

Girl Scouts Louisiana East Fresh off the Farm

Food, clothing and shelter produced in Louisiana
Patch Program for Girl Scout Daisies – Ambassadors



Louisiana is a large producer of many crops that can be harvested, consumed directly and/or used for everyday living. The following patch program is designed to help girls better understand how many different crops are produced in Louisiana and how these crops are used by people all over the United States and in other countries.

If attending any local facility, farm, ranch, etc. please remember to call ahead of time to confirm your scheduled appointment. Always ask for a receipt if purchasing any items, use safety precautions and most importantly have fun!

Girl Scout Daisies and Brownies must complete 10 activities (at least two being *starred). Girl Scout Juniors – Ambassadors must complete 10 activities (at least two being *starred and one being **double starred) to complete the patch program. Return your completed **Fresh off the Farm** order form to the Council shop to purchase your patches.

- _____ 1. Make a list of the different “pick your own” farms you know about. If you don’t know of any, research those found locally. Share this information with someone you know.
- _____ 2. *Visit a “pick your own” farm or orchard. (www.pickyourown.org offers names of places to visit)
- _____ 3. Prepare a recipe with a local crop ingredient. Share your creation with someone.
- _____ 4. *Visit a local produce market and find out which crops are locally grown and which are not.
- _____ 5. Research some “critters” that might be a pest to some growers and discuss what you have found with someone you know.
- _____ 6. Go to a local festival or fair that supports a Louisiana crop. Invite a friend!
- _____ 7. *Ask a local farmer/rancher what are the requirements for success of that farm/ranches crop(s). (i.e. climate, how many acres, amount of water).
- _____ 8. Write a creative story or poem about a farm or ranch. This can be one you have visited or one you wish to visit!

- _____ 9. *Find out the different types of safety gear needed to work on the farm/ranch of your choice. Ask if you can see the safety gear.
- _____ 10. Lend a helping hand at a local farm, ranch or festival. Invite a friend!
- _____ 11. *Interview a local farmer/rancher about how she/he became interested in their profession.
- _____ 12. *Learn the terms urban and rural. Visit an urban farm or community garden. How is it different from a rural farm or garden? (Go to www.parkwaypartners.com for places to visit!)
- _____ 13. Write down all the titles of the nursery rhymes you can think of that have to do with some type of crop or animal. Put these titles in a hat and draw one. Sing the nursery rhyme you pick!
- _____ 14. **Research each of the following farmers groups. What is their significance?
- a. American Farm Bureau Federation
 - b. Future Farmers of America
 - c. USA Rice Federation
- _____ 15. **Research each of these government agencies. What is each of their missions?
- a. Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry
 - b. Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality
 - c. US Department of Agriculture
 - d. House Ag Committee
 - e. Senate Ag Committee
- _____ 16. Find out what Louisiana crops are exported to other states or countries. Try at least two of these crops.
- _____ 17. Learn what the words: *acre*, *irrigation*, *tilling* and *harvesting* mean.
- _____ 18. Start your own crop. Plant some seeds and watch them grow!
- _____ 19. *Learn what it means to grow “organic” crops. Teach someone else what it means to grow “organic” crops.
- _____ 20. Help plant a garden in your community or neighborhood. Invite a friend to the garden or share with someone what was planted.
- _____ 21. Research what types of crops were used by the Native Americans who once occupied much of Louisiana. What crops are still used today?
- _____ 22. Learn what “native species” means. What crops/animals are native species to Louisiana? What crops/animals are not native species to Louisiana?
- _____ 23. Learn the definitions of the following farm equipment: tractor, combine, backhoe, baler and a planter. Visit a farm, research online, or look in a book to see what one or more of these machines looks like and how it works.
- _____ 24. Crawfish have been consumed for centuries in Louisiana and in parts of

Europe. When did the sale of crawfish become a commercial crop in Louisiana? How many pounds were recorded? How much did it cost?



Fresh off the Farm order form

Troop # _____ SU# _____ Region# _____ Age Level (*circle one*): D B J C S A

Troop Leader/Advisor Name _____

City _____ Parish/County _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ Email _____

Number of patches _____ @ \$2.50 ea. (includes tax) = _____

Shipping & handling (needed if mailing) + \$1.00

Sub total = _____

Total = _____

Check enclosed (payable to GSLE) Credit Card (please circle) Visa/Mastercard/Discover

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