Black History scavenger hunt

In celebration of Black History Month, GSSJC invites you to explore our council-wide area to learn the rich history of African-American culture in Texas. There are many examples of African-American influence all around us. Explore your local community to discover the Black History connection. As you find the significant sites in your area, share with us! Please include #gssjcblackhistorymonth. Black History Month patches can be ordered via https://tinyurl.com/gssjcscavengerhunt to be picked up at your local shop.

Food
When Africans were brought to the Americas as part of the slave trade, they brought parts of their African culture like braiding seeds in their hair that they could plant when they arrived to their final destination. As slaves, Africans were only given the leftovers or the “undesirable” cuts of meat. Slaves made these cuts desirable and a lot that food is now the basis of “Soul Food” in this country. Food remains a big part of black culture today. Patronize a black owned restaurant in your city and post a picture of you and/or your troop.

Church
Black churches played an enormous role in the civil rights movement. Because segregation limited black people’s options of where they could congregate, celebrate, or even carry out business, the church was a central part of the community’s survival as one of the few black-owned institutions. Locate your oldest black churches in your community. Visit if you have the chance, but more importantly, learn its history. Post a picture of you and/or your troop at the church entrance.

Murals
Murals are found throughout our council communities. This art can tell a community’s story, create a unique experience, engage citizens, increase appreciation for the arts and artists, and increase the overall attractiveness of the space. Find a mural in your community created by an African American artist and post a picture of you and/or your troop at the mural and post.

HBCUs
Learn about the history of Historical Black Colleges and Universities. Why were they needed? There are nine HBCUs in Texas and three in our council. More are located in Louisiana, our council neighbor, and throughout the US. Visit one of our local HBCUs and take a tour if time permits. Take a picture and post you and/or your troop at the school.

Martin Luther King, Jr.
Martin Luther King, Jr. is one of the Civil Rights Movement’s most prominent leaders. Because of his incredible work, almost EVERY city as a street (or highway) named after him. Find the street in your city and post of picture of you and/or your troop at the street sign.

Black History is EVERYWHERE!
Your community is filled with its own black history. From notable local heroes to famous faces from your city, tell us about your local black history heroes. Tell us about these heroes and take a picture with them or if there is monument or street named after them, take a picture and post.