

**Topic:** Council Own-Oklahoma History

**Patch:** Oklahoma Spirit (from home)

**Suggested Supplies:** yarn, popsicle sticks, paint, markers, crayons, paper

**Helpful websites:**

- How to make [corn husk dolls](#)
- How to make [God's Eyes](#)
- Video: [woman remembers life during the dust bowl](#)
- Video: [woman remembers Civil Rights Movement in Oklahoma](#)
- Video: [Man tells Grandmothers story of settling in Oklahoma](#)
- State facts of [Oklahoma](#)
- Video: [Oklahoma Comics Artist Jerry Bennett](#)
- Video: [OKC Artist Denise Duong](#)
- [Virtual Gallery of Plaza Walls Street Art](#)
- Video: [Learning about Braum's farm](#)
- [Most needed jobs in Oklahoma](#)
- [Oklahoma Astronauts](#)



In earning the Oklahoma Spirit Patch you will learn about Oklahoma's land, people, customs, and spirit!

**Complete 6 activities- 2 from each category:**

### **Oklahoma Early Days and Statehood**

- Find out about 3 different kinds of folk art from Oklahoma's past and do one.
- Virtually visit a museum or gallery that depicts life as it was in Oklahoma's past.
- Find out about the toys Oklahoma pioneer children played with and make one for yourself or a friend.
- See a collection of Oklahoma Native American art. If possible, find an interview of a local Native American artist. Try your hand at making a Native American craft.
- Look up pictures of old 1930's architecture in Western Oklahoma, try and find 3 types of architecture used prior to 1930.
- Interview 2 senior citizens born and raised in Oklahoma. Find out what Oklahoma history they lived through or helped create.
- Find out about the migration of different ethnic groups into Oklahoma. Talk to the descendants of Oklahoma pioneers from at least two different ethnic groups.
- Learn the famous story of the Great Seal of Oklahoma and find out if it is true. Find out the original home of the seal and its current resting place.
- If you were 5 years old in 1889 how long could you expect to live and why?
- If your family farmed in Oklahoma prior to 1920 what crops would be most likely to grow? What equipment would you use?
- If you were starting school the year Oklahoma became a state – what immunizations would you have to have and why?

- If you grew up in Oklahoma before 1920 where would you purchase the items you needed for daily life, such as clothing, food, milk, appliances, etc.? How would they come packaged and how much would they cost?
- How was water pumped from the ground in Oklahoma before the widespread use of electricity? Is this source of power used today?
- Oklahoma has two historic trails, the California Road and the Chisholm Trail. Pick one and find out where it was located and its historic significance. Using your own modern transportation (autos) follow one for at least 40 miles. Stop at any historical markers along the way.
- Identify 5 trees and 5 wildflowers that are native to Oklahoma. What are Oklahoma's state bird, tree, wildflower and floral emblem?
- What sports were played in Oklahoma in its early days? Find out about at least two famous Oklahoman athletes.
- What was the importance of Route 66? Is it still used today?

### **Oklahoma Today**

- Find out about one art form popular in Oklahoma today and try your hand at it.
- Find out about an Oklahoma artist currently working in this state. See the videos/articles above or search for your own to learn more about the artist and view their work.
- Learn to use your camera for landscape photography. Take a photo of at least 2 distinctly different terrains of Oklahoma.
- Find a modern farming or ranching operation in Oklahoma. Find out about three new farming or ranching techniques developed within the last ten years.
- Research or visit a farm in Oklahoma where livestock is being raised that is not native to the United States
- Find out why horses are becoming "big business" in Oklahoma.
- What athletic events of national prominence are held in Oklahoma?
- Visit with someone who has emigrated from another country to Oklahoma. Find out why they chose our state as their home.
- Weather is a daily topic on the minds of Oklahomans. Find out why Oklahoma has such unusual weather learn about a local meteorologist.
- Get acquainted with an organization in Oklahoma whose sole purpose is to preserve some portion of Oklahoma's past. Do something to help the efforts of this organization.
- Research to find Oklahoma based businesses and find out how long they have been in business. Have they grown to other states?

### **Oklahoma Tomorrow**

- Find out what new industries are being developed in Oklahoma today and which might become very important to Oklahoma's future.
- Where does Oklahoma rank, nationally, in expenditures for education and the success of our education system? Talk to someone involved in education and find out what they think needs to be done to improve our situation for the future.
- Do some research on some of the problems of life in Oklahoma today and decide how you might solve those problems if you were put in charge of the world for one day.

- Pick any career which sounds fun to you. Find out what you need to do to prepare yourself for that career.
- Talk to your mother or an adult woman friend. Find out how the role of being a woman has changed since she was your age and write an imaginary conversation you might have in 20 years with a Junior Girl Scout doing the same activity.
- There are six (6) NASA astronauts who call Oklahoma home. Who are they and where were they born? Choose one to do research on.

\*Once completed, this badge can be purchased at the GSWESTOK Girl Scout shop

\*\*Please take a moment to fill out [the badge completion survey](#) to offer feedback on what badges you would like to see from us in the future.