

# girl scouts of north-central alabama



## BIRMINGHAM IS BEAUTIFUL!

In the summer of 2020, protests and riots moved through our city as a stressful breaking point associated with the uncertainty of disease, economics, and the perception that one life was more valued than another. Businesses covered their windows in plywood to prevent potential looting. Some of the cautionary construction resulted in impromptu works of art and inspired one young girl. This patch program was created by Veronica Walker as part of her Gold Award Project, which is designed to encourage Girl Scouts to explore art, specifically murals, as a form of peaceful, civic expression. When there is unrest in our community, we, as Girl Scouts, have the ability and responsibility to act in a manner which reminds our fellow citizens that every person living has a choice and every choice they make has the power to positively impact the world.

To earn this patch, select 2 activities from each of the 3 categories: Explore Birmingham, Create On Your Own, Learn With A Friend.

\*Many of the activities for this patch can be completed virtually using linked websites. Be sure to ask a parent or guardian for permission before visiting any website and review the Girl Scout Internet Safety Pledge before you get started.

\*\*Upon activities completion, the BIRMINGHAM IS BEAUTIFUL! Patch may be purchased through the Girl Scouts of North-Central Alabama's Shop for \$3 each. Visit the shop site, email the patch order form, or call 1-800-734-4541.

### EXPLORE BIRMINGHAM

- Visit the Birmingham Museum of Art
- Visit 6 Birmingham murals.
- Go on a Birmingham Mural Scavenger hunt.
- Take a #birminghamisbeautiful selfie at a mural.
- Research the Birmingham City Council meeting schedule.
- Determine the steps to creating a new city mural.
- Name a female artist native to Birmingham.
- Determine a cause you would like to bring awareness to.

### CREATE ON YOUR OWN

- Create a color wheel.
- Journal how murals make you feel.
- Create a large outdoor work of art using chalk.
- Build a mini-scaffold system out of household objects.
- Create a "to scale" grid or use graph paper to plan a mural.
- Journal how you felt before, during, and after painting a picture.
- Make a list of tools necessary to create a mural.
- Construct a paint brush from household objects.

### LEARN WITH A FRIEND

- Discuss why art is important to society.
- Discuss if art is a form of self-expression.
- Invite an artist to visit your troop.
- Invite a museum curator to visit your troop.
- Ask ten people to share their favorite color.
- Ask ten people if they like murals and why.
- Ask ten people how art makes them feel.
- Determine the definition of public art.