

U.P. Heritage Try-It

A patch program for troops or groups who are interested in learning about U.P. history. Complete five (5) of the following seven (7) sets of activities, including the required *Taking Action* component.

Early Settlers	<p>Mining and lumbering were important in the early days of the Upper Peninsula.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Who were the first settlers in your community and why did they settle there?• Where was the first mine in the U.P. and what type of ore was mined there?• Find out about a famous person who worked in the lumber industry in the U.P. Where did this person come from? Where did he/she live? What was he/she famous for?
Indian Tribes	<p>In the early days, Indians roamed the Great Lakes area. Many still live here today.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Find out how many Indian reservations there are in the U.P. and where they are located.• Learn a Native American craft.
Water Everywhere	<p>The Upper Peninsula is located in the region of the Great Lakes. Water has always been important in moving from one place to another.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Find out how many Great Lakes border the U.P. and name them.• How many important bridges are there in the U.P.? Name them. Find out where they are on a map.• Find out about the Soo Locks. Why were they built? Where are they and why are they needed?
Food	<p>One food that is popular in the U.P. is the pasty.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is a pasty, and what are they made of? How do you make one?• Learn where it originated and why.• Have a pasty party.
Landmarks	<p>Landmarks are places where there is something interesting or something important happened.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Find out about at least three (3) natural landmarks in the U.P.• Visit one of them.
Having Fun	<p>Everyone likes to have fun in his/her spare time. Activities change in different parts of the country.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Find out what people do for fun in the U.P.• Participate in one of these fun activities with your troop.
Taking Action <i>*Required*</i>	<p>There are many ways to get involved and contribute to your community's history. Try one of these or come up with your own idea!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contact a local history museum. Offer to:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Come up with a cataloging system for library materials○ Create a display showcasing what you've learned while earning this patch○ Clean up or organize museum areas in need• Create "welcome kits" for new residents in your community that contain information on local lore and heritage.• Plan and implement an event around a famous person or invention that earned popularity in the U.P. Invite families or local troops to share in the festivities.

