

2019 Balloon Fiesta Patch



To earn this patch you must complete the starred () requirements and three additional requirements. Safety Activity Checkpoints only allow girls to ride in an untethered hot air balloon with council permission. For permission, a Program Event Plan must be submitted and approved prior to the balloon event.**

_____ **Observe a hot air balloon either launching or landing. Use your senses to explain your experience.

- ◆ What did you see, hear, and smell?
- ◆ Were you able to feel or taste anything?

_____ Write a story or poem about a hot air balloon.

_____ Visit the Anderson-Abruzzo International Balloon Museum. Write or draw answers to 2 of the following questions:

- ◆ What was your favorite item in the museum?
- ◆ What did your favorite balloon look like?
- ◆ What shapes and colors did you see?
- ◆ How many balloons were inside?
- ◆ Were the balloons big or small?

_____ Begin a collection of balloon trading cards or pins. Show your collection to others.

_____ Talk with a member of a hot air balloon team. Ask what their job is and how long they have been doing it.

_____ Attend an evening at the Balloon Glow. Write a poem or draw a picture of your experience and share it.

_____ Look up the history of ballooning. Answer 3 of the following questions:

- ◆ What year was the first balloon launched?
- ◆ Who was on the first hot air balloon flight?
- ◆ Have hot air balloon flights always carried people?
- ◆ What year was the record for longest balloon flight set?
- ◆ In 1967, what was the name of the first modern day hot air balloon?

_____ Interview someone that is visiting the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta. Ask where they are from and ask for one fun fact about it. When you get home, locate where they are from on a map.

_____ Learn about gas balloons or attend the Gas Balloon Race Launch. Share what you have learned with others.

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_____ Make and trade a balloon or New Mexico SWAP with your Girl Scout friends.

_____ Take photos of hot air balloons and share them with others. Include as many of the following as you can:

- ◆ Special Shape
- ◆ Colorful
- ◆ Animal
- ◆ One with words
- ◆ Up close
- ◆ In the air
- ◆ Glowing
- ◆ On the ground
- ◆ Far away
- ◆ Your favorite

_____ Design your own hot air balloon patch. Draw a picture of a balloon you would like to pilot and turn it in with your patch requirements. Entries will be compiled for a vote and a winner will be chosen and contacted by email. The winning design will be the featured patch for next year's event. GSUSA requires:

- ◆ No wording. We as council will determine any wording that will need to be added to the design.
- ◆ The Girl Scout Profiles/Faces and or Trefoil cannot be made into a balloon.
- ◆ The shape of your patch should be a circle, oval, square or rectangle. No special shapes.



Patches are available for purchase in La Tienda. Be sure to turn in your patch design by December 1, 2019 to be considered for our 2020 Balloon Fiesta Patch!