

Ideas to integrate Hispanic Heritage Month into your troop activities

- Invite a Latina speaker to talk to your troop about the culture of her family's country and plan a cultural activity for the girls. (Please contact the council if you do not have a Latina contact to speak, we can help you to find one.)
- If you have Latina girl scouts in your troop, ask them ahead of time if they would like the opportunity to share something about family's culture. (e.g.: foreign currency, food, flag, song, pictures)
- Integrate Spanish phrases or words into your troop meetings.
- Journeys- If you have Daisies, highlight the Latina characters in the Journey books. In Welcome to the Daisy Flower Garden, Cora is a Mexican-American character with Spanish great-grandparents. Zinnia, known as "Zinni" is also from Mexico. In 5 Flowers, 4 Stories, 3 Cheers for Animals! Zinni tells the story of her family from Mexico.
- Brownies-If you are using the World of Girls with your troop, integrate Latin American culture.
- If you live in the KC Metro area- enjoy an event hosted by the City of Olathe such as "Wild West Days", including traditional Mexican folkloric dancing on Sept 28 or the Josefina Doll Exhibit by American Girl at the Mahaffie Center on Sept 20. See attached calendar of events or the Olathe Hispanic Heritage Month Facebook page for details.
<https://www.facebook.com/OlatheHMM>
- Have a multi-cultural treat! As a group, make a Latin

American snack such as rice pudding (arroz con leche)

<http://www.whats4eats.com/desserts/arroz-con-leche-recipe>, guacamole, or alfajores (shortbread sandwich

cookies with dulce de leche filling).

<http://roxanashomebaking.com/alfajores-dulce-de-leche-sandwich-cookies-recipe/>

- Visit Tropicana, a Mexican ice cream shop and get an authentic Mexican sandwich, ice cream or natural fruit juice. Another idea is to bring authentic Mexican pastries to the meeting for the girls to try.

- Participate in the Day of the Dead children's celebrations:

- The Kansas Children's Discovery Center on Nov 2

- http://www.kansasdiscovery.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=85&Itemid=92

- Visit Mattie Rhodes "Day of the Dead" street festival on Oct 4.

- <http://www.mattierhodes.org/Calendar/CalendarViewer.aspx?rId=42&prId=0>

- Topeka Day of the Dead celebration for the entire family from Oct 3-Nov 2. There will be a lot of fun activities from making mole to art

- labs. <http://www.topekaddlm.com/>

- Talk about the 21 Spanish speaking countries, show flags and look them up on a giant world map. Look up pictures online of kids in each of the countries.

- Think ahead to World Thinking Day in February and choose Latin American countries for your area of study.