

Hill-Stead for Girl Scouts 2019

Hill-Stead Museum welcomes Girl Scouts of all ages and levels to its beautiful 152-acre campus in Farmington, CT. This unique and breathtaking site offers both indoor and outdoor adventures in learning. Alfred and Ada Pope built the Colonial Revival mansion in 1901. It was designed by their daughter, Theodate Pope Riddle, who was a trail-blazing architect, an entrepreneur and great supporter of educational innovation during her lifetime. The museum offers a glimpse into the past as it is filled with the original furnishings and collections the Pope family enjoyed. Its crowning jewel is the exquisite collection of French Impressionist artworks by famed artists that include Degas, Monet, Manet, Cassatt and Whistler. Now a museum, Hill-Stead offers a wide variety of learning experiences for Girl Scouts who want to learn more about history, architecture, women's history, nature and art.

Levels of Girl Scouting and Grades:

*Daisy – Grade K-1
Brownie – Grade 2-3
Junior – Grade 4-5
Cadette – Grade 6-8
Senior – Grade 9-10
Ambassador – Grade 11-12*

Brownie Badges:

Hiker

Outdoor Adventurer

Celebrating Community

Painting

Potter

Fair Play

Making Games

Junior Badges:

Gardener

Inside Government

Drawing

Outdoor Art Explorer

Scribe

Playing the Past

Cadette Badges:
MORE INFO COMING SOON!

Outdoor Art Apprentice
Finding Common Ground
Book Artist
Field Day

Senior Badges:
MORE INFO COMING SOON!

Behind the Ballot
Textile Artist
Room Makeover

Ambassador Badges:
MORE INFO COMING SOON!

Outdoor Art Master

ACTIVITY FEES AND RESERVATIONS

Each activity held at Hill-Stead will be led by an experienced Museum Educator or Museum Guide. Fees include all materials and instruction and use of designated spaces in the museum or on the grounds for the length of program chosen. Each activity typically takes one hour to complete.

- \$10 per Scout for a one-hour program (typically one activity)
- \$15 per Scout for a two-hour program (two or more activities)
- Up to two Troop Leaders receive free admission. Additional adult chaperones are \$10 per person.
- Contact Gabrielle Gaulin in our Education Department to discuss badge activity options and program structure. (gauling@hillstead.org)
- Please contact us at least two weeks prior to your desired program to arrange a date.
- Hill-Stead will send you an invoice prior to your program and all fees are due prior to program start.

Brownies: Hiker

Although it's known for its art collections, Hill-Stead also offers gardens and grounds for outdoor exploring! Take a hike along the trails and learn more about nature and Hill-Stead. If you take a walk up the road, say hi to the sheep as well!

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Recommended Steps:

- 1** Decide where to go
Choose something to look for on Hill-Stead's trails. All kinds of trees, plants, and animals appear on the trails!
- 2** Try out a hiking skill:
Make a map of Hill-Stead's trails (use a trail guide to help you!) and guess where you might see hills, trees, or animals!
- 3** Pick the right gear:
We suggest you complete this step before coming to Hill-Stead to hike!
- 4** Pack a snack for energy:
We suggest you complete this step before coming to Hill-Stead! Make a delicious trail mix with your fellow Scouts or pack a yummy picnic to enjoy outside!
- 5** Go on your hike!
A Hill-Stead Scavenger Hunt will take you on an adventure while learning to identify certain trees, plants and features of the land.

Brownies: Outdoor Adventurer

Hill-Stead provides a beautiful natural landscape for Brownies to discover the outdoors! Hiking trails, local wildlife (hi chipmunks!), huge fields, a spring-fed pond... You'll have a great time learning and playing as you adventure outside!

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Recommended Steps:

1

Play outdoors in a new way:

Have fun with water! Learn about the animals that live in Hill-Stead's pond, try skipping rocks, and see if you can spot any tadpoles.

2

Explore nature:

Go on a nature hike and collect souvenirs like leaves, interesting stones, or pictures of animals and plants! Be careful to stay on the path with your leaders.

3

Buddy up and play outdoor games:

Learn how to play Capture the Flag with your fellow Scouts!

4

Learn a camp skill:

Learn how to tie two important knots - these can help you keep your things together! Learn also how to use a bandanna to carry items and make your own to take home.

5

Care for the outdoors:

Create a bird feeder using a bottle or carton. Later, hang it up at home to see what feathered visitors come to eat!

Brownies: Celebrating Community

Theodate Pope, architect of Hill-Stead, was always trying her best to build community. From creating new schools to running her scientific farm for the benefit of local farmers, she truly cared about the people who lived around her. Come learn how you can care for and celebrate your community.

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Recommended Steps:

1

Explore community symbols:

Learn about the meaning of the CT State Flag and flower, bird, tree and motto. Then explore Theodate Pope's personal symbol and take a guess what it might mean!

2

Sing together:

Have a picnic party to celebrate! Learn three songs with your troop and have fun singing together while eating a yummy picnic snack (food supplied by Troop).

3

Follow the parade:

We recommend the troop complete this step before or after visiting Hill-Stead.

Be a landmark detective:

4 Tour Hill-Stead and learn more about Theodate Pope, one of the earliest women architects, and the rest of her family. You also will get a chance to see many beautiful pieces of art!

Join in ceremony or celebration:

5 We recommend the troop complete this step before or after visiting Hill-Stead!

Brownies: Painting Badge

Hill-Stead's French Impressionist collection is truly inspiring to artists and art-lovers of all ages. Tour the museum and see Monets, Manets, and Degas to see how the masters painted, then learn about painting with a Hill-Stead educator!

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Recommended Steps:

Get inspired:

1 Go on a tour and find five paintings that you love in Hill-Stead's collection. Tell your friends why they're great and find out who painted them and when!

Paint the real world:

2 Paint an outdoor landscape or still-life in Hill-Stead's beautiful landscape! Work together with a Hill-Stead teacher to paint what you see "en plein air."

Paint a mood:

3 Listen to music and figure out how it makes you feel. Then choose colors and shapes that remind you of that feeling, and create a work of art.

Paint without brushes:

4 Find leaves, sticks, and other natural materials on Hill-Stead's grounds and use them to make your own paintings. Stamp, draw, drag, and make your own unique nature art!

Paint a mural:

5 Learn with Monsieur de Chavannes, a mural artist in Hill-Stead's collection, and tell the story of your troop! Work with your fellow scouts to create one mural on paper.

Brownies: Potter

After viewing Hill-Stead's amazing collection of pottery and ceramics from around the world, visiting Scouts will no doubt feel inspired to create their own pottery masterpieces!

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Recommended Steps:

Find some pottery:

1 Tour Hill-Stead and learn about the art inside! Besides seeing paintings, drawings, and prints, you'll also be able to look closely at pottery from around the world.

Make an art piece:

4 Make clay beads out of modeling clay and create a beautiful necklace or bracelet to take home.

2 Get to know clay:

We suggest pursuing this step at a pottery studio!

Paint and glaze:

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Make a simple pot:

3 Working with a Hill-Stead Educator, work to make a pinch or coil or slab pot from clay.

Brownies: Fair Play

The Pope family enjoyed playing tennis and lawn bowling at Hill-Stead, and Mr. Pope even had his own golf course! Learn and enjoy sports like Mr. Pope would have – maybe you'll even find a new hobby!

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Recommended Steps:

Follow the rules:

1

Learn an old-fashioned sport together - each group should learn about the rules of one game, then teach it to the other girls. Then, try playing it!

Keep score:

4

We recommend you learn to keep score at home or with your troop!

2

Include everyone:

Learn about Title IX and sports for women in Theodate's day!

OR

Learn a sport for people with disabilities with your troop!

Have a field day:

5

Using sports equipment and your imaginations, come up with a three-game relay race in your group and challenge the other scouts to see who can finish the fastest!

3

Be part of a team:
Play Octopus Tag or the Human Knot with your troop mates on Hill-Stead's lawn. Learn how to work together to be the best team.

Brownies: Making Games

The Pope family loved playing games inside (like card games, parlor games, and more) and outside (like tennis, lawn bowling, and golf!). Follow in their footsteps and make up your own games.

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Recommended Steps:

Try making a scavenger hunt:

1 Make a list of ten things you think you might find in Hill-Stead's house. Then, take a tour and see if you can find everything!

Make up a mystery game:

2 Play Who's Who with famous ladies from Theodate's time and now! Pick a card and put it on your forehead. Ask yes-or-no questions to your friends to discover your name!

Create a party game:

3 Create your own "Pin the Tail on the Donkey." Draw and cut out your pieces so that your friends can play, just like they did in Theodate's day!

Change the rules:

4 Think of a new way to play games girls in Theodate's time might have played, like tag or hopscotch.

Invent a whole new sport:

5 We suggest you do this at a local sports field!

Juniors: Gardener

Hill-Stead's grounds are home to one of the few remaining gardens designed by pioneering female landscape architect Beatrix Farrand. Come explore the Sunken Garden and learn more about how to design and care for plants and our ecosystem.

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Recommended Steps:

Visit a garden:

1

Visit Hill-Stead's famous Sunken Garden, created by landscape architect Beatrix Farrand. Learn to sketch a garden plan!

Experiment with seeds:

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Depending on the season, learn to collect seeds from Hill-Stead's gardens. Plant milk-weed to feed the monarch butterflies!

2

Explore garden design:

Using magazines, drawings, and a plan paper, make your own dream garden plan using the Sunken Garden.

Grow your own garden:

5

Using your newfound plant knowledge, grow your own garden at home or in your community!

3

Learn how tochoose garden plants:

Learn with one of Hill-Stead's staffabout the flowers that were chosen for the Sunken Garden, and what plants grow best in Farmington's hardiness zone.

Juniors: Inside Government

Theodate Pope Riddle was active in her local community. Her husband, John Riddle, was a career diplomat who worked with governments around the world. Using this dynamic couple as an example, Junior Girl Scouts will learn about ways to work in government as a good citizen and as a career.

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Recommended Steps:

What does being an active citizen mean?

1
Brainstorm a list of ten things you can do as a good citizen. Learn about how Theodate and her family were good citizens as well.

Report on the issues:

Speak to a Hill-Stead historian and learn about issues that Theodate and John confronted during their lives. Which of those issues still exist today?

Go inside government:

2
We recommend that you and your troop have fun visiting a government office!

Get involved in community government:

5
We recommend that after learning about past and present issues at Hill-Stead, you and your fellow scouts take action!

Look into laws:

3
Think about laws you might propose someday, and what laws you might have fought against if you lived in the past like Theodate.

Juniors: Drawing

At Hill-Stead, you can see master drawings by excellent artists, and also become a great drawer yourself! You'll find no shortage of inspiration in Hill-Stead's house, garden, and landscape.

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Recommended Steps:

Experiment with materials:

1 Learn about still-lives in art history and try 3 different mediums as you make artist trading cards - small sketches you can trade with friends!

Learn how to add shading:

2 Study Monet's Grainstacks and learn different techniques to add shading to a drawing. Then practice!

Get some perspective:

3 Draw an outdoor landscape, paying special attention to size. Work together with a Hill-Stead teacher to sketch what you see at the right perspective.

Use your imagination like a graphic artist:

4 Theodate had a personal logo, as well as the famous artist Whistler! Learn about their logos and make one for yourself.

Show it off!

5 Make a hand bound portfolio book! When you get home, paste some of your art inside so that wherever you go you can take it with you.

Juniors: Outdoor Art Explorer

Hill-Stead is surrounded by beautiful gardens and walking trails - Girl Scouts will be inspired by the great outdoors, and then will learn how the artists in our collection used nature to inspire their art. Learn about photographic techniques inspired by the French Impressionist movement.

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Recommended Steps:

- 1** Explore outdoor art:
Take a look around Hill-Stead's walking trails and find some local wildlife. Figure out what kinds of adaptations would help and make your own animal!

- 2** Make something:
While on your hike, look for interesting shapes and textures in nature. After getting back, make salt clay and create nature impressions to take home!

- 3** Find music in nature:
Using natural materials and some tips, create music together with your scout troop! When you're done, place the "instruments" back in nature.

- 4** Be a naturephotographer:
Take ideas from Degas and Japanese woodblock prints and practice smart phone photography! Learn about cropping, zooming, and composition.

- 5** Design with nature:
Design a terrarium that you can plant at home.

Juniors: Scribe

Theodate and her family loved reading, which you'll be able to see in their extensive library. Theodate also thought about becoming a writer or a poet and kept diaries.

Come be inspired by Hill-Stead and get your writing hands ready!

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Recommended Steps:

Start with a poem:

Learn about haiku and limericks and other poems from Hill-Stead's library of poetry books. Then try your hand at writing one of each!

1

Create a short story:

Go on a tour and get inspired to write a mystery set in Hill-Stead. Learn about the house's residents and see if you can think of a case to be solved! Start at the museum and finish at home.

2

Use words to share who you are:

We recommend scouts work together in the troop to share favorite memories, Scout activities, or big adventures!

3

Write an article:

Hill-Stead educators discuss and demonstrate how good archival research leads to articles that are accurate and engaging.

4

Tell the world what you think:

We invite you to write about your favorite art piece at Hill-Stead! Tell everyone why your favorite is the best by writing a short essay.

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Juniors: Playing the Past

Learn about the life of Theodate Pope, the architect of Hill-Stead, and learn how growing up in the late 1800s was different from now. You'll get a chance to read some of her diaries and make up your own character!

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Recommended Steps:

Decide who you are:

- 1 Learn about life for girls in the 1880s and how Theodate grew up. What things could girls do? What things were difficult? Then make up your own character and write a week diary for her!

Create a costume:

- 2 Visit Theodate's closet and learn what types of fashions were popular throughout her life! Then study clothing at the turn of the century and sketch your own day dress for a paper doll.

Experience daily life:

- 3 Learn about some of the duties that Theodate might have done at Miss Porter's school and try out some of the tasks they were expected to do. OR design a home like Theodate did!

Have some old fashioned fun:

- 4 Learn about what types of parlor games may have been played in Hill-Stead's drawing room and what outdoor sports the Popes enjoyed - and try your hand at lawn bowling.

Become your character:

- 5 After learning all about life in the late 1800s, take your new knowledge home and have a living-history party or other event!