

The Powder Magazine

Circa 1713



GIRL SCOUTS Badge Achievement and Education Programs



Program opportunities for Girl Scouts of all ages!

The Powder Magazine will work with troop leaders to customize any of our programs to fit your requirements.

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The Girl Scout / Powder Magazine “Architecture” Program*

How does our history influence how we live? Three centuries of architectural style will be explored in this program. Girls will experience the unique design behind The Powder Magazine, Carolina’s oldest public building. They will also learn about different periods of architectural style and see the work of some of America’s most famous architects while on a walking tour of historic Charleston. In addition, scouts will learn how time, culture, and other countries have influenced our lives.

The girls will compile their own architectural diary of the city and draw a plan of the only building left standing from the days of the Lord Proprietors, The Powder Magazine. Their final experience will be to construct a model of the Powder Magazine with popsicle sticks and other materials. Light snacks will be provided.



***Badge achievement for:**

- Girl Scouts Junior (Architecture Badge)
- Girl Scouts 11-17 (Architecture/Environmental Design Badge)

10 Scout Minimum, 35 Scout Maximum

Fee: \$12.00 each (Snack Provided)

Time: 3 hours

Suggested Itinerary:

10:00 to 10:15 AM – Tour of the Magazine

10:15 to 11:15 AM – Short tour of the historic district focusing on architecture and historic buildings. Scouts will take notes and start journal about different time periods of architecture.

11:15 to 11:30 AM – Snack break

11:30 to 1:00 PM – Draft plan and start construction of Powder Magazine using materials provided. As they are doing this we will discuss different ways architecture served to help us develop and build as a city.



The Girl Scout / Powder Magazine “Heritage” Program*

In a city like Charleston, heritage is all around us. Come to The Powder Magazine and discover the rich history of the area. Girls will be able to discover their own family history by creating a family tree and weaving in family traditions. They will experiment with crafts and tools of the 18th century and learn how our ancestors lived their daily lives. Community history will come alive as we walk the streets of Charleston and examine some of the city’s most historic buildings. Girls will discover how documenting history has changed over the years, while learning about the modern ways historians keep our history alive. Scouts will also learn the craft of making paper out of natural materials that can be used to create beautiful, stunning works of folk art. This will allow them to complete their Heritage Hunt Interest Project. Girls need to bring their own lunch and drink. A light afternoon snack will be provided.



***Badge achievement for:**

- Junior Girl Scouts (My Heritage Badge)
- Girl Scouts 11-17 (Heritage Hunt Interest Project)

10 Scout Minimum, 35 Scout Maximum

Fee: \$13.00 each (Snack provided, bring lunch)

Time: 5 hours

Suggested Itinerary:

10:00 to 11:30 AM – Tour The Powder Magazine and Charleston and learning about the city and how we present history through museums and tours.

11:30 to 12:30 PM – Learn how to make kudzu paper. Need this time before lunch so sheets can dry out for afternoon.

12:30 to 1:00 PM – Lunch break

1:00 to 2:00 PM -- Experiment with crafts and tool of the 18th century. Bucket making and simple sewing stitches.

2:00 to 2:15 PM -- Snack

2:15 to 3:00 PM – Using their notes and some knowledge of family history scouts are to come up with a design for their paper quilt.



The Girl Scout / Powder Magazine “Local Lore” Program*

What is the history of Charleston? What exciting and unusual things have happened during the past 338 years? Join us as we discover how this city has grown and changed. We will walk along the city streets and learn about Charleston’s history. Girls will learn about important people and events in Charleston’s past while earning their Local Lore Badge. The Scouts will design and publish the front page of a colonial history newspaper. Light snacks will be provided.



***Badge achievement for:**
- Girl Scouts Junior (Local Lore Badge)

10 Scout Minimum, 35 Scout Maximum

Fee: \$10.00 each (Snack Provided)

Time: 3 hours

Suggested Itinerary:

10:00 AM to 10:15 AM—Scouts will tour of The Powder Magazine.

10:15 AM to 11:00 AM-- Take scouts on short walking tour of the historic area (Chalmers Street, Meeting Street, and through Circular and St. Philip’s graveyard). Scouts will take notes concerning points of interests and events to use for their newspaper.

11:00 AM to 11:15 AM – Snack break while sharing stories of the finer women in Charleston history. Stories of which they can use in their project.

11:15 AM to 12:00 PM – Girls will select stories, write their interpretation, and select photos to utilize. Each troop will be a team and be able to design their own paper.

12:00 PM to 1:00 PM – Start on layout and placement of stories to print the paper. Read featured stories and discuss how important the news is to history.



The Girl Scout / Powder Magazine “Museum Discovery” Program*

Museums are our living history. The Old Powder Magazine is among the oldest museum structures in the country. This intriguing building has stood for nearly 300 years. Girls will discover many of the secrets that these walls hold. They will learn the value of our history and how important it is to keep it alive. Through touring the museum, learning how the Colonial Dames saved this historic structure, and designing an exhibit of their own, they will earn their Museum Discovery Badge. They will also learn how different artifacts are recovered, restored, and preserved in order to educate generations yet to come. Light snacks will be provided.



***Badge achievement for:**

- Girl Scouts 11-17 (Museum Discovery Badge)

10 Scout Minimum, 35 Scout Maximum

Fee: \$13.00 each (Snack provided)

Time: 3 hours

Suggested Itinerary:

10:00 to 10:45 AM – Learn history of The Powder Magazine. Learn how the Dames came to own it and what it has been through as a museum. This will include outside artifacts and walls.

10:45 to 11:15 PM – One of the Colonial Dames of America will speak about why it is important to preserve The Powder Magazine and other historic buildings.

11:15 to 11:30 AM – Snack break

11:30 to 1:00 PM – Design and draw museum exhibits. Learn how artifacts are restored and preserved. Show how important it is to pass this preservation of history down to the younger Scouts.



*The Girl Scout / Powder Magazine “Sewing” Program**

In colonial America most people knew how to sew. Girls were taught to sew as soon as they were old enough to work a needle. Most women grew up to be accomplished needle workers. Soldiers were responsible for repairing their own uniforms. Clothes were either tailor-made or made at home.

Have you ever wanted to learn how to sew? Using needles, thread, fabric, and their own creativity, girls will learn the basic stitches used to create everything from stuffed animals to their own clothes! While learning about sewing in the colonial period, girls will try their hand at making a piece of colonial clothing. The scouts will leave with a hand-stitched journal, the knowledge of how to sew, and the inspiration to create their own masterpieces! Light refreshments will be provided.



*Badge achievement for:

- Brownie Scouts (Stitch It Together Badge)
- Girl Scouts Junior (Sew Simple Badge)

10 Scout Minimum, 35 Scout Maximum

Fee: \$10.00 each (Snack Provided)

Time: 2.5 hours

Suggested Itinerary:

10:00 to 10:15 AM – The scouts will tour The Powder Magazine to give them a basic introduction to the colonial period.

10:15 to 10:45 – Learning stitches. Scouts will learn three basic stitches. Backstitch, running stitch, and whipstitch.

10:45 to 11:15 AM – Button collage. Girls will choose a piece of fabric, 5 or 6 buttons, organize them on the fabric, and sew them using a cross stitch.

11:15 to 11:30 AM Snack break

11:30 to 12:00 PM – Explain the purpose and use of a colonial girl’s waist-pocket. Scouts will receive the materials to sew their own pocket and complete it once they get home.

12:00 to 12:30 PM – Present a colonial reproduction pamphlet. Because books were sewn together during the colonial era, scouts will make a booklet using yarn.

*The Girl Scout / Powder Magazine “Women through Time” Program**

Great women throughout history have shaped the lives of many young girls. Juliette Gordon Low’s influence should not be underestimated. Charleston women are some of the strongest in history. Many played a large part in the development of our nation and the values we all live with today. Girls will learn about some of these amazing women, while experiencing what life was like for them in the early colonial period. For more than 300 years Charleston women have sustained our city through growth, loss, development, and war. Scouts will hear first hand stories of earlier times in Charleston from one of our own local historians who is a member of The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America. Girls will begin a journal to help them see the differences in their lives and the lives of women many years ago. Scouts will develop a game to teach other troops about historical women. This project involves dressing up and role playing in a presentation of “Who Am I?” Furthermore, scouts will learn how to make the candles these women used to light their way. During this wonderful journey, girls will earn their respective badges and gain a sense of self and strength that is invaluable to any young women. Girls need to bring their own lunch and drink. A light afternoon snack will be provided.



*Badge achievement for:

- Brownie Scouts (Her Story Badge)
- Girl Scouts Junior (Women’s Stories Badge)
- Girl Scouts 11-17 (Women through Time Badge)

10 Scout Minimum, 35 Scout Maximum

Fee: \$13.00 each (Snack provided, bring lunch)

Time: 5 hours

Suggested Itinerary:

10:00 to 11:15 AM – Walking tour that visits some of the pertinent sights dealing with women’s history. The Confederate Home, Elizabeth Jackson’s monument, the Magazine, etc.

11:15 to 11:45 AM – Colonial Dame will speak about history of Dames.

11:45 to 12:15 PM – Start journal and discuss how our lives are different from those years ago.

12:15 to 12:45 PM – Lunch Break while discussing ideas about who they want to represent during the “Who Am I” game.

12:45 to 1:30 PM – Candle making

1:30 to 3:00 PM – We will work on characters for “Who Am I” game. Troop leaders may video tape their presentations and present it to other scouts for their community service project.



*The Girl Scout / Powder Magazine “Listening to the Past” Program**

What does the past tell us? What are the stories of the people and the historic structures in our community? How can we learn by listening? Come join us at The Powder Magazine as we dig into the mystery of our history. We will learn about our ancestors as we explore the oldest graveyard in Charleston, listen to stories told by older Charlestonians, and learn games that children played during the colonial period. Scouts will also learn the story of Eliza Lucas Pinckney who was one of Charleston’s most influential women during the colonial period. Hands-on activities include planting indigo seeds. A light snack will be provided.



***Badge achievement for:**

- Brownie Scouts (Listening to the Past Try-It Badge)

10 Scout Minimum, 35 Scout Maximum

Fee: \$10.00 each (Snack provided)

Time: 2.5 hours

Suggested Itinerary:

10:00 to 10:30 AM – Tour The Powder Magazine and understand the colonial history. Where the settlers came from, what they did, and how the colonial city evolved.

10:30 to 11:15 AM – Visit Circular Congregational Church Graveyard, scouts will learn about the people who used to live here when the city first started. Girls then participate in a group activity in graveyard.

11:15 to 11:30 – Snack break

11:30 to 12:00 PM --Tell stories of the past. Volunteers will read about a historic Colonial woman. We will discuss about what life was like for each of these women.

12:00 to 12:30 PM – Plant indigo seeds project.



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