10 Ways for Girl Scouts to Participate in the Inauguration!

Girl Scouts of all ages can participate in the Inauguration in many different ways. Look over the list below and decide what you would like to do in order to celebrate this special day! Activities can be done individually or as part of a troop/group. If you complete any of the activities, you can purchase the Inauguration fun patch from the Girl Scout Council Shop.

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1. Watch the swearing-in ceremony or parade in person or on television. Tickets for the swearing-in ceremony are free and can be requested through your congressional representative. The Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies coordinates all inaugural activities. Visit the JCCIC website for information on upcoming activities and to learn about the history of previous events: http://www.inaugural.senate.gov/

2. Design the Oval Office. Each president puts their personal touch in decorating the Oval Office in the White House. They are allowed to choose items from the Smithsonian museums to display. One of the prominent features of the office is the round rug. Design a rug for the current president that reflects who he is and what he plans to do while in office. See examples on the internet.

3. Learn the Presidential Oath of Office.

4. Visit the National Portrait Gallery to see paintings of past presidents and their first ladies and the National Museum of American History to see the dresses of the first ladies.

5. Read John F. Kennedy’s inauguration speech. It is considered one of the most famous speeches in our history. Does what he say still apply to today?

6. Customize a pennant. Each Presidential Inauguration has a pennant designed special for the occasion. Check out past pennants on google images and design one for the 2021 Presidential Inauguration. Take your pennant to the parade or swearing-in ceremony or just display it in your room.

7. Take action. Make your own top 10 list—a list of issues that are of concern to you and your family. Take action on one of them by volunteering in a way that addresses the issue or writing a letter to a local official in support of solutions.

8. Host your own Inaugural Ball. The President and First Lady will attend several balls as part of the inaugural activities. Invite friends and family to your ball. Check out www.ourwhitehouse.org for party ideas.

9. Create a portrait of the new president using your favorite medium: colored pencils, charcoal, water colors, oils, etc.

10. Trivia Hunt. Use the questions on the next page to learn more about the Inauguration.

Remember, if you are going on the internet to complete any of these activities, please sign the Internet Safety Pledge found at www.girlscouts.org.

To order the Inauguration Patch, please call or email the Girl Scout Shop. This patch is not available online.

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INAUGURATION TRIVIA HUNT

DIRECTIONS: Use the internet to help you find the answers to the questions below. Remember to sign the Internet Safety Pledge found at www.girlscouts.org.

1. Who was the first president to be inaugurated on January 20?

2. Who was the first president to be inaugurated at the Capitol, in Washington, D.C.?

3. Who was the first president to take the Oath of Office in the White House?

4. Who was the first president to ride in a car to and from his inaugural ceremony?

5. Who was the first president to have his inauguration broadcast on television?

6. Who was the first president to have his inauguration broadcast live on the Internet?

7. Who was the first president to wear long pants for his swearing-in ceremony?

8. Which president’s inauguration is believed to have been the first one photographed?

9. Who was the first president to have his inauguration broadcast on radio?

10. Who was the first president to take the Oath of Office outdoors in Washington, D.C.?

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