



Georgia on My Mind

Our Own Council's Girl Scout Brownie Try-It

Georgia was one of the 13 original states! Today it is the tenth largest state in the USA. Georgia has mountains, farmlands, big and little cities, and even an Atlantic Ocean coastline. Keep Georgia on *your* mind as you discover more about "the Peach State." Choose and complete any four activities to earn this special Try-It.

1. Be a Georgia Genius

Show off your knowledge of the State of Georgia. Name the following people who helped make Georgia's history:

- the founder of the colony of Georgia
- the Muscogee (Creek) Indian who helped the founder of Georgia
- the first woman to serve in the United States Senate
- the Founder of the Girl Scouts in the USA
- the only President of the USA born in Georgia – he also won a Nobel Peace Prize
- the Atlanta civil rights leader who won the Nobel Peace Prize – he is also honored with a federal holiday.
- the first Olympic athlete to successfully defend a sprint title in consecutive Olympic Games, she was born in Griffin, Georgia.
- the three signers of the Declaration of Independence from Georgia; they all have counties named after them.

2. Birds, Bees, and Butterflies

Make up and play a game that shows you know some of Georgia's state symbols (bird, flower, tree, song, etc.) To hear the sounds that some of our state symbols make, or to find a recipe using a state food symbol, go to www.legis.state.ga.us/legis/2005_06/house/kids/elemsymbols.htm -

3. All Over the Map

Here is a fun way to learn more about the state of Georgia. Use a map or go online to find Georgia State Parks or Historic Sites that are within 100 miles of your troop meeting place. With an adult's help, plan a day trip to the site you choose. Go to the Visitor's Center or read Historical Markers to learn as

much as possible about your site. You can find out about Georgia's state parks and historic sites at www.gastateparks.org.

4. Make New Friends!

Visit a Georgia community that is different from yours. For example, if you live in a city or the suburbs, visit a small town in a rural county; or, if you live in a small town or a rural community, visit a large city. Make a scrapbook, photo album or CD to record your trip. Include a list of things you feel make Georgia special.

5. A Taste of Georgia

Use the recipes from activity 2 (above) or find your own recipes and prepare a snack or a dish for a meal using one of Georgia's state foods: either peaches, peanuts (**check for food allergies**), Vidalia onions or grits. If you do not already know, find out what grain is ground up to make grits. If possible, visit a peach orchard or a farm where peanuts, Vidalia onions, or corn are raised.

6. Red, White, and Blue and...???

Find a picture of the current Georgia flag (adopted in 2003.) You could look online (with an adult's help) or ask a librarian or media specialist where to find a picture in a book. What do the different parts of the Georgia flag stand for? Did you know that the Georgia flag has its own pledge of allegiance? Find and say the pledge to the Georgia state flag.

7. Look Very Closely!

Have you ever looked closely at the man's face on a USA dime? It is Franklin D. Roosevelt, who was President of the United States from 1933 to 1945. President Roosevelt used a wheelchair after an illness left him paralyzed from the waist down. He hoped that exercising in warm water would make his legs work again, so he founded a water-therapy center in Warm Springs, Georgia, and visited there as often as he could. President Roosevelt helped start the March of Dimes, and that is one reason his portrait is on the dime. Georgia honors President Roosevelt's memory with two special places: FDR State Park and The Little White House Historic Site. If this park and historic site are within 100 miles of your meeting place, visit the Little White House to learn more about President Roosevelt, then hike to Dowdell's Knob, his favorite picnic spot.

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