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CULTURAL HISTORY**

How scouting
has encouraged
boys and girls to
be prepared over
the years

1911



Automobiling
Less than 1 percent of the U.S. population owned a car when the Boy Scouts first learned to drive.

1920



Citizen
After the passage of the 19th Amendment, the Girl Scouts' Civics badge became the Citizen badge.

1920



Business Woman
As more women entered the workforce after World War I, scouts learned clerical skills.

1931



World Knowledge
Between the world wars, the Girl Scouts began fostering friendships around the globe.

1942




Airplane Design
During the war, the Boy Scouts went all in on aviation, even introducing the spinoff Air Scouts.

1953



Radio & Television
The Radio badge, debuted in 1938, was updated as TV began vying for media dominance.

2018




Space Science Investigator
One of 24 new STEM badges offered by the Girl Scouts—on topics from cybersecurity to robotics.

2001



Oil Up
U.S. oil usage peaked in the 2000s, but this badge was more ecology-minded than its design.

1996



Crime Prevention
Crime decreased dramatically in the 1990s, but concern about crime was on the rise when this badge launched.

1985



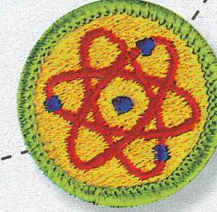
Handicap Awareness
The scouts were ahead of the curve here; the Americans with Disabilities Act passed in 1990.

1975



American Heritage
In advance of the country's bicentennial, the scouts resolved to teach boys about U.S. history.

1963



Atomic Energy
Scouts were taught the science of the nuclear threat—as interest in nuclear power grew through the decade.

