



# February

## Monthly Patch Program Girl Scouts of Central Illinois

# Harriet Tubman

*“I have heard their groans and sighs, and seen their tears, and I would give every drop of blood in my veins to free them.”*

Harriet Tubman was enslaved, escaped, and helped 70 others gain their freedom as a “conductor” of the Underground Railroad. She also served as a spy, and nurse for the Union Army during the Civil War.



**Complete 3-Daisy, 4-Brownie, 5-Junior, 6-Cadette, and 7-Senior/Ambassador steps to earn your patch.**

All monthly patches are custom designed patches. Once we get the final number of patches after the 15<sup>th</sup> of the following month, we place an order.

Patches take about a month to create and then we mail them to you.

*Order patch on-line by March 15<sup>th</sup> at [www.getyourgirlpower.org](http://www.getyourgirlpower.org)*



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### Discover

1. Who was Harriet Tubman? Find out more about her life and accomplishments. Research online or check out books from the library.
2. What was the Underground Railroad? When and where did it begin and end?
3. Harriet grew up in Dorchester County, Maryland in the 1820's as a slave. Discover what life was like for slaves during this time period. What were some of the tasks Harriet may have been assigned to do?
4. Besides Harriet Tubman, who else helped rescue enslaved people from the south through the Underground Railroad? Were they mostly men or women? Approximately how many slaves were saved through the Underground Railroad system? What ways did they use to safely get people out of the South?

### Connect

5. People on the Underground Railroad communicated using codes. What are some codes they may have used? Create your own code. How would you use your code?
6. Create your own one-page newspaper. How would you report on a slave's journey along the Underground Railroad?
7. Harriet Tubman worked with famous suffragists Susan B. Anthony and Lucretia Mott. Learn more about one of these women that spoke out about racial and gender injustice.

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8. PBS, with funding from Bowie State University, DirecTV, and Pfizer, aired an one hour special on Harriet Tubman called [Harriet Tubman: Visions of Freedom](#). With permission from an adult, watch this special with your troop or family.

### Take Action

9. Before, during, and after the Civil War, she fought for the rights of women, minorities, disabled, and the aged. Research and discuss with others what rights she fought for and if those rights can still be fought for today. Create a poster, video, or find another medium to explore this topic.
10. After her time raising funds for the Suffragettes, she established a nursing home on her property in Auburn, New York. With your troop or family, discuss ways you could help the elderly in your community. Do they need meals delivered, comfort items donated, or even just a card or small gift to make their day brighter?

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