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For all Girl Scouts to increase their knowledge of the historic Fredericksburg area. Participants will discover the city's historic sites and learn of its importance in both the Revolutionary and Civil Wars.

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EXPLORE FREDERICKSBURG!

Requirements: Complete four activities including the two starred.

***1. Your first stop should be the Historic Fredericksburg Visitors Center located at 706 Caroline Street, Fredericksburg** (telephone: 703-373-1776 or 1-800-678-4748). The center is open daily from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., with extended summer hours. They can tell what special events are happening at the time of your visit, give you discount touring tickets, maps, parking passes, etc. While at the visitor's center, make sure to view the movie on Historic Fredericksburg that is shown. Pick up information about walking tours of the historic Fredericksburg area.

***2. Visit any three of these historic buildings:**

- Ferry Farm, Route 3 East at Ferry Road, Falmouth (703-372-4485) George Washington's boyhood home. See where he threw the quarter over the Rappahannock River, chopped down the cherry tree and taught himself surveying. Open weekdays 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission for adults is \$3.00; students 6-18, \$1.00.

-Belmont, 224 Washington Street, Falmouth (703-899-4860). This house was owned in the 18th century by the renowned American artist, Gari Melchers. The home holds items collected during the Melchers' residence, many from their travels abroad. April 1 through September 30 open Monday through Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 1-5 p.m. October 1 through March 31 open Monday through Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday 1-4 p.m. Adult admission \$3.00; students 6-18, \$1.00

- Chatham, 120 Chatham Lane, Falmouth (703-373-4461). This 18th century mansion served an important role in the Battle of Fredericksburg as the Union headquarters and is where Walt Whitman and Clara Barton tended to wounded soldiers. No admission fee. Open daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Chatham also hosts concerts on selected summer evenings. Call for dates, times, and performers.

- Kenmore, 1201 Washington Avenue, Fredericksburg (703-373-3381). This home contains one of the "100 Most Beautiful Rooms in America." This mansion is completely decorated with furnishings from the colonial period. Adult admission is \$5.00, students \$2.50. Group rates are available. Open daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m. March 1-November 30 and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. - December 1-February 28.

- Stafford Hall, Stratford, Virginia (804-493-8038 or 804-493-8371). The birthplace of Robert E. Lee, Stratford is set upon a high bluff overlooking the Potomac River. There are special tours available by appointment. Admission: adults \$5.00; students 6-18, \$2.50. Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. year round.

3. Visit Fredericksburg/Spotsylvania National Military Park. Retrace the history of the Civil War as it took place in these four battlefields: Fredericksburg, The Wilderness, Spotsylvania Court House, and Chancellorsville. During the summer, walking tours guided by park historians are available at certain locations. The battlefields are open to dusk daily. The two visitors centers helped interpret the four battlefields. The Fredericksburg Battlefield Visitors Center is located at 1013 Lafayette Boulevard (703-373-6122).

4. Visit Sgt. Kirkland's Civil War Museum at 912 Lafayette Boulevard (directly across from the Fredericksburg Battlefield Center). Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Sunday. Also travel to the Civil War Ceremony, located on Washington Street. While there make tombstone rubbings of five different tombstones. What can gravestones tell us about the history of the war?

5. The Fredericksburg area has a wealth of antique shops and trade shops that still perform today as they did during the Civil War. Most of these shops are located along Caroline Street or William Street. A full listing of all the shops can be obtained at the information center. Visit three shops including the Hugh Mercer Apothecary Shop. This interpretation of a colonial medical practice is located at 1020 Caroline Street (703-373-3362). Adult admission \$3.00; students 6-18, \$1.00. Group rates are available. Open daily 9 a.m.-5 p.m., March 1-November 30.

6. Other places of interest - consider one of these or another of your choosing.

- Fredericksburg Cruise's offers a scenic paddlewheel cruise down the Rappahannock River. The boat is heated, air-conditioned, and enclosed. Reservations required, lunch and dinner cruises available, as are group rates. For departure times and to make reservations call 1-800-453-BOAT.

- For more Rappahannock River fun, the Fredericksburg Outfitters offer canoe and raft tours down the river. For more information, inquire at the visitors' center.

- Fredericksburg is also home to Mary Washington College, a mid-size liberal arts college. MWC is located on a scenic campus in Fredericksburg. Tours are offered year round. Contact the admissions office for times, 703-899-4682.

- In and around Fredericksburg are located several shopping malls. Spotsylvania Mall is located on Route 3 and Massaponax Outlet Mall is located a short ride from Fredericksburg.

The information center offers a pamphlet with a complete listing of all the restaurants in the downtown Fredericksburg area.

Here are a few "special" ideas:

- Goolrick's Drug at 901 Caroline Street serves milkshakes and ice cream sodas from the oldest working soda fountain in the U.S.

- Allman's Bar-B-Q is reputed to be the best old-fashioned BBQ in town; they're at 2000 Augustine Avenue.

- Visit Carl's Ice Cream for the "best" soft ice cream in the state. The stand is open until 11 p.m. February 15-November 15. For directions, ask anyone; everyone in town knows where Carl's is.

Listed below is lodging available in and around Fredericksburg (all numbers are in area code 703).

- Best Western-Thunderbird Inn, 786-7404, Route 3

- Econo Lodge, 786-8374, Route 3

- Hampton Inn, 371-0330, 2310 Plank Road

- Ramanda Inn, 786-8361, Route 3

- Super 8 Motel, 786-8881, Route 3

- Best Western Fredericksburg, 371-5050, Route 3