



Brownie Badge: Celebrating Community

Guide for Brownie Leaders



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Brownie Leaders: This Celebrating Community badge guide equips you to have a discussion with your Brownie about celebrations in and about Pennsylvania. You'll need a wifi-enabled device such as a tablet or laptop.

1. Explore Community Symbols: The [Pennsylvania State Flag](#) and the [State Seal](#).

Read the information to the Brownies or have each Brownie read a sentence from the [State Seal](#) webpage.

Questions for discussion:

What color is the flag's background?

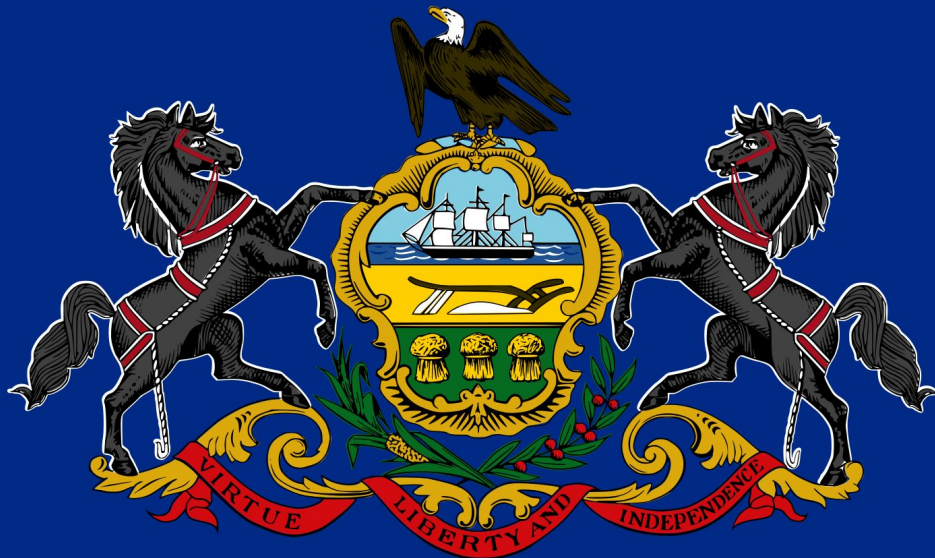
- BLUE, TO MATCH THE NATIONAL FLAG

What do you see on the state seal? What do these things mean?

- BALD EAGLE: SYMBOL OF THE UNITED STATES
- SHIP: REPRESENTS TRADE (BUYING AND SELLING)
- PLOW: NATURAL RESOURCES LIKE TREES AND GOOD SOIL
- 3 SHEAVES OF WHEAT: GOOD FIELDS AND THE TALENTS OF PENNSYLVANIA CITIZENS
- OLIVE BRANCH: PEACE
- CORN STALK: PROSPERITY AND WEALTH

What is the state motto (saying)? Why do you think those words were chosen to represent Pennsylvania?

- VIRTUE, LIBERTY, AND INDEPENDENCE
- REASONS: PENNSYLVANIA AS SITE OF IMPORTANT EVENTS: SIGNING OF DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, THE LIBERTY BELL, CONTINENTAL CONGRESS



2. Sing together: "Pennsylvania" (the state song)

Watch the video. Then watch it again and have the girls sing along with the onscreen lyrics, or the lyrics below.

Verse 1

Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania,
Mighty is your name,
Steeped in glory and tradition,
Object of acclaim.
Where brave men fought the foe of freedom,
Tyranny decried,
'Til the bell of independence filled the countryside.

Chorus

Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania,
May your future be,
filled with honor everlasting
as your history.

Verse 2

Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania,
Blessed by God's own hand,
Birthplace of a mighty nation,
Keystone of the land.
Where first our country's flag unfolded,
Freedom to proclaim, May the voices of tomorrow
glorify your name.

Chorus

Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania,
May your future be,
filled with honor everlasting
as your history.

Questions for discussion:

- Did you know Pennsylvania had a state song?
 - YES OR NO
- How are the flag and the song similar?
 - BOTH SAY INDEPENDENCE
- How are they different?
 - THE FLAG MENTIONS LIBERTY, THE VIDEO SHOWS THE LIBERTY BELL
 - THE FLAG MENTIONS INDEPENDENCE, THE VIDEO SHOWS INDEPENDENCE HALL
- Do you recognize any of the places depicted in the video?
 - PHILADELPHIA, SUSQUEHANNA RIVER, GETTYSBURG, PITTSBURGH, PUNXSUTAWNEY

3. Follow a parade

Ask the girls if they have participated in or watched a parade. What did they like, see, or hear?

Watch these clips of the [Philadelphia Mummers Parade](#) from January 1, 2020.

Note: There are costumed participants in the Mummers Parade, so if your Brownie is sensitive to costumed people, preview the video yourself to decide whether it is appropriate for your Brownie. Alternatively, pages five and six have historical images of parades from northeastern Pennsylvania.

Mummers Parade:

- Why do you think the people are dressed in fancy costumes?
 - TO STAND OUT, TO HAVE THE CROWD NOTICE THEM, TO HAVE FUN, TO MAKE PEOPLE SMILE
- Why do you think they march on January 1?
 - TO CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR
- Have you dressed up and walked/marched/danced in a parade?
 - THE BROWNIES MIGHT SAY FOR HALLOWEEN, MEMORIAL DAY, JULY 4TH, SCHOOL PARADE, PET PARADE

Northeastern Pennsylvania Parade Images:

- What do these historic parades have in common with parades that you have seen?
 - AMERICANA-THEMED DECOR; FLOATS; VEHICLES; SPECTATORS
- How are the spectators dressed? What does that tell you about how they felt about the parade?
 - SPECTATORS ARE DRESSED UP; PARADES WERE A SPECIAL OCCASION FOR THE COMMUNITY
- Examine the floats on slide 6. How do those floats celebrate community?
 - ONE CELEBRATES COAL, IMPORTANT TO PENNSYLVANIA INDUSTRY. THE OTHER CELEBRATES HOMEMAKERS, HONORING THEM LIKE QUEENS.

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Circus parade, Scranton PA, circa 1905. A horsedrawn wagon carrying oxen rounds the corner at Mulberry Street in front of City Hall.



Parade of Progress, Scranton PA, July 1941. A line of Jeeps moves past crowds lining N. Washington Avenue.

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These images are from the "Parade of Progress" in Scranton, PA in July 1941. The parade celebrated 100 years of industry in Scranton, with floats representing various business interests, like anthracite mined by the Hudson Coal Company (left) or the services of Mother's Laundry (below).



4. Be a landmark detective!

Driving along the highway in Pennsylvania, you might see a large blue sign. These signs are called Pennsylvania Historical Markers. Did you know that one of them is for [Girl Scouts and Girl Scout cookies](#)?

Would you like to locate a historical marker within your county? Take a look [here](#)!



PHMC. "Girl Scout Cookies Historical Marker." *ExplorePAHistory.com*, WITF, explorepahistory.com/hmarker.php?markerId=1-A-359.

5. Join a ceremony or celebration.

During the COVID-19 stay-at-home, did you join any ceremonies to honor workers (nurses, post office delivery persons, grocery store clerks)? Many people celebrated with "drive-by" parades or parties, where guests drove past the home or workplace of a person. What did you do?

Has your troop participated in celebrations like July 4th parades or ceremonies? What did you do?

Pennsylvania has its own special day—Charter Day, which celebrates William Penn receiving a charter from King Charles II. Charter Day is Pennsylvania's birthday! Museums throughout Pennsylvania offer free admission and special events. Charter Day is usually celebrated during the first week in March. What events in your community can you and other Brownies attend?