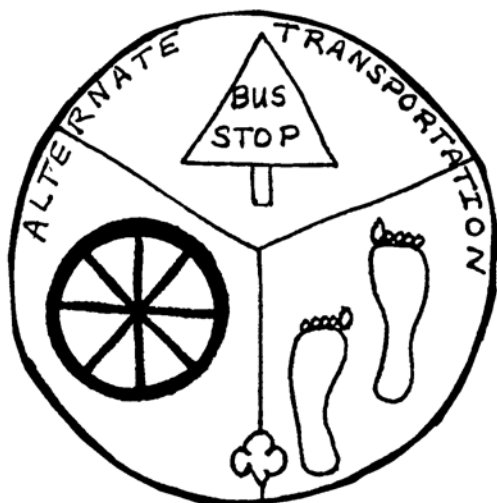


## Alternate Transportation Patch



**Purpose:** To discover different methods of transportation that can help us get from one place to another in a neighborhood, a city or the world. To become aware that the way in which we travel can create changes in our environment and us.

**For:** Brownie, Junior, Cadette, and Senior Girl Scouts

### Requirements:

Complete five of the nine activities listed below. Refer to the back of this page for suggestions and community resources.

1. Take a tour of a bus company, train station, airport, Air Pollution Control District Office, etc.
2. Invite a guest speaker to talk with your troop. They may be from any of the companies listed above or CalTrans, Hosteling International or a police department (safety education division).
3. Learn about different types of transportation, which have been used during the past 200 years in the United States. Find out about transportation common to other parts of the world that is different from transportation in the U.S.A.
4. Interview five people about the modes of transportation they use and which one they use most frequently. Share your findings with your troop.
5. Find out what your city, county and/or state government is doing to improve alternate transportation with regard to bike routes, pedestrian safety, bus improvements, etc.
6. Talk to a physical education teacher, nurse, doctor or check at a library to find out how and why exercise makes you healthier. What forms of exercise are also transportation?
7. Go to the library or Air Pollution Control District to find out about air pollution and what causes it. How does this tie in with "alternate transportation?" Keep track of air pollution in your area for one month.
8. Which natural resource is used to run the automobile? Where does the gasoline come from? Learn about our energy consumption. What can be done to help control the amount of energy consumption? Have other forms of energy been developed for the automobile?
9. Plan and take a trip using two different kinds of alternate transportation. Be sure to use *Safety-Wise* as your guide when planning for a safe trip.

## Ideas for Specific Activities

- Walking:**
1. Plan a walking trip with your group. What sort of things do people need to bring when they go for a long walk?
  2. Find out the rules and regulations for pedestrian safety.
- Busses:**
1. Take an outing on a bus.
  2. Get a bus route schedule. Learn how to read the schedule. Learn costs and necessary information about taking the bus.
  3. Learn the rules and regulations of being a bus passenger.
  4. Learn how to use Bike-on-Bus (if your system has it.)
- Carpool:**
1. Organize a carpool for a special troop event.
  2. Learn the benefits of carpooling. Talk to "Commuter Computer."
- Skateboard:**
1. Learn about skateboard safety, i.e., proper use of skateboards, proper clothes and any rules or laws that regulate skateboards.
  2. Plan a skateboard rodeo for your troop or neighborhood.
- Bicycle:**
1. Earn the cyclist badge.
  2. Organize or participate in a bike rodeo.
- Ferry:**
1. Take the ferry or water taxi to Coronado from B St. pier. Bring your bike and take a trip to the beach, around Coronado Island or down the Silver Strand.
- Train:**
1. Take a train ride to Del Mar, Orange County or Los Angeles -- then go for a bike ride, or take a bus to places of interest or go on a walking tour of the area. To go bike riding in Los Angeles contact the Angeles Girl Scout Council Wheel House at (213) 933-4700.
- Trolley:**
1. If you plan to take your troop across the border be sure you have reviewed the procedures on "Travel in Mexico" with your troop consultant.
- Resources:**
- ∃ San Diego Harbor Excursions/Coronado Ferry – 619-234-4111
  - ∃ San Diego Transit Bus Company – 619-233-3004, Day Tripper Fares – 619-233-9558.
  - ∃ Air Pollution Control District - County of San Diego - 858-650-4707 or website: [www.sdapcd.co.san-diego.ca.us](http://www.sdapcd.co.san-diego.ca.us) .
  - ∃ Amtrak - 1-800-872-7245
  - ∃ San Diego Trolley - Call 619-231-8549 for information.
  - ∃ I Love a Clean San Diego, Inc. – 858-467-0103 ("Adopt a Bus Stop Program").
  - ∃ Ride Link, for commuter information – 619-237-7665.