



Our Own Council's "Georgia on My Mind" Girl Scout Junior Badge

Choose and complete at least six of the following requirements:

1. Georgia's nickname is the "Peach State" but peaches aren't really a large part of Georgia's economy! Find out which industries are important to Georgia. Which are most important to the coastal areas? To southeast and southwest Georgia? To middle Georgia? To Metro Atlanta? To northeast and northwest Georgia?
2. Find a Georgia State Historic Site that interests you (www.gastateparks.org.) then plan and go on a day or overnight trip to the site.

Or, Plan an "Historic Treasure Hunt" that includes visiting some of the Georgia Historical Markers in your county – or beyond! (Go to <http://www.georgiaplanning.com/hm/> for a list). Discover when and why the State of Georgia began erecting historical markers.
3. Georgia provides habitats for **62 species** of plants and animals protected under the federal Endangered Species Act. The State of Georgia also has its own lists of plants and animals that are considered to be threatened or endangered. Find out what the major threats to Georgia's wildlife are. What are some ways you can help? *For a list of endangered plants and animals in Georgia, try one of these Web sites:*
<http://www.fws.gov/Athens/endangered.html> (state-wide)
http://www.fws.gov/athens/endangered/counties_endangered.html (county)
<http://www.endangeredspecie.com/states/ga.htm> (federal list, plus tips)
4. Georgia's State Government is a **representative democracy**: every county elects women and men to represent them in the state legislature. Find out who your state senators and representatives are, and what they do when the legislature is in session. Find out what the governor of Georgia does. If possible, visit the State Capitol in Atlanta.

5. Participate in an activity that helps keep Georgia beautiful, such as picking up trash, helping clean up a river, or planting trees or flowers. Remember to follow the guidelines in *Safety-Wise!*

6. 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. Before you go, learn a little of the town's history. Write or go online to the town's Chamber of Commerce for information about local attractions, businesses, schools, and places to live. Find out if there is a Girl Scout troop in the town. Make a scrapbook, photo album or CD to record your trip. Include a list of things you feel make Georgia special.

7. Georgia has a mix of many different cultures, races, and ethnic groups. Make a timeline, starting with the Paleo-Indians and continuing through today, of the groups of people who came or were brought to Georgia. What are some of the things each group brought with them that has become part of Georgia's culture? (For example: words, foods, music, and holidays.) When did your own family come to Georgia? Add them to the time line!

8. Find out about some of the important women in Georgia's history (other than Juliette Gordon Low). What impact did they have on women today?

9. Georgia is the birthplace of two Nobel Peace Prize winners (their homes are two of Georgia's National Historic Sites.) Who are these two men? Why were they awarded the Peace Prize? Find a way that you, as a Girl Scout, can help carry forward their dream of peace.

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