



Women's History Month Patch Program

Girl Scouts of Central Illinois

Mary Harris Jones

"My address is like my shoes. It travels with me. I abide where there is a fight against wrong."

Mary Harris Jones, more commonly known as Mother Jones, was a human rights activist who was alive during the Second Industrial Revolution. She saw the terrible conditions miners and factory workers were forced to work in. She helped arrange protests and strikes to try and get the workers better pay and better conditions. Mary Jones was a big advocate for children's rights she wanted children to have an education. Mother Jones is one of the reasons workers have the rights they do today and children can go to school!



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 15th of each month, we place an order. Patches take about a month to create and then we mail them to you.

Order patch on-line by April 15th at www.getyourgirlpower.org



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Discover

1. Mother Jones fought for workers rights because back in her time many workers were treated unfairly. Grab a parent or leader and use the resources you have to research the terrible conditions these mine workers and factory workers had to go through.
2. Mother Jones knew many well-known people. Some of these people helped her cause and some didn't. Some of the more well-known acquaintances of Mother Jones were Upton Sinclair and Theodore Roosevelt. Find out more about one, or both, of these acquaintances of Mother Jones and the relationship between them.
3. Mother Jones held many different protests and strikes in her time. One of her biggest protests involved children. This protest was called "The March of the Mill Children". Find out what this protest was for, where was it held, how long did it last, and if it achieved anything.

Connect

4. Illinois was a big spot for mines. The miners who worked at these mines benefitted from Mother Jones' work. Are there any mines around you? Draw a route from your town to the coal mine that's closest to you.
5. Mother Jones was a very strong woman. She did everything she could to accomplish her goals. Girl Scouts do the same thing. Think about a time you had a goal, in Girl Scouts or elsewhere, then share your accomplishments with your troop.
6. Explore workers' rights and conditions in other countries. What are some differences and similarities to our own country?
7. Mother Jones traveled a lot. She traveled so much that she never even bought a house. She would stay with the families of the people she was helping because of this she could only bring a bag of personal items. Think about the trips you take with your family or with Girl Scouts. What things are important to take with you on a trip so that you have everything you need and you stay prepared? Make a list and share with your troop.

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Take Action

8. Mother Jones cared about people and did what was best for them. It is evident in all that she did. She fought for people until she couldn't fight anymore. Next time you see someone who is upset or struggling be a friend and try your best to help them, like Mother Jones would.
9. Mother Jones advocated for workers' rights by holding protests. The protesters held picket signs. Picket signs help draw attention to an issue and show what the protesters want. With a parent or troop leader's help, look up pictures of these signs. Is there anything you see in your community that needs fixed? Creating signs are a good way to advocate for something. Design a sign that could be used to advocate for a topic of your choice.
10. Think about your community, your town, your state, your country, and your world. Is there anything you see in your life that Mother Jones would want to fix? Is there anything you can do to fix the issue you see?

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