



New Mexico State Fair Patch

FUN, INTERESTING, EYE OPENING, INNOVATIVE, DARING, INFORMATIVE, DIVERSITY, CREATIVITY, YUMMY, COMMUNITY, and MEMORIES are all experiences that can be found while exploring the New Mexico State Fair. Held at what is referred to as EXPO New Mexico, the 236-acre location in the heart of New Mexico’s largest city, Albuquerque, has been the location of the New Mexico State Fair for over 74 years. Now often referred to as the “Biggest Show in New Mexico” the New Mexico State Fair features all sorts of agricultural attractions such as farm animals, horses and other agricultural aspects, as well as lots of fun activities from a rodeo, games and competitions to a variety of concerts, carnival rides, games, and much more.

Girls can explore the fair while **DISCOVERING** new experiences & learning how to apply these memories in ways of **CONNECTING** to the community by giving back thru **TAKE ACTION PROJECTS (TAPS)**. Complete 5 or more of the following steps:

- *Plan your adventure to the fair. Research any fees and create a fair budget*
- *Prepare for your day at the fair. Examine the map of Expo New Mexico and plot your course for the day. Choose an “emergency place to meet” with your adult and/or group.*
- *Don’t forget sunscreen, comfortable shoes, water bottle, & a map of the fair. Wear your vest or sash when you go to the fair & promote being proud to be a Girl Scout!*
- *Visit the following exhibits:*

Agriculture Building

Visit one of the three Art Galleries at the Fair: Fine Arts Gallery, Hispanic Art Center, or Indian Art Gallery

Creative Arts Building

Manuel Lujan Jr. Exhibit Complex

Leon Harms Youth Hall Natural Resources Building

Kid’s Pavilion. African American Pavilion. Indian Village. Villa Hispana Horse Arenas.

Dairy Barn

Fair Food

- *Create an educational arts & crafts at one of the exhibits*
 - *Music enthusiasts listen for the different music played throughout the fair. List the types of music here*
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- *Connect with organizations on ways to give back to the community*
 - *Buy & enjoy the different kinds of food available. List favorite foods here*
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- *Identify the diverse cultural exhibits. List the different cultures here*
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- *Interview a professional employee or volunteer at the fair. Create a list of questions.*
- *Research the engineering of carnival rides. What career field or training is needed to create these rides?*
- *List the many animals to be found at the fair.*

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- *Do any of the animals need a Take Action project to support their needs?*
 - *How does caring for these animals give back to the community?*
 - *What other Girl Scout badges can be earned while exploring the fair?*
 - *Artistic? Creative? Research how to enter your art into fair exhibits or contests.*
 - *Take pictures or create a video and upload to social media sharing quotes and experiences with others on the FUN Girl Scouts experience. Be sure to hashtag #nmgirlscouts and tag us in your photos or video.*
 - *Attend or participate in the state fair parade*
 - *Interview an artist found at any of the exhibits. Create a list of questions.*
 - *How can what you discovered at the fair be turned into a Bronze, Silver, or Gold TAPS?*

RESOURCES: For more information visit the following sites

<http://www.ExpoNM.com> NM State Fair

<http://www.4-h.org/> 4H

<http://www.ffa.org/home> Future Farmers of America

<http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/> NM Department of Game & Fish

<http://www.nmsp.dps.state.nm.us/> NM State Police

www.nmgirlscouts.org Girl Scouts of New Mexico Trails

www.girlscouts.org Girls Scouts of the USA

<http://www.military.com/join-armed-forces> Military information