

Junior Girl Scout Badge – Local Lore

Junior Girl Scouts can earn their Local Lore badge while visiting one of the largest maritime museums on the Great Lakes. To earn your badge you must complete **six** of the following tasks. Those in bold can be completed while visiting the Museum. 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. **Word of Mouth: Find out about a story, legend, monument, or landmark in your community. Share your findings with others. (*USS COBIA is a National Historic Landmark!*)**
2. It's all about Maps: Locate a map of your hometown that is at least 25 years old. What has changed? What has remained the same? Are all the changes for the better? Which ones would you undo? Why?
3. From Above: Ask someone from the Soil Conservation Service, the U.S. Geological Service, or local college or real estate agency if you can see aerial photos of your community made over a period of time. What stories do these photos tell you about the
4. **Tour your Community: Take part in a tour of your community. Look for three different examples of architecture from different historical periods. When and why were the buildings or houses built? What types of materials were used? Try sketching, photographing, or writing down information about the buildings. (*We can assist you with finding historic buildings and neighborhoods*)**
5. Extra, Extra, Read all about it!: Create a one page, or flyer that describes a past period of your community. Include news, ads, or editorials that might have appeared at the time. Share your item with other.
6. Sing Someone's Praises: Create a story, song, or poem about the efforts of one person who has had a major impact on your city or town.
7. **Take a Trip: Visit a local museum, historical, society, library, or town hall to learn more about the history of your own city or town. What new things did you learn today? (*Visit the Museum to learn more about Manitowoc's maritime heritage!*)**
8. Take Pride: Volunteer at an event, fair, or special occasion in your area. Find an event that brings people together in celebration of the past; for example one that highlights important dates in history, or one that recognizes the past contributions of different cultures.
9. **Walk the Talk: Pitch in on a project that will help preserve the history of your community or something unique about it. (*Help preserve USS COBIA for future generations by helping us keep her clean!*)**
10. Focus on the Future: Given how your community has changed in the past 25 years, how do you think your community will change in the next 20, 50, or 100 years? Share your prediction for the future in a creative way – you might use charts, maps, drawings, or a skit.