

Brownie Girl Scout Try-It: Listening to the Past

Brownie Girl Scouts can earn their Listening to the Past Try-It while visiting one of the largest maritime museums on the Great Lakes. To earn your Try-It you must complete **four** of the following tasks. For assistance with planning your activities or to schedule a visit, contact the Education & Submarine Programs Coordinator, Karen Duvalle at toll free 866-724-2356 ext. 105.

1. **Community Stories**: Listen to the stories of some of the oldest people in your community. Find them through a senior citizen's organization, a religious group, nursing home, or even your own family. Tape their stories or take notes. Share the stories with members of your family and your Brownie Girl Scout troop or group. (*On your own or as a group*)
2. **If These Building Could Talk**: With an adult, visit the historic buildings, monuments, and sites in your neighborhood or in the nearest city. Learn an interesting story or fact about each. (*USS COBIA is a National Historic Landmark. We can also assist you with finding historic buildings and neighborhoods.*)
3. **Visit the Oldest Cemetery**: Get permission to visit the oldest cemetery in your area. Do the following activities:
 - Find the oldest dates on the gravestones. Write them down. How old were the people when they died?
 - Write down some of the most unusual names. What is the most common name?
 - Take photographs, make rubbings, or draw pictures of the most unusual grave stones.(*For groups not from the area, we can provide maps and direction to local cemeteries.*)
4. **Tell Stories of the Past**: Read two stories written in the past or about the past, and tell them to others. (*This activity can be done on you own, or use this opportunity to learn about Women of the Great Lakes while visiting the Museum!*)
5. **Acting out**: Act out a scene from the past. Chose a favorite person or fictional character from the past. Do one of these activities.
 - Act out a scene from her life or from the fictional story.
 - Dress up like her and act like her during your Girl Scout meeting.Handbook Suggestions: Joan of Arc, Sacajawea, Anne Frank, Harriet Tubman, Helen Keller
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6. **Games of the Past**: Ask Family members and neighbors if they have ever played any of the following games. Then select a game and learn how to play it. Teach the game to others.
 - Dodge ball, Red light/green light, Tic-tac-toe, Simon Says, Guess what I am, Kick the can, Jump Rope rhymes, Jacks, Crack the whip, Sharks and Minnows(*A link to game instructions can be found on our website at www.wisconsinmaritime.org.)*)