexican, Colombian etc...)
- 8. Pick and a Latina American/Hispanic American woman of literature and learn about her. Go back in time and imagine yourself in the time the writer was born and the history behind her writings. Make sure you know details about her life (where she lived), what era of time she lived (1800's), an the significant event in that era (Civil Rights Movement in US or Latin America) and present a poster board presentation of your writer to your Troop or family members. (ie: Dolores Huerta, Isabel Allende, Julia Álvarez , Evita Perón, Esmeralda Santiago and Sandra Cisneros, Luisa Capetillo, Sonia Sotomayor )
- ★ 9. Visit the museum called “El Museo del Barrio (NYC) and pick one thing you learned and found most interesting and share it with your Troop.
- 10. Visit any museum, art gallery, play, concert, library exhibit, poetry reading and share it with your troop how their showcase is Latino influenced.
- 11. Participate in any of Nassau County Hispanic Heritage Month events listed on their website (September 15th – October 15th).
- ★ 12. Learn about one of the following holidays celebrated in Latin America & the US: El Día de los Reyes, El Día de los Muertos and El Día de la Raza.
  - a. What does it celebrate?
  - b. Who celebrates it?
  - c. Where is it celebrated?
  - d. How is celebrated?
- ★ 13. Learn about Hispanic Heritage Month in America –
  - a. Why and how it is celebrated?
  - b. Who founded it?
  - c. When it was Founded?
- ★ 14. Learn about history about Latino influenced dances in America and where they originated create a historical time line about different types of dances from slavery to now.

**DANCE GENRES**

Cha-Cha  
 Rumba  
 Salsa  
 Merengue  
 Bachata

Bolero  
 Charanga  
 Pachanga  
 Guaguancó  
 Flamenco

Argentine Tango  
 Son  
 Samba  
 Bomba y Plena

- ★ 15. There are many Latina American dancers who have made a significant contribution to society. Pick ONE from the list below and share her story with your troop or family members.

**FAMOUS FEMALE DANCERS**

Chita Rivera  
Silvia del Villard  
Sara Baras  
Alicia Alonso  
Lorena and Lorna Feijoo  
Margarita Rivera  
Shakira  
Yolanda Montes  
Rita Hayworth

**FAMOUS NEW YORK FEMALE DANCERS**

Jennifer Lopez  
Rita Moreno  
Rosie Perez

16. Select ONE of the African American Dance Companies below and learn about what type of education is needed for a career in dance with these companies and what contributions has that dance company made to society.

**DANCE COMPANIES**

Piel Canela  
Ballet Hispanico  
Arthur Murray

**NEW YORK DANCE COMPANIES**

Eddie Torres  
Rhythmology – Long Island  
El Teatro Rodante Hispanico  
Estampas Folkloricas  
Piel Canela  
Salsa Sensation  
Santo Rico

- ★ 17. Find out about an Hispanic Latino service organization in your community and invite a representative to your troop/group meeting. Have them share their purpose and how they enhance the community it serves. (i.e.: Long Island Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Latino Fraternity or Sororities, Urban League, SEPA Mujer, Yerba Buena)

**Online Resources:**

El Museo del Barrio: <http://www.elmuseo.org>

National Council of La Raza: <http://www.nclr.org>

Spanish All Year – Long Island: <http://www.spanishallyear.com/>

NALFO–National Association of Latino Fraternal Organizations–Latino Fraternities and Sororities: <https://nalfo.org/>

Teatro Yerbabruja, Inc./The Arts Center: <http://www.teatroyerbabruja.org>

Long Island Hispanic Chamber of Commerce: [www.lihcc.org](http://www.lihcc.org)

Girl Scouts of USA: [www.girlscouts.org](http://www.girlscouts.org)

Girl Scouts of Nassau County: [www.gsnc.org](http://www.gsnc.org)

The Hispanic Coalition: <http://www.hcnewyork.com/long-island-region-13.html>

Powerful Latinas: <http://www.powerfullatinas.com/latina-womens-history-books.html>

Latina women <http://www.latinorebels.com/2014/03/24/latinorebels-com-celebrates-latina-leaders-for-womens-history-month/>

100 Hispanic Woman: <http://www.100hispanicwomen.org>

Notable Hispanic Women: <http://www.biography.com/people/groups/notable-hispanic-women>