

BioPark Snow Leopard Patch

Requirements – 2 starred (*) activities AND

- Daisies add 1
- Brownies add 2
- Juniors add 3
- Girls 11+ add 4.



DISCOVER

- _____ **All About Snow Leopards.* Learn about snow leopards. Where do they live? What do they eat? How do they survive in their cold habitat?
- _____ *Snow Leopard Neighbors.* Learn about the animals that share habitat with snow leopards. Create a list of five other animals that live with snow leopards. Are any of these animals endangered?
- _____ *A Snow Leopard Near You.* Visit the ABQ BioPark Zoo or another zoo that has snow leopards. Observe the snow leopards to find out what they look like and how they act.

CONNECT

- _____ *Dress Like a Snow Leopard.* Find items of clothing or other wearable accessories that represent the characteristics snow leopards have for survival. Dress up a member of your troop as you explain to the rest of the group what each item represents. (For example, you can use a heavy winter coat to represent a snow leopard's thick fur.)
- _____ *On the Hunt.* Snow leopards often hunt at night, and they rely on their sense of hearing to find their prey. Have your troop stand in a large circle. Choose one girl to wear a blindfold and stand in the center of the circle. This girl is the snow leopard, and the rest of the troop is the snow leopard's prey. If the snow leopard hears a sound from the prey, she should point in the direction she thinks the sound has come from. If she is correct, she has successfully hunted her prey. Take turns with all members of the troop as the snow leopard. What happens if the snow leopard cups her hands around her ears? Is it easier to hunt? Why or why not?
- _____ *Compare a Cat.* Choose at least two different wild cats – one that lives in New Mexico and one that lives in either South America or Africa – and compare them to snow leopards. What characteristics do these cats have in common? How are these cats different? How do these cats compare to domestic housecats?
- _____ *Life among Leopards.* Learn about the life of livestock herders in Mongolia. How do they make a living? What role do girls have in these communities? How do these families live alongside snow leopards? Imagine that you were born to a family like this, and write a story or play about how your family feels about the snow leopards in your region.

TAKE ACTION

- _____ **Saving Snow Leopards.* Learn about snow leopard conservation. Why are snow leopards in trouble? What is being done to help them? Make a list of three things that your troop can do to help snow leopards and then do at least one of them.
- _____ *Big Idea for a Big Cat.* Develop a community service project that helps snow leopards at the Zoo or in the wild and involves the help of your entire troop.
- _____ *Adopt a Snow Leopard.* Research organizations, such as the NM BioPark Society or the Snow Leopard Trust, that support snow leopards and snow leopard conservation, and then choose a snow leopard to sponsor as a troop.

PATCHES ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE GIRL SCOUT SHOP, LA TIENDA, FOR \$2.00 EACH.