



The Buck Stops Here

A patch program designed for Girl Scouts of NE Kansas & NW Missouri by volunteer Pam Wiltfong

Program Age Level: Junior, Cadette, and Senior Girl Scouts

Purpose: To learn about President Harry S Truman and his contributions to the State of Missouri and to the United States of America.

Requirements:

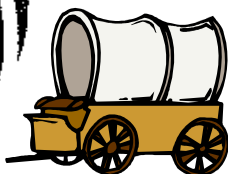
Junior – complete 6 activities

Cadette / Senior – complete 7 activities.

All age levels should complete one requirement in the careers section and one in the service section.



1. Visit one of the following historical sites: Harry S Truman Home, Harry S Truman Library and Museum, or Truman Farmhouse.
2. Check out and do the activities in the Truman Footlocker from the Harry S Truman Library and Museum.
3. Write a one-page report on Harry S Truman's childhood, presidential years, or tough decisions he had to make while in office.



4. Independence, Missouri is both the home of Harry S Truman and the beginning of the Oregon and Santa Fe Trails. Visit one of the many historical sites in Independence, Missouri. For more information, check out the following website:

www.ci.independence.mo.us.

5. Spouses are very important in presidential careers. Research some of the ways that Bess Truman supported her husband during his presidency.
6. Watch a video on Harry S Truman from your school or public library.

7. Harry S Truman was an amateur historian. He received history books for his 10th birthday and read four to five history books a week. Create a PowerPoint presentation or make a brochure on some of the historical decisions President Truman had to make.
8. The *Chicago Tribune* erroneously proclaimed New York Governor Dewey defeated Truman in the Presidential election of 1948. Use a computer program and create a newsletter on the facts you learned about President Truman.
9. The television was a fairly new invention during President Truman's presidency. He gave most of his speeches via the radio. With your family, give up the television for one evening and listen to the radio. What does it have to offer beside music?
10. From the age of 13, President Truman took piano lessons Chopin and Mozart were his favorite composers. Listen to these composers or your favorite music. Talk with other Girl Scouts about what you heard.

Careers

1. Harry S Truman was our 33rd President. What requirements must a person meet to become a president? In 1934 and 1940 President Truman was a senator. What are the qualifications for becoming a senator?
2. Find out about careers in museums, such as: conservator, exhibit preparer, curator, educator, librarian, graphic artist, archival librarian, researcher, or fund-raiser. Find out what educational preparation and training are required for these positions.
3. Harry S Truman had many jobs prior to becoming president. Research some of those careers (i.e., farmer, banker, judge, county commissioner, business owner).
4. Harry S Truman served in our Armed Services. What career opportunities are there in the branches of the Armed Services?

Service

1. Using some type of computer software such as Bookshelf, Encarta, Compton's Encyclopedia, or the Internet, research Harry S Truman. You can visit the Harry S Truman library and museum website at www.trumanlibrary.org and look at the Educational Programs section of the website. After your research, create a scavenger hunt for younger Girl Scouts to teach them what you have learned about Harry S Truman.
2. If you are 16 or older, contact the Truman Library for the volunteer opportunities they have to offer. (At least a 3-month commitment.)
3. On February 29, 1952, President Truman signed a bill designating September 17 as annual Citizenship Day. Plan a special activity on this day with younger Girl Scouts, your Service Unit, or school.
4. Harry S Truman began wearing glasses before beginning school at the age of 8 for extreme nearsightedness. Collect old eyeglasses and donate to your local Lion's Club or other organization.

