

The Renaissance Revelers Patch Requirements Guide

Come with us to explore a time of dragons, castles, knights in shining armor, maidens, festivals, and jesters. Come explore the Renaissance.

The Renaissance Revelers Patch Requirements Guide is designed to help you, or your troop, plan activities and learn about life during the Renaissance. You will learn about foods, entertainment, festivals and clothing of the time while earning your patch. Have fun and think Renaissance!

Requirements for all age levels: Complete any six activities from the following list (at least one from each category) and/or attend a Renaissance festival or faire.

Entertainment

1. Learn to juggle at least three objects. Show someone else how to juggle.
2. Complimenting contest: hold a complimenting contest in your troop. Girls will create their own compliments, then select an opponent. The more elaborate the compliment the better. The last person to run out of compliments wins. The best formula for creating a Renaissance-style compliment is to compare your subject to beautiful things. For example, "Your eyes are more radiant than a thousand stars on a crisp, clear night." A rich source of inspiration is Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet."
3. Learn a trick that you can show someone else or see a magic show.
4. See a play or puppet show about the Renaissance period ("The Reluctant Dragon," Robin Hood, "Punch and Judy").
5. Learn about mime. Put on a skit using this skill.
6. Make a costume and wear it for a skit or entertainment.
7. Greetings: Have your troop practice greeting each other in Renaissance style.
8. Find out about minstrels and troubadours. Learn several songs from these times (Frog Went-a Courtin').
9. Find out about musical instruments used in Renaissance times (drums, tambourines, recorders, string instruments) and make your own.
10. Learn a dance popular in the Renaissance period.

Daily Life

1. Timelines: create a timeline based on the information learned about the Renaissance. Remember to highlight important dates and times.
2. Historical writing: write a letter or a journal entry from the point of view of a historical figure living during the Renaissance, such as Queen Elizabeth; Mary, Queen of Scots; or between two English citizens regarding a historical event (Spanish Armada) — be creative and make sure it deals with a specific event.
3. Create a newspaper: Although there were no newspapers in Renaissance England, create one for your troop and include stories about historical figures and events that occurred during that time, such as the happenings of Queen Elizabeth, Parliament's activities, and military stories.
4. Create a character: have the girls develop a character that would exist during the renaissance. Character development can include costumes, languages, duties the person would have performed, social status, etc. Then, have the girls come in costume to the Ohio Renaissance Festival or other renaissance faire and interact with the other village characters. Some characters are listed below:

Peddler	Peasant	Butcher	Juggler
Knight	Iron worker	Poet	Innkeeper
Shepherd	Groom	Gravedigger	Nobleman
Tailor	Leather worker	Squire	Huntsman
Carpenter	Architect	Baker	Tax collector
Stone mason	Noblewoman	Sheriff	Minstrel



Tournaments and Games

1. Learn an elementary acrobatic/ tumbling trick or see a demonstration.
2. Learn to play games from the Renaissance (Leapfrog, Jacks, Blind Man's Bluff).
3. Learn about some sports of the Renaissance and how they differ from today's versions (bowling, tennis, croquet).
4. Learn to play checkers, chess, or backgammon. Try a human checkers or chess game by having people be the checkers or chess pieces.
5. Learn about jousting and other tournaments. Hold a non-violent tournament.

Crafts, Food and Clothing

1. Build a castle: design and build a model castle. During Henry VIII's reign, he built the castles of Deal, St. Mawes, Walmer, Pendennis, and re-built Dartmouth. However, due to the utilization of gun powder and cannons during the period, the design of the castles changed to that of medieval castles.
2. Make something using a hand art known in the Renaissance, such as weaving, basketry, needle-work, brass rubbings, or egg decorating.
3. Make a food that might be served at the faire. Have a food tasting get together with another troop.
4. Make kites and fly them.
5. Learn about calligraphy, rebus writing, and minor writing. Write a letter using one of these techniques.
6. Collect whole spices and dried herbs. Make a potpourri or wall decoration using them.
7. Find out about Renaissance trademarks. Girls can make individual ones or make one for the troop.
8. Clothing creations: create your own 16th century peasant costume.

Festivals and Celebrations

1. Find out about the festivals and celebrations of the Renaissance period.
2. Royal feast: research and create a menu for the feast. Remember that England is an island. There were plenty of sheep, but spices were quite a luxury because of their expense.
3. Have a festival or parade using the costumes of the time period
4. Find out about Michaelmas Faire. If you lived during the Renaissance, what would you sell at your booth?
5. Learn a maypole dance. Demonstrate it for others.
6. Attend the Ohio Renaissance Festival or another Renaissance event in your area.
7. A Renaissance Christmas: stage a Christmas celebration in Renaissance England. What would the menu be? What songs would be sung? Was there a Santa Claus?

You are welcome to do your own research into the time period or check out some of ours at:
<https://bit.ly/2N6DCp2>

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