



girl scouts
of northern indiana
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Summit City Badge



*The purpose of this Badge is to help Brownies and Juniors understand, explore, and appreciate its historical and modern importance. *This is an official badge that can be worn on the front of the uniform.*

Northeast Indiana has a long and important history and Fort Wayne is at the heart of the region. To earn this badge, Brownies must complete section 1 and at least three other activities; preferably from different sections. To earn this Badge Juniors must complete section 1, one activity from each of the other sections, and one additional requirement from any section for a total of at least SIX requirements completed.

1. Fort Wayne: In October of 1794 the "Fort" was officially named and the town was born:
 - a. Who was the Fort named for?
 - b. What was the area called before it became "Fort Wayne"?
 - c. What are the names of the 3 rivers that converge in Fort Wayne?
 - d. What directions do they flow?
 - e. Why Fort Wayne is called "The Summit City"?

2. Historical Importance
 - a. Explore Lindenwood Nature Preserve or Fox Island County Park and see what the explorers and settlers encountered when they arrived. Discuss what you saw.
 - b. Visit the replica of Whistler's Fort located on Spy Run near Downtown which is the design of the third and final Fort (it was located where Firehouse 1 now stands). Write a short story about what you think their lives were like.
 - c. The Native American presence in the region was instrumental in the city's origin. Find out who Chief Little Turtle was and what he did.
 - d. Many streets and parks are named after people who are important to Fort Wayne history, find out who a couple of them are and what they did. Hint: Eliza Hamilton-George, William Wells, Henry Harrison, John Bass, Henry Lawton, Paul Baer, Johnny Appleseed.

3. City of Inventors: Fort Wayne is also known as a city of great inventions. Many products that we use today began in Fort Wayne:
 - a. Joseph and Cornelius Hoagland invented Baking Powder: Do a baking powder experiment. i.e. make pancakes using different amounts of baking powder - or create a baking powder experiment of your own - what happened?
 - b. Henry C. Paul and John C. Peters - Horton Washing Machine: Compare how easy our lives are now with the Washing Machine: Hand wash one outfit using only a washing "sink" and a rinsing "sink"... no rinsing with running water.
 - c. Fort Wayne Daisies were the 1st Professional Women's Baseball team. (Fort Wayne was also the home of the 1st professional night baseball game and original home of the Fort Wayne Kekiongas who are now the Los Angeles Dodgers): Get together with your troop or a group and play a game of baseball.
 - d. Visit Science Central and explore how Science makes a difference.
 - e. "Invent" something on your own, draw a schematic of your invention and create a prototype.

4. Agriculture: North East Indiana is still a highly agricultural region.
- a. Learn about Corn and Soybeans; what are they used for. What products do you buy that contain either of these. Taste test plain corn or soybeans and a product containing it, can you taste the ingredient? Create a dish using corn or soybeans to share with your family or a group.
 - b. Visit a farm in your area and learn about the crop, its growing season, what machines are necessary to plant, cultivate and harvest it.
 - c. Visit the Foellinger-Freimann Botanical Conservatory and learn about how plants adapt to survival in different climates... What is your favorite climate and why?
 - d. Go apple or berry picking: answer these questions: What kind of plant does it grow on? When do you pick them? How do farmers harvest them? Then make something fun to eat with them....

5. Industry:

- a. Railroad: the railroad was very important to the development of Fort Wayne with companies like The Pennsy Shops, who became the leader in design, construction, testing, and maintenance of steam engines and Pullman cars. Fort Wayne still has a lot of railway traffic today. Look at a map, learn how to identify railroad tracks then find the closest line to your home. What is name of that rail line?
- b. Music: The Packard Company became one of the largest known instrument companies in the United States and currently Sweetwater has expanded: Learn to play a short song or compose one of your own on a musical instrument.
- c. From the production of railroad cars and wheels 150 years ago to General Motors Truck Assembly today, transportation is an important industry to Fort Wayne. Create a design for some method of transportation. List the benefits of your design as well as what accessories you would like it to have.