



Meet Me In St. Louis Badge

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Whether you have lived in the Metro St. Louis area all of your life, or are just visiting, this badge can be earned by all Girl Scout Juniors. Explore the Gateway to the West. Visit the many attractions; learn about the rich history and diversity this city has to offer. Complete six requirements and purchase this badge from our Council Shops. The metro St. Louis area includes not only the city, but several counties as well.

- 1. Royalty Ties:** Who was King Louis IX of France? What is his tie to the city of St. Louis? See what you can learn about King Louis and share that information with others.
- 2. Zoorific Visit:** The St. Louis Zoo is world famous. Visit the zoo and discover what you can about your favorite animals. Make sure to visit one of the newer exhibits such as Puffin Coast or River's Edge. Don't forget the older exhibits such as the Free-Flight cage. What were your favorite exhibits and favorite animals? Did you see the sea lion show? Share your experience with others.
- 3. Fair Facts:** The 1904 Worlds Fair was held in St. Louis in Forest Park. With the help of an adult, check the internet for information on the Fair. What new innovations were discovered at the fair? One is a portable cold sweet treat that we love to eat!! Share what you learned with others.
- 4. Gateway to the West:** Why is the St. Louis Arch called the Gateway to the West? When was it built? Visit the Arch. Go through the Westward Expansion Museum. If possible take a ride to the top to view the city from over 600 feet up.
- 5. Voices From the Past:** Who was Dred Scott and what is his link to St. Louis? Visit the Old Courthouse to see if you can learn more about him and what happened there. Share your findings with others.
- 6. Museum Mania:** The Greater St. Louis area is home to many great museums. Visit one and write a brief paragraph about your visit. Why did you choose this museum? If you are not familiar with all the choices, contact the Tourism Bureau or the Chamber of Commerce for more information. Have fun!
- 7. Fun, Fun, Fun!:** There are many fairs, parades and festivals held in the St. Louis area throughout the year. See what you can discover about one of them and try to attend with proper adult supervision. Share your experience with others.
- 8. Food Savvy:** There are many ethnic restaurants in the St. Louis area. With your troop or an adult, visit one and try a food you are not familiar with. Have you ever tried St. Louis style pizza or toasted ravioli? Have you tried Indian or Vietnamese cuisine? Enjoy!! And bon a petit'.
- 9. Famous Roots:** St. Louis has been home to many notable people such as Scott Joplin and Buddy Ebsen, (both long before your time). Do a little research and see what you can discover about one famous St. Louisian. Share your findings with your troop.
- 10. Wings of Adventure:** Who was Charles Lindberg and why did he name his plane the Spirit of St. Louis? What did Charles Lindberg do? Where is the Spirit of St. Louis today?
- 11. Rollin' Down the River:** The Mississippi River is the longest river in the United States. For over 200 years it has been used for transporting goods. Discover how transportation on the river has changed through the years. If possible, visit the river museum near the Alton Bridge. Share what you have learned with others.
- 12. Kahok Connections:** What was the Mississippian Culture? Where did they live? Visit the historic Cahokia Mounds to learn about these remarkable people.

Congratulations! You have finished the "Meet Me in St. Louis" badge. We hope it has been fun for you, exploring the city and surrounding areas and discovering some of the wonderful things about them.

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