



HISTORIC JONESBOROUGH STORYTELLING CAPITAL OF THE WORLD

GUIDELINES: Visit Historic Jonesborough, Tennessee’s oldest town, and the Storytelling Capital of the World. Complete the required activity and the additional activities for your grade level according to the grid below. (Note: Daisy’s do not have additional activities to complete)

	Discover Key	Connect Key	Take Action Key	Additional Activities under any key	Total # of Activities
Girl Scout Daisy	1	1	1	0	3
Girl Scout Brownie	1	1	1	1	4
Girl Scout Junior	1	1	1	2	5
Girl Scout Cadette	1	1	1	3	6
Girl Scout Senior	1	1	1	4	7
Girl Scout Ambassador	1	1	1	5	8

Discover:

- Visit the Historic Chester Inn Museum and discover how Jonesborough was carved out of the wilderness in the late 18th Century, and how the people of Jonesborough were instrumental in winning the Revolutionary War. Discover old photographs and artifacts that show what life was like in 19th Century Jonesborough.
- Visit the International Storytelling Center, and view the video of storytellers who come to the National Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough. Discover how Jonesborough became the Storytelling Capital of the World.
- Take part in Hands-On Activities at the Oak Hill School House. Discover what school was like for 19th Century children by attending a class there with a “School Marm” from the past.
- Visit the 18th Century Christopher Taylor Cabin on Main Street and discover how people lived during this time. How is the cabin different from your own home? What hardships might the people of this time have faced? Discover Christopher Taylor’s important role in the turning point Battle of Kings Mountain.

Connect:

- Build family and friend relations by attending one of the many story programs the town of Jonesborough offers, to include a performance by: **(Each attendance counts as an individual activity toward the patch)**
 - The Jonesborough Repertory Theater
 - An afternoon Teller-in-Residence program at the International Storytelling Center with a nationally known storyteller.
 - Tuesday Evening Storyteller’s Guild at International Storytelling Center.
 - Monday evening Old Time Radio Show at the Storytelling Center. (Girl Scouts will have an opportunity to actually perform on the radio show, which airs on NPR.)

Here, you and your family and friends can connect while experiencing the Storytelling Capital.

- Visit the Farmer’s Market, much like the markets of earlier days in Jonesborough’s past. Investigate how this system promotes team building within the trade of farming and selling. How can specializing in one area of farming rather than multiple areas of farming be of benefit? What kinds of things do you specialize in, and how do you share your specialized skill? To whom do you go for help in another specialized area? (Learning from someone else how to dance, draw a picture, cook a meal, fix a bicycle.) How can specializing in skills be of service to your Girl Scout troop? To your council?
- Visit the home of Alfred Martin Rhea, who was born a slave, then joined the U.S. army and became a “Buffalo Soldier” during the days of Teddy Roosevelt. Think about the decision Alfred Martin Rhea made to serve a country that once enslaved him. What is your definition of freedom? What is liberty? How do you think Alfred Martin Rhea and other freed slaves define these important concepts? What would you choose to do—will you move somewhere else? Will you join the army? Will you try to find work somewhere? What is at stake for you? For your family?

Take Action:

- Participate in a storytelling workshop, where you will have the opportunity to share and perform your own story on stage at the McKinney Center at Booker T. Washington School. How does telling your own story and performing it for others empower you? How will you inspire others to tell their stories?
- Step back into the past and participate in a Story Tour of the Town of Jonesborough with characters from different time periods. Experience Jonesborough life from multiple perspectives: Merchants, Tradesmen, Colonial Revolutionaries, Civil Rights Era Heroes, Civil War Era townspeople, Buffalo Soldiers. What choices did the inhabitants of Jonesborough have during a time of war, conflict or social change? How did these choices affect their families, home, and livelihood? How did their stories affect the outcome of their community? What steps can you take to uphold the high standards in your own community?
- Have a group conversation with someone from the past—an Historian with the Heritage Alliance, or a town character. Investigate the significance of Jonesborough and its inhabitants in the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, during the depression.
- Have a group conversation with a town preservationist. Why was preserving Jonesborough’s historic downtown in the 1970’s important, not only for Jonesborough, but for the entire country? What roles did Jonesborough, it’s wilderness trail forged by Daniel Boone, it’s stage coach road, its railroads, play in the shaping of our country. Why is important to preserve this history?