

# BADGE EXPLORER

## VINCENNES STATE HISTORIC SITES

During a visit to the Vincennes State Historic Sites, Girl Scouts will be able to accomplish the following badge requirements. Please call 812.882.7422 to make your tour reservation.

### DAISY

**Eco Learner: Step 2** - Keep living things safe when you walk in nature. (Fort Knox II Site outdoor exploration)

**Space Science Explorer: Step 1** (outdoor exploration)

**Good Neighbor: Step 2** - Discover your city or town: In your city or town, neighbors work together in lots of different places. These places help make sure everyone has what they need. How many different places can you think of? (Fort Knox II site outdoor exploration)

**Step 3** - See what makes your state special. There are 50 states in the United States. They're all neighbors to one another, and each one is special in its own way. When you put them together, they make a big community - and your part of it. See what makes your state unique in this step. (tour)

**Outdoor Art Maker: Step 2**

(Fort Knox II site outdoor exploration)

### BROWNIE

**Senses: Step 1** - Look around: Explore your sense of sight. (Fort Knox II site outdoor exploration)

**Step 2 - Listen to the world:** The inside of your ear has hundreds of bones. Some of these bones are the tiniest in your body, but they can deliver big sounds. (Fort Knox II site outdoor exploration)

**Outdoor Art Creator: Step 1** - Find art ideas outdoors: Art can be found everywhere—not just inside the four walls of a museum. Go outdoors to collect ideas for art! Find colors you can use in a drawing, a shape you want to copy, or a new way to be creative. (Fort Knox II site outdoor exploration)

**Step 2 - Make something!** Take a walk outside to look at things in nature you think are pretty. It could be a garden with bright, colorful flowers. A rock that has sparkling crystals in it. A colorful sunset. A bird's feather. A rainbow. The stars in the sky. Get ideas to help you create something to give away or keep for yourself! (Fort Knox II site outdoor exploration)



**Step 4 - Design with nature:** Whether you have a camera or not, see nature the way a photographer would! (Fort Knox II site outdoor exploration)

**Bugs: Step 3 - See bugs in action:** Even though most bugs don't live very long lives, they are very busy! (Fort Knox II site outdoor exploration)

**Step 5 - Take a bug field trip:** The best place to view creepy critters is to go outside where they live! Take a trip to get up-close with your bug friends. (Fort Knox II site outdoor exploration)

**Eco Friend: Step 1 - Think of ways to help the outdoors:**

As a Girl Scout, you know it's important to protect nature when you're outdoors. If you remember to be respectful of the environment whenever you're outside, you'll be a friend to nature forever! (Fort Knox II site outdoor exploration)

**Step 2 - Observe outdoor spaces:** If you think of yourself as a guest in nature's home, it's easy to remember that objects in nature should stay where they are. When you visit a friend's house, you wouldn't pick up something you liked and take it home without permission. And everything in nature is there for a reason, too. In this step, you'll buddy up with some friends and an adult, and go outside to a place where you can see things in nature like rocks, leaves, shells, and fallen branches. (Fort Knox II site outdoor exploration)

## JUNIOR

**Flowers: Step 1 - Uncover the science of one flower:** Scientists called botanists track the history of different kinds of flowers. Become a botanist and figure out how, when, and where one flower was first bred or found. Learn about when it blooms and what it looks like. (Fort Knox II site outdoor exploration)

**Detective: Step 2** (Tour; Morse Code Activity-connected to the Electric Machine and Jefferson Academy)

**Playing The Past: Step 3 - Experience daily life:** Immerse yourself in your character's time period. Think about what her lifestyle would have been like and live it out. (Tour; Samples of clothing worn in the early 1800s; Learning about four important women connected with early Vincennes and Indiana History- Polly Strong, Mary Clark, Lydia Bacon, and Lucy Sullivan Stout)

**Step 5 - Become your character:** Now, act as your character. Wear your costume and plan to share one thing about your life. You could teach some friends a game you learned, share the food you made with your family, or tell anything else you can dream up to others. (Tour; Samples of clothing worn in the early 1800s; Learning about four important women connected with early Vincennes and Indiana History- Polly Strong, Mary Clark, Lydia Bacon, and Lucy Sullivan Stout)

## CADET

**Animal Helpers: Step 1 - Find out about wild animals:** Wild animals may seem very different from your pests at home, but at one time, all animals were wild. (Tour; How animals helped at key points in history)

## AS YOU ARRIVE:

What do you notice about the buildings and land around you?

Who would have lived here 100 years ago?

## DURING YOUR VISIT:

What do you see?

Focus on an object in the room you are in. Have you seen something like this before? Where? How is it the same or different?

If you were a kid then, what would you do?

What is the coolest thing you see?

If you were an inventor then, what would you create?

Why do you think the historic site was preserved for people to visit?

## AFTER YOUR VISIT:

Talk with your family and/or troop about your visit. Share your top three things you found interesting, surprising, or cool.

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