

Day on the Mall Patch

For Brownie Girl Scouts

Most communities have a mall or central shopping area, which provides a wonderful learning experience. We usually visit a mall when we need to shop, but you can also discover numerous aspects of life at a mall. Go, explore, and consider what a mall really has to offer.

Girls should select, either individually or as a troop/group, which requirements they would like to do from the two sections below.

Complete two (2) from each section.



Section I: Educate

- Find out about the many jobs that women have in the mall. Interview one adult about what she wanted to grow up to be when she was young. Also find out about her job--what she enjoys about her job and what she does not.
- Find out if the mall or a store in the mall participates in recycling. What do they recycle? Where do the recycling materials go?
- How does the mall accommodate people with disabilities? For example, is there parking close by, and are the stores and bathrooms accessible by wheelchair?
- Discuss with an older parent, grandparent or a person in your community, what shopping was like when they were your age. Was there a special day they shopped? Where did they shop and did they have to travel a long distance to shop? What were the stores like? How have stores and shopping changed over the years?

Section II: Experience

- Notice the many selections of food from different countries in the food court. At the food court sample something that you have never tasted before and see if you like it. How is the taste and appearance of the food different from what you are used to?
- Find out about the mall's directory. How do you know where to find a store? Pick the names of two stores and try to find them first on the mall's directory and then, using the directory, find the store in the mall. Find out if there is a First Aid station and/or a Lost & Found in the mall.
- Are there any stores that focus on the environment? Visit such a store. Notice the different products in the store and see where they come from. For example, try to find a rainstick, candle, drum, paper or jewelry.
- Find out all the different ways that you can pay for an item in the mall. Does the way you pay change if you are buying something for \$1 or \$100. What does "lay-away" mean? What does an "interest payment" mean?
- If you could design a mall, what types of stores would you include? Why?

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