

Franklin Transit Authority Girl Scout Transportation patch program



Discover – Connect – Share!

Discover the alternatives to automobile transportation. Learn how to ride public transit and how to stay safe when using alternate transportation. Complete the activity requirements and earn a patch!

Daisy: complete 4 activities – one from each category and one from any category you choose

Brownie: complete 5 activities – one from each category and two from any category you choose

Junior: complete 6 activities – two from each category

Cadette, Senior and Ambassador: complete 7 activities – two from each category and one from any category you choose.

Section I: Discover Transit Basics

1. What are the different forms of mass transit – nationally and in your community?
2. Learn about safety: when walking, bicycling, riding the bus, and when riding your bike around transit vehicles and when taking your bike on the bus.
3. Pick up or download a transit schedule from your local transit authority.
4. Learn about the benefits transit can have – for you, your family, and your community.
5. Learn how walking, biking, or using mass transit helps the environment.
6. Find out what your city, county and state government is doing to improve alternative transportation with regard to bus improvements, bike routes, pedestrian safety, etc.

Section II: Connect

1. Identify at least four different road signs and other safety measures that you may find near bus stops, pedestrian crossings, and rail crossings.
2. Figure out how to get to one of your daily activities (attending school, after-school activities, after-school job) – by using transit to get to and from those locations.
3. With a parent, ride a transit bus or trolley to one of your regular destinations (for example, school, the YMCA, the grocery store or your doctor's office).
4. With a parent, safely take your bike on a Franklin Transit vehicle.
5. Take a tour of the Franklin Transit Authority, the Music City Star station, or other mass-transit office.

Section III: Share!

1. For Daisy and Brownie: Draw a picture and write (or have an adult help you write) a few sentences about what you have learned about transportation. Which mode of transportation is your favorite? Share your drawing and ideas with your troop. For Junior, Cadette and Senior: Write a few paragraphs detailing what you learned about transportation; share it with your troop.
2. Get creative and organize a neighborhood event encouraging your neighbors to leave their cars at home and use alternative transportation for one day. Remember to share what you have learned about the benefits of transit!
3. Film or record a public service announcement for your community about pedestrian, bicycle, bus or rail safety.
4. Create a photo slideshow, scrapbook, or short video to share what you have learned about transportation in your community.
5. Distribute Franklin Transit schedules and (safety/other) materials at your school or church.
6. Create a poster encouraging your community to use transit. Display your poster at school, church, or a local business.
7. Create a "walking school bus" (see video link) or schedule a "Walk to School Day" with your school. *Hint: You may also combine other modes of transit (Franklin Transit bus, bicycle) to get to your destination.*

Resources:

Franklin Transit Authority: www.tmagroup.org

Clean Air Kids: <http://www.clean-air-kids.org.uk/airquality.html>

Carbon Calculator:

<http://www.transportdirect.info/Web2/JourneyPlanning/JourneyEmissionsCompare.aspx?&repeatingloop=Y>

Walking school bus video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LE3iNQNP6tg>

How do I get my patch?

Once requirements are complete you must bring a certificate (found on page 3) into the Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee shop to receive your patch.

The Girl Scouts of Middle Tennessee shop is located at:

4522 Granny White Pike

Nashville, TN 37135

For shop hours visit <http://gsmidtn.org/>

What is the cost of the patch?

The Franklin Transit Authority has provided the patch at no cost to the girl. Simply turn in your certificate and receive your patch.

Franklin Transportation Authority Patch Program Completion Certificate

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