



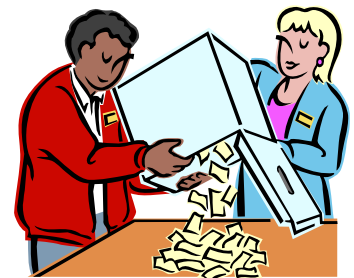
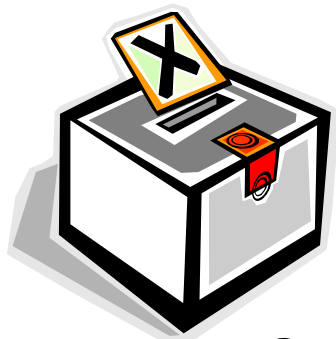
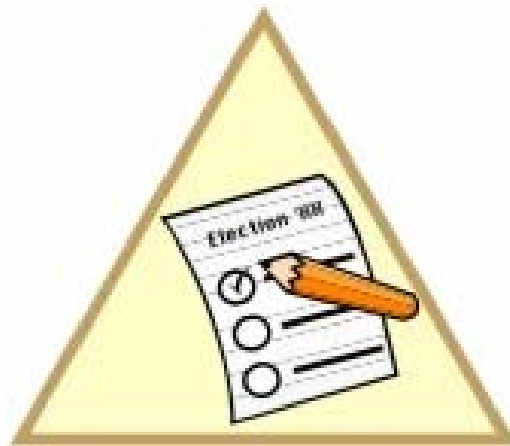
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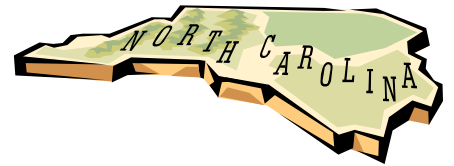
Our Own Council's Try-It



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## Our Own Council's Try-It Every Vote Counts

Voting is an important part of our democratic system of government. By working towards this Brownie Girl Scout Try-It, you will have a better understanding of how voting works and learn more about the voting requirements and legislative bodies in the state of North Carolina.

**Brownie Girl Scouts should complete at least six of the requirements to earn this Try-It.**

1. On a map of North Carolina, locate your county and where you live within that county. Use that information to find your NC State House voting district and NC State Senate voting district. Using the Internet, county maps, or other means, locate the polling location for your house.
2. What are the requirements to register to vote in North Carolina? Where can someone go to register? Figure out the date when you will be old enough to vote.
3. Women have not always been able to vote. Which Amendment to the Constitution gave women the right to vote? In what year? Did Juliette Gordon Low (October 31, 1860 - January 27, 1927) get to vote?
4. Read a book (see the list below or ask an adult to help you find a different one) about women and voting. Share what you've learned with your troop.
5. Ask your mom, grandmother, aunt, or other female friend about the first time they voted. How did they feel? Were they nervous? Show that you are proud of them by drawing a picture of them voting and give it to them.
6. Has North Carolina ever had a female Governor? Lieutenant Governor? What would you accomplish first if you were elected Governor of North Carolina?
7. Find out when the next election is in your area. This information should be available from your county's Board of Elections. Make a poster reminding people to vote on that day.
8. Read a local newspaper with an adult. Which issues concern voters in the state of North Carolina?
9. Hold an election. This can be a fun way to select your favorite Girl Scout cookie, choose your next Try-It, or select your next field trip. Create a ballot and make enough copies for each girl to vote. Set up voting booths to allow for secret voting. Place all votes in a ballot box and keep them secret until all votes have been cast. Tally the votes to finalize your election.
10. Visit the Democracy Project Web site (<http://pbskids.org/democracy/vote/index.html>) and click on "Cast Your Vote!" Participate in the ballot process and print out your future voter card! Don't forget to sign it to make it "official!"



## North Carolina On-Line Resources:

### **Kids Voting North Carolina:**

<http://www.kidsvotingnc.org>

An educational resource for kids and adults, this Web site includes a sample ballot and state wide programs about elections.

### **The Governor of North Carolina's Web site:**

<http://www.governor.state.nc.us/Highlights/NCkids/index.html>

The Governor has included fun games and facts on his Web site for the younger residents of North Carolina to learn from!

### **League of Women Voters in North Carolina:**

<http://www.rtpnet.org/~lwnvc/>

Learn more about women voting in North Carolina by visiting this informative site.

### **North Carolina State Board of Elections:**

<http://www.sboe.state.nc.us/>

This website provides a general overview of voting in North Carolina with information for candidates, local county election office links.

### **North Carolina State House and Senate Voting District Maps:**

[http://www.ncleg.net/GIS/redistricting/district\\_plans/current\\_plans.html](http://www.ncleg.net/GIS/redistricting/district_plans/current_plans.html)

The North Carolina Legislature provides maps that show each voting district in the state.

### **Additional Resources:**

#### **PBS's The Democracy Project:**

<http://pbskids.org/democracy/vote/index.html>

Visit this Web site to learn about the difference one vote makes, step into a voting time machine, and cast your vote on issues that concern you.

#### **League of Women Voters:**

<http://www.lwv.org>

The basic principles of the League of Women Voters are clearly stated on this site, as well as additional information regarding their overall goal to improve society.

#### **Books:**

*Susan B. Anthony: Daring to Vote* Barbara Keevil Parker

*You Forgot Your Skirt, Amelia Bloome!:* A Very Improper Story Shana Corey

*The Ballot Box Battle* Emily Arnold McCully

*Vote!* Eileen Christelow

*You Want Women to Vote, Lizzie Stanton?* Jean Fritz, Dyanne Disalvo-Ryan

