



Leader Activity Guide



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To the Leader

Scouting and the National Park Service

The Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. and the National Park Service have a lot in common. Both organizations have a long heritage, beginning in 1912 and 1916, respectively. Both organizations appreciate and preserve nature, the environment and our nation's history. Both are recognized by their distinctive uniforms, badges, and emblems. Scouting and the National Park Service have common goals and missions, particularly in educating today's youth to be responsible and productive citizens. The ideas of scouting and national parks have since expanded to countries around the world.

The National Park Service offers a variety of experiences for Girl Scouts. Join us for exciting and fun-filled programs that will help your troop earn their badges, while scouting in the national parks.

User-Friendly Format

To prepare your scouts, use the three Pre-Visit Activities in this guide before you visit the Museum. We also suggest you use the two Post-Visit Activities after your visit.



Program Description

National parks preserve our natural, cultural and historical treasures including the local lore of our communities.

Communities can change quickly. St. Louis, for instance, has grown and changed a lot since its beginning in 1764. During your visit to the Old Courthouse, your Junior Scouts will explore what was happening in our community 10, 20, 30, 50 and 100 years ago. They can then decide for themselves what has changed, what has remained the same and what might happen in the future.

When your Junior Scouts participate in the program at the Old Courthouse and complete the *REQUIRED* Pre- and Post-Visit Activities, they will meet the requirements for the Local Lore badge. In addition, there is also a Jefferson National Expansion Memorial patch available to them at the Old Courthouse Gift Shop, for a nominal fee, to recognize their participation in this program.

As the leader of your group, you are a positive role model and an essential part of this program. Thank you for letting us share in the responsibility of teaching your scouts to make positive choices and helping them to be responsible and productive citizens.

***Be Prepared and Have Fun
at the Old Courthouse***





Pre-Visit Activity #1

Uniforms, Badges, and Emblems

Please read to your scouts:

Girl Scouts wear a uniform with different insignias, for example, the Girl Scout membership pin and the Girl Scout of the U.S.A. identification strip. These help to tell people who you are. The uniform and insignias tell a story of you and the Girl Scout organization.

Activity

Have girls look closely at the insignias below and at the badges they may have.

Decision Making

What story do the insignias tell people about you?

What positive character traits must you have to be a Girl Scout?



Girl Scout Membership Pin



Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. Identification Strip

Uniforms, Badges, and Emblems

When you visit the Gateway Arch and the Old Courthouse, you will be in a national park and you will meet park rangers. They wear uniforms, badges, and emblems. Look closely at their badge and emblem below.

Decision Making:

What stories do the badge and emblem tell you about national parks and the park rangers? (See Appendix, page 16.)

What positive character traits must park rangers have to do their jobs?



Badge



Emblem

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Explore A Career

Park rangers take care of the national parks by protecting the natural and cultural resources.

They also teach visitors like you the story of their park and how you can help preserve and protect it. Listen to the ranger's stories.

Decision Making

How can you help the rangers take care of national parks?



Pre-Visit Activity #2

During your visit to the Old Courthouse, scouts will be transported over two hundred years into the past as they explore the development of St. Louis, from its beginnings to contemporary times. We can learn about the past by reading about it; another way to learn is to talk to the people who were there.

Have scouts play the role of a historian and conduct an oral history interview. Have them find someone 60 years or older, preferably one involved in scouting, and interview her. Use the questions on the opposite page. You may want to make up some of your own questions. If the person you interview tells you information you did not ask for, record that too. Encourage scouts to share their findings at your next gathering.



Did You Know?

Mark Twain received his riverboat pilot license at the Old Courthouse on April 9, 1859.



Remembering the Past

Interview Questions

When and where were you born?

What is the earliest memory you have?

What did your parents do for a living?

Did you enjoy school? What was it like?

What kinds of books did you read?

Did you belong to any groups or organizations?

What did you do after school, and on weekends?

Did your family go on vacations?

What do you enjoy doing now?

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Did you know?

During the 1840s and 1850s, the Old Courthouse was advertised as a meeting place for those people intending to emigrate to Oregon.



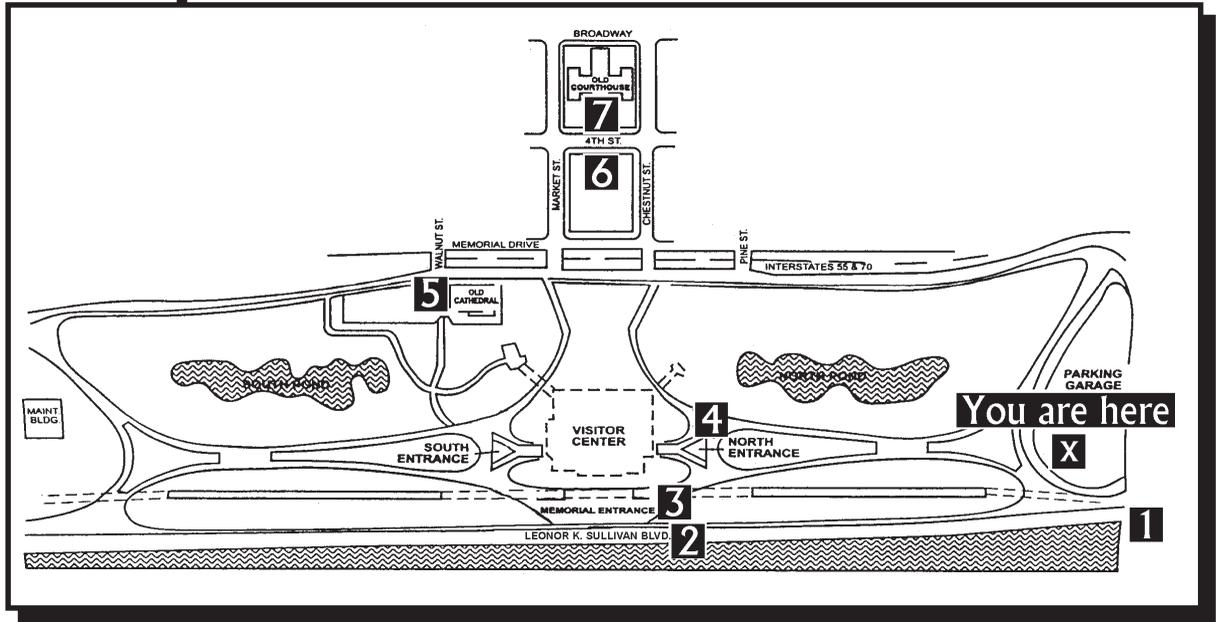
Pre-Visit Activity #3

Scavenger Hunt

You can learn the local lore of a community by looking for signs and plaques that tell the story of important people and historical events. To do the following Scavenger Hunt, arrive at the Gateway Arch Parking Garage one hour before your scheduled program. Make sure each scout has a notepad, pencil, and camera. Stop at the following locations on your way to the Old Courthouse to discover the local lore of St. Louis.

Local Lore Requirement #4 - Tour Your Community

Take photographs of one of the following and draw it:
The Old Courthouse, the Old Cathedral, Eads Bridge or the Arch.
Make a display for others.



Exploring the Past

Stop 1: After exiting the Arch Parking Garage, turn East onto Washington Avenue. Follow the sidewalk toward the river. At the corner of Washington Avenue and Sullivan Boulevard, cross over to the base of Eads Bridge. Find the National Park Service plaque that recognizes this bridge as a National Historic Landmark. **Why is this bridge important and when was it first opened?**

Stop 2: Follow the sidewalk along the riverside of Leonor K. Sullivan Boulevard South toward the Arch. (You will learn more about Leonor K. Sullivan in Post-Visit Activity #1.) Near the North leg of the Arch, on the riverside of Leonor K. Sullivan Boulevard, find the stone marker. **Who founded the city of St. Louis and when?**

Stop 3: Cross Leonor K. Sullivan Boulevard and walk up the Grand Staircase to the Arch. About halfway up the steps, on the South side, find a small plaque on the wall under the handrail. **Why is this plaque here and what is the measurement given?**

Stop 4: Walk to the North leg of the Arch. Follow the ramp leading down under the Arch. Walk halfway down the ramp and look above your head at the plaque in the concrete. **To whom is the Gateway Arch Visitor Center dedicated? Who was the President of the United States at the time it was dedicated?**

*If your group has accessibility needs or if the Mississippi River is flooded, begin with stop 4.

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Local Lore of St. Louis

Museum Manners

Please read the instructions below to your troop before entering the Old Courthouse.

Upon arrival at the Old Courthouse, register your group with the park ranger at the Information Desk and review Museum Manners.

Briefing

Your troop should be familiar with the signs of history and be ready to further explore the local lore of St. Louis at the Old Courthouse.

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Safety Tips

Park rangers are here to protect you and keep you safe. If you need help, please contact a ranger. Multiple steps, uneven stone floors, and carpeted areas are found throughout the building. Use handrails on the stairs and walk carefully!

The park rangers are glad we are visiting with them today. They need our help to preserve this national park and protect us—their visitors. Please pay attention to the following:

*Look only with your eyes and not with your hands. Do not touch the displays, step onto exhibits or lean against photographs and photomurals.



Explore More

After your visit to the Old Courthouse, we suggest touring Bellefontaine and Calvary Cemeteries located on West Florissant in north St. Louis. Many of St. Louis' founding families are buried there. Visit the graves of Auguste Chouteau, Dred Scott, Virginia Minor and other historical figures mentioned by the park ranger during your program.

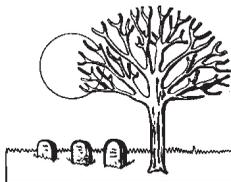
The gates of both cemeteries are opened M-F 8:30 am-4:30 pm and on weekends 8:30 am-12:30 pm, 365 days a year. You can find small maps of each cemetery and their famous residents on pages 18 and 19 in the Appendix, or you may visit the cemetery offices for larger maps. We suggest calling the numbers below to find out when the offices are staffed.

Bellefontaine Cemetery

4947 W. Florissant
St. Louis, MO 63115
314-381-0757

Calvary Cemetery

5239 W. Florissant
St. Louis, MO 63115
314-381-1313



Driving Instructions

Exit the Arch Parking Garage, turning left onto Washington Avenue. Follow Washington Avenue as it jogs to the right crossing Memorial Drive. At the next light make a right turn onto 4th Street and follow the signs to I-70 West towards Kansas City. Exit W. Florissant Ave, exit 245B. Drive 3/4 of a mile and Bellefontaine Cemetery will be on the right. Continuing on W. Florissant, you will find the entrance to Calvary Cemetery.

*Museum artifacts and exhibits are fragile.

*Remain in your group at all times. You are responsible for your behavior.

*Soft drinks, candy, gum or any other foods, including lunches are not allowed.

*Refrain from running, using loud voices or pushing.

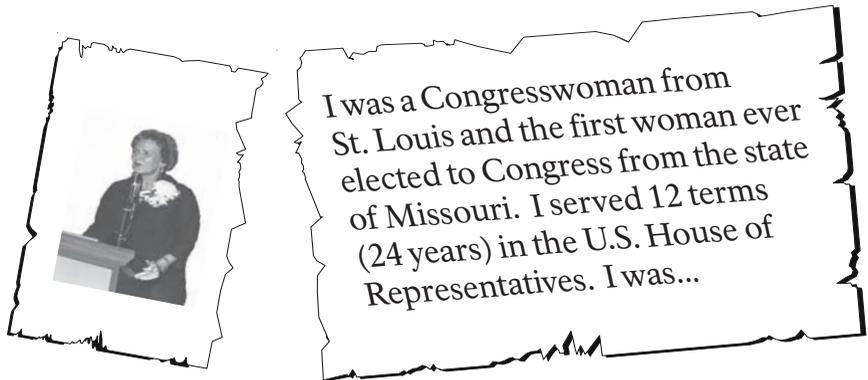


Post-Visit Activity #1

Leading Ladies Activity

The street which runs between the river and Jefferson National Expansion Memorial is named for a local congresswoman, Leonor K. Sullivan. Without her constant and selfless work during her time in office, the Gateway Arch would not have been built. Meet her and some other important women—Leading Ladies who were important in our local lore. Just like Girl Scouts, they were prepared to serve others.

Copy and cut the Leading Ladies Cards in the Appendix, pages 20-21. Mix the cards up and give either a photo section or a story section to each scout. Have the girls work with each other, trying to match the appropriate photo with the story. After everyone has made a match, have the girls share the contributions of these great women.



Women in the Past

You have learned what was happening in our community in the past. You've also learned about the Gateway Arch, the Old Courthouse, and the stories about some leading ladies who were very important in the local lore of our community. These women can serve as role models. We can learn many positive things from them. Look at the chart below and analyze their positive characteristics.

Leading Ladies	<i>Positive Traits</i>	<i>Cooperative</i>	<i>Honest</i>	<i>Respectful</i>	<i>Open Minded</i>	<i>Hardworking</i>	<i>Service to Others</i>
Virginia Minor							
Eleanor Roosevelt							
Julia Dent Grant							
Leonor K. Sullivan							
Your Leader							

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Post-Visit Activity #2

Decision Making

What is your motto?

Why did you choose this motto?

Please read to your girl scouts:

The Girl Scout motto is “Be Prepared.” Park rangers must also be prepared to serve visitors. A motto for rangers is, “Service is our Family Name.” Park rangers must serve visitors and our country by preserving and protecting national parks. To do this, rangers must have positive character traits. Look at the chart below. How many of these traits do you need to be a good girl scout?

Positive Traits	Park Ranger	Girl Scout
Help Others	✓	
Appreciates Wildlife	✓	
Friendly to All People	✓	
Courteous	✓	
Cheerful	✓	
Useful and Hardworking	✓	
Trusting and Loyal	✓	
Obey Laws and Follow Rules	✓	
Thrifty	✓	
Care for the Environment	✓	
Healthy and Drug Free	✓	
Lifetime Learner	✓	
Practice Safety	✓	
Responsible	✓	
Good Citizen	✓	

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Women of Today

You have been learning a lot about the past and the accomplishments of women that lived long ago. What about the present? Fortunately today it is even easier for women to be active members in our community and to make a difference in our world. Think about some women you know that give of themselves to serve others.

Local Lore Requirement #6 - Sing Someone's Praises

Who is your role model, a teacher, a leader, an athlete, a member of your own family? Think of someone who helps to make your world a better place to live and honor them by creating a poem. The example below is called an acrostic poem. Using the first or last name of your role model, think of words that describe her starting with each letter of her name. Have scouts share their poem with each other.

E nergetic
L aughter
E nthusiastic
A uthor
N ice
O pen-minded
R eliable

Decision Making

*Who is your role model?
Why?*

Service Project

When your Girl Scouts are older, they can volunteer in national parks. Visit www.nps.gov to learn more about the Volunteers In Parks program.



Appendix

Pre-Visit Activity #1: Uniforms, Badges, and Emblems



The badge represents the establishment of the Department of the Interior on March 3, 1849. Within this department, the National Park Service was established in 1916. This federal agency takes care of the national parks, which include bison and other wildlife and the environment. It is the job of the national park ranger to take care of national parks and to tell the story of these parks to visitors like you.



The arrowhead is the official National Park Service emblem. The sequoia tree and bison represent vegetation and wildlife; the mountains and water represent scenic and recreational areas and the arrowhead represents historical and archeological areas. The mission of the National Park Service is to preserve and protect America's scenic, natural, historic, and cultural treasures for future generations.

Pre-Visit Activity #3: Exploring the Past

Stop 5: Walk back up the ramp and follow the sidewalk to the South leg of the Arch. From this point, you will see four sidewalks. Two lead south through the park grounds toward the Poplar Street Bridge. A narrow sidewalk leads southwest through the trees toward the Old Cathedral and the fourth leads west toward the Old Courthouse. Take the narrow sidewalk to the Old Cathedral. Find the large plaque on the front left corner of the Old Cathedral. **How many church buildings were here before this one? What were they made of?**

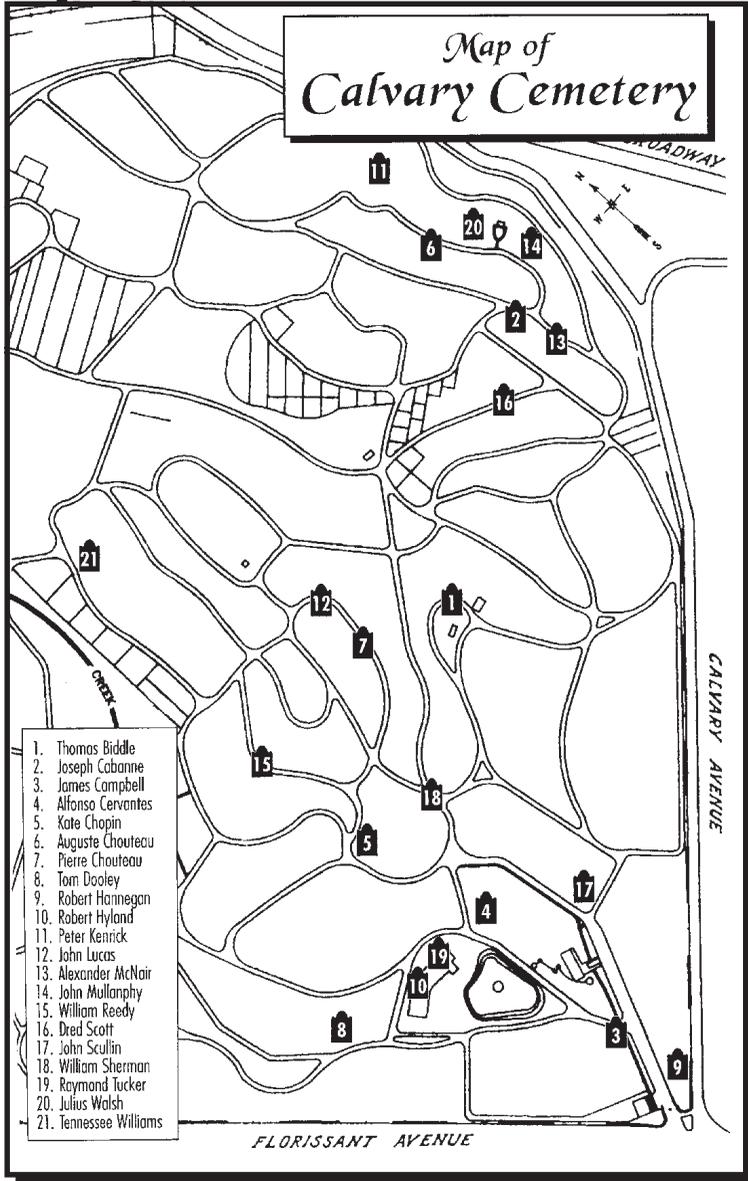
Stop 6: Follow the sidewalk along Memorial Drive (the street to the left of the Old Cathedral) to the intersection of Market Street. Cross Memorial Drive toward the Old Courthouse. Please be very careful and cross the street at the proper signal. Follow the sidewalk to the center of the small park and walk toward the Old Courthouse. The sidewalk will turn to the right. Turn with it and walk halfway to the other side. Find a stone marker. **Whom is this park dedicated to and how did he contribute to the history of St. Louis?**

Stop 7: Turn around and walk up the steps. Walk to either your left or right to the corner. Wait for the proper signal and cross the street. Walk toward the front steps of the Old Courthouse and stop in the center before you climb them. Find the plaque embedded in the brick pavement. **Whom is this plaque dedicated to and what was his contribution to St. Louis?** (If your group has accessibility needs, a wheelchair lift is located on the Broadway side of the building.)

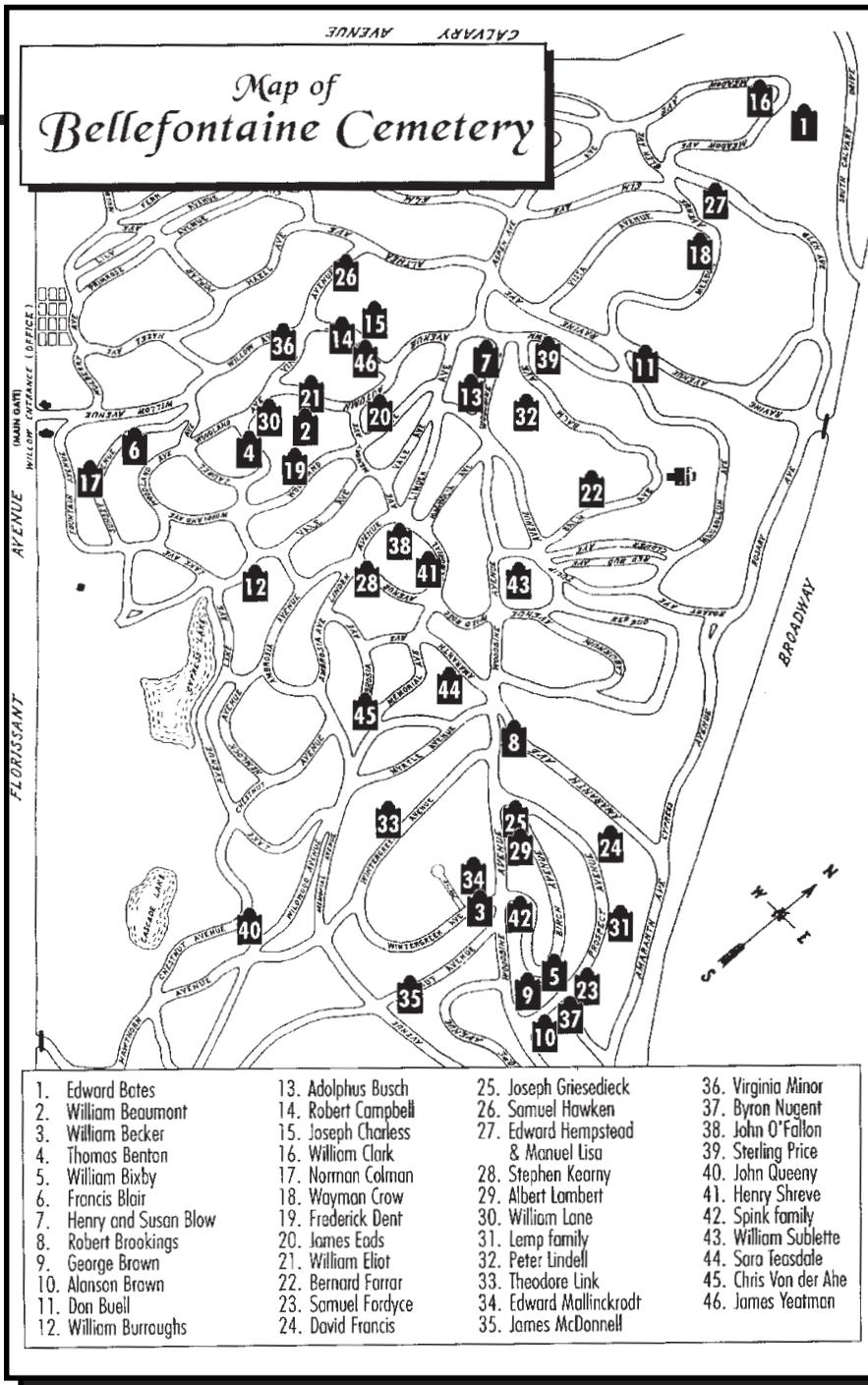


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Local Lore of St. Louis: Required Activity



Map from Final Resting Place, Kevin Amsler (1997)



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Appendix

Post-Visit Activity #1: Leading Ladies



Virginia Minor

In 1872, I was a leaders in the equal rights movement for women in St. Louis, MO. I tried to register to vote, but was turned away because I was a woman. My husband and I spoke for my cause in the Old Courthouse. You can hear and read more about my story on the Internet at www.nps.gov/jeff. The rangers at the Old Courthouse have written my story into a trial that you can roleplay.



Eleanor Roosevelt

As First Lady, I was an honorary president of the Girl Scouts. Although I was very shy in public, I helped my husband with his duties after he contracted polio and could not walk. I made speeches and traveled for him. I worked hard to help young people, the poor, as well as helping gain equal rights for women and minorities. In 1935 my husband signed legislation to establish Jefferson National Expansion Memorial. Our homes are national parks. You can visit them on the Internet at www.nps.gov/elro and listen to me tell my story. You might also like to read my book, This Is My Story.



Julia Dent Grant

I was married to the 18th president of the United States. He helped preserve our local and national lore by creating national parks. On March 1, 1872 he signed the Yellowstone Bill, which created our nation's first national park. Our home is called "White Haven" and it is a national park too. It preserves the local lore of St. Louis and our national heritage. Visit it with your parents. It is located in Southwest St. Louis county across from a farm that is famous for Clydesdale horses.



Leonor K. Sullivan

I was Congresswoman from St. Louis and the first woman ever elected to Congress from the State of Missouri. I served 12 terms (24 years) in the U.S. House of Representatives. I was determined and strong-willed and was prepared to let nothing get in the way of funding the Gateway Arch. I believe it was the best thing for the citizens of St. Louis and our great nation. Each time you visit the Arch, look up and remember that this is your Gateway—a gateway of many possibilities, a gateway to your future.

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Many of these books are available in the Old Courthouse Gift Shop.

For information on the cost of the
Jefferson National Expansion
Memorial patch, phone
The Museum Store at: (314)231-
5474 or (800) 537-7962



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Visit the Gateway Arch, Museum of Westward Expansion and
Old Courthouse on the Internet: <http://www.nps.gov/jeff>
Visit the National Park Service at:
<http://www.nps.gov>

Help conserve our natural resources!
If you have no further need for this booklet,
please return it to the Park Ranger at the Information Desk
so another scout group can use it.
Thank you!