

# SCOUTING AROUND NORFOLK, VA



Find everything from discovering the history of Norfolk to connecting with the zookeepers while capturing photos of local attractions. Norfolk, Virginia provides Girl Scouts of all ages with opportunities for fun, adventure, and enriched troop programs.

## EXPLORE NORFOLK

First, **discover** where Norfolk is on a map. Then, learn about the largest and last battleship built by the Navy, the Battleship Wisconsin and the world's largest Naval Base, Naval Station Norfolk.

Next, **connect** by visiting a few of Norfolk's great attractions such as the Chrysler Museum of Art, home to over 30,000 objects or the Virginia Zoo, where over 700 animals call home.

**Take action** when visiting these places by snapping a few pictures and creating a scrapbook of your favorite moments.

## CHRYSLER MUSEUM OF ART

**Discover** the history of art with a self-guided tour through one of Chrysler's many exhibits, as well as the studio of a glass maker and admire the blown glass on display. **Connect** with art by visiting the Egyptian Gallery and watch the video about the High King, Psamtik-Seneb. Across the street is the Perry Glass Studio where you can discover the art of glass: watch live free glass blowing demonstrations any Tuesday-Sunday 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Take action** by creating your own exhibit by designing a flyer, a schedule of events and creating an event your family and friends would love to attend.

## NORFOLK BOTANICAL GARDEN

**Discover** the gardens with a showing of "The Gift," a short film about the local history behind Norfolk Botanical Garden, at the Baker Hall Visitor Center. Then, stroll over to the Baker Perennial Garden to scout out plants and learn all about the necessities a plant needs in order to survive. End your discovery at the Friendship Pond, legend has it if you hold hands with a friend as you walk around the pond you will be friends forever! **Connect** by visiting the World of Wonders Children's Adventure Garden and walk through Discovery Peak and locate ten different crops available during the time of your visit.

**Take action** by researching Virginian jobs within the wildlife or horticulture industries or track how many steps you take in a day with a pedometer. Using the Norfolk Botanical Garden map create a route that would satisfy this daily requirement and lead this walk for your troop, friends or family.

## DID YOU KNOW WE HAVE A NORFOLK PATCH?

Time to earn your Explore Norfolk Patch. Explore Norfolk's art, history and culture and discover what makes this waterfront city a place to live and visit.



### NAUTICUS AND BATTLESHIP WISCONSIN

**Discover** local shipping in Norfolk's harbor through Nauticus' maritime discovery center or explore the life of a sailor onboard the Battleship Wisconsin. **Connect** through visiting one of Nauticus' traveling exhibits and taking a self-guided tour on the world's largest and last battleship, the Battleship Wisconsin. **Take action** by designing a poster or PowerPoint presentation through things you learn while touring Nauticus. **Have you ever wanted to spend the night on a ship?** Overnights aboard the Battleship Wisconsin are open to both the Girl and Boy Scouts. These unforgettable events are offered on various dates and can sleep up to 142 guests comfortably. They include a one-day admission to Nauticus, an exclusive VIP tour of the battleship areas not open to the public, team building activities, an evening movie, sleeping in battleship berthing (beds) and a full hot breakfast in the morning.

### THE VIRGINIA ZOO

**Discover** the Virginia Zoo by chatting with a ZooKeeper and learning about the many different tasks and duties that they do at the zoo. Explore the zoo and discover the different habitats where animals live, watch animals' natural behaviors and explore the many gardens. **Connect** with reptiles, amphibians, and other animals that live in the World of Reptile Building. Learn the diversity of reptiles and ways you can help them in your own backyard. **Take action** by sharing what you learned with your loved ones by creating a brochure, video or poster or designing an animal habitat with shelter, food, and enrichment programs.

### BIKE NORFOLK

**Discover** all the parts of the bike, hand signals, and traffic safety laws online (at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration website) or at your local library. **Connect** by planning a bike route through the app Map My Ride or by using a local map. Then, explore your new route with your family and take photos along the way for you to share with your friends. Maybe even attend or participate in a local bike race. **Take action** by researching the environmental impact of bikes vs. cars.

### U.S. NAVY PRIDE

Norfolk is home to the world's largest Naval Base, Naval Station Norfolk. **Discover** all the different types of naval ships, planes, and helicopters on a guided tour. **Connect** by choosing a Navy ship in the U.S. fleet and researching everything about the vessel. **Take action** by inviting a member of the U.S. Navy to come to talk to your troop to learn about their job, duties and everywhere they have been in the world.

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