2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment. Why is this an important milestone for Girl Scouts (and American women in general)?

The 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States guarantees that the right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by a state on account of sex. It took decades of determined campaigning by countless women (and some men too!) to secure equal voting rights under the law. The legacy of this group of determined advocates has positively impacted generations of Girl Scouts (and Americans in general), and we want to celebrate their achievement with our council’s own patch program.

To earn your Girl Scouts of Western Ohio Suffrage Centennial Patch, complete the required number of steps for your age level and purchase your commemorative patch in one of our shops.

DAISIES:
Complete 3 steps, including 1 starred item

BROWNIES:
Complete 4 steps, including 1 starred item

JUNIORS:
Complete 5 steps, including 2 starred items

CADETTES:
Complete 6 steps, including 2 starred items

SENIORS/AMBASSADORS:
Complete 6 steps, including 3 starred items
Please choose from the following steps to complete the patch requirements:

- Discover the history of the Women's Rights Movement. Delve into the lives and stories of the women whose efforts led to the ratification of the 19th amendment either through research at the local library and/or online, or by visiting a local museum or historical society to learn about the suffragettes in your area. Share what you learned with others.

- Complete the requirements to earn the Citizen badge for your age level.

- Run for office! Imagine you are running for public office. What issues would you advocate for? What would your platform be? Decide your main issue/platform and then create your own campaign slogan.

- Visit a voter-registration office or a polling place during a local election. For extra fun, snap a photo and share it with other Girl Scouts! #GirlScoutsWOH

- Go global! Compare our nation’s political systems and voting practices with those of another country. Share what you learned with others.

- Choose your favorite female political figure (historical or current) and explore her story and political platform. What main issues did she focus on? What national issues or historical events impacted her decisions?

- Create your own suffrage poster or banner based on a historic or current voting rights issue. Share it with other Girl Scouts! #GirlScoutsWOH

- Imagine you’re a suffragette in 1918 and you’re asked to give a speech at a Women’s Rights rally. What would you highlight in your speech? Write it out and give your speech to friends, family, or your Girl Scout sisters.

- Host a mock debate or election with your friends, family, or Girl Scout sisters.

- Learn about civil disobedience. What does it mean? Find a current or historical movement where advocates used civil disobedience as a strategy to effect change. Share what you learned with others.

- Explore the history of voting rights in the United States of America. How have voting rights been expanded through Constitutional Amendments and other legislation? What are some contemporary issues that pertain to voting rights?

- Explore the history of the League of Women Voters. What led to this organization's creation? What other organizations have been formed over the years to support women voter registration? How do these organizations support or promote civic engagement today? Share what you learned with others.

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