Hearts around Indiana

Continue Indiana’s Bicentennial Celebration! Enjoy your journey as you travel and learn more about the Hoosier state.

The patch is made of up six sections. Each of the sections of this patch represent activities and industries found in Indiana. Purchase sections and hearts from your local Girl Scout Showcase as you earn them, or wait until you complete all the activities and purchase all of them together.
Indiana’s state motto is “Crossroads of America.”

Go out and explore our roads to discover the beauty of our state.

1. The Cardinal is our state bird. Indiana is home to many zoos and animal refuges.
   - Travel to a zoo or animal refugee that is outside of the city you live. Visit Fort Wayne to experience an amazing children’s zoo, go to the cat refuge near Terre Haute, or check out Wolf Park in Lafayette.

Complete these activities at the location you select to earn your section:
   - Learn about the place you are going before you visit.
   - How was it founded? What animals are being served?
   - What education and work experience do you need to work there?
   - How are animals acquired?

Earn a heart for this section:
   - Ask what type of donation or help they need and do maintain the facility and provide for the needs of the animals!

2. Indiana is known for its love of basketball.
   - Attend a high school, college or professional game OR visit the Basketball Hall of Fame in New Castle.
   - Travel to a game outside of the area you live, if possible.

Complete these activities at the location you select to earn your section:
   - Learn how basketball started including the history of how it became so popular in Indiana.
   - Learn the rules of basketball, so you can understand what is happening during the game.
   - Play a game of basketball, or learn the rules of HORSE, and play that!

To earn a heart for this section:
   - Choose to either teach a younger Girl Scout troop how to play or volunteer to help teach a special group of children.

3. Automobiles are a very large part of Indiana’s industry. Indiana actually was very important in launching the automobile industry.

Visit the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum.

To earn this section complete the following activities:
   - Why is Indiana such a big part of the automobile industry? How did it begin here?
   - How are women moving into the automobile industry?
   - What kind of jobs can you do within this industry?

To earn a heart for this section:
   - Make posters to promote safety for children to follow with automobiles. Ask if you can post them in an area in your community—like an automobile dealership, library or school.
Indiana has many festivals to celebrate all year long. From winter festivals in January showcasing maple syrup making, to spring Earth Day celebrations, to summer Fourth of July festivities and even fall apple festivals.

- Venture out of the area you live, if possible and see an area of the state you haven’t been to, if possible.

**To earn your section, complete these activities at the festival you attend:**

- What is the history of the festival?
- Why was the festival started?
- How long has this festival been going on?
- Who runs the festival, and what do they do with the proceeds?
- Design a festival you would like to host.

**To earn a heart for this section:**

- Look for an agency in the area you are visiting and donate needed goods. Please donate to an agency in a new locality.

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**Festival**

**Supplies needed:**

- ______________________
- ______________________
- ______________________
- ______________________
- ______________________
- ______________________

**Festival theme:**

- ______________________

**Time of year festival will be held:**

- ______________________

**People who can help:**

- ______________________
Indiana’s State Park system is very diverse and offers many opportunities to learn about our great state!

- Choose a state park to visit for a day or even to camp for the weekend.

**Choose a park, and complete these activities to earn your section:**
- Learn how the park was started and when it became a state park.
- What can you do/see at the park you are at that is different than what you can do/see at others?
- Hike a trail, float down a river, and go on a nature hike with a park ranger. Do a fun activity in the park.

**To earn your heart for this section:**
- Visit and do an activity in more than one state park.

Indiana’s State Parks:
- Brown County, Chain O’ Lakes, Charlestown, Clifty Falls, Falls of the Ohio, Fort Harrison, Harmonie, Indiana Dunes, Lincoln, McCormick’s Creek, Mounds, O’Bannon Woods, Ouabache, Pokagon, Potato Creek, Prophetstown, Shades, Shakamak, Spring Mill, Summit Lake, Turkey Run, Versailles, Whitewater Memorial.

- Visit: the www.in.gov/dnr to get more information about each park.

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Abraham Lincoln grew up in Indiana. He is not the only politician from Indiana who made it to the White House!

Explore politicians from Indiana and get to know them.

**To earn this section complete the following activities:**
- Visit a museum or birthplace of your politician, and learn about their life.
- What did they do to help Indiana?
- What type of job did they have?
- Did they stay in Indiana or go on to Washington D.C.?
- Attend a festival or celebration in honor of this person.
- Learn about our states political system.

**To earn a heart for this section:**
- Find out if your politician has a certain charity they like(d) to give to. If possible, donate to that charity.
Now that I’ve completed this program, I learned:

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I’m inspired to:

Thank you for participating in this patch program. You can buy your sections and hearts at your local Girl Scout Showcase.

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