

Amelia Earhart

“Adventure is worthwhile in itself.”

Amelia Earhart is an American aviation pioneer. She was the first female aviator to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean; as well as a best-selling author!
Learn more about her in this monthly patch!

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Discover

1. Amelia always had a spirit for adventure! As a young girl, Amelia and her sister Grace would spend hours exploring their neighborhood, climbing trees, and sledding down hills. The two shared a real love of the outdoors. Go on an adventure and explore your neighborhood. Notice the different trees, flowers and bugs. What kind of animals do you see? What kind of trees are the most common in your neighborhood? Go on a walk around your neighborhood and start a nature journal. Check out the link below for an idea of what to put in it.

<http://kids.parks.ca.gov/pages/22743/files/blanknaturejournalpage.pdf>

2. Amelia earned the nickname “Lady Lindy” after her first flight across the Atlantic ocean. This was a nod to Charles Lindbergh, also a very famous pilot who was called Lucky Lindy. Discover the similarities between Amelia Earhart and Charles Lindbergh. What were some aviation accomplishments that they had in common and how were they different?

3. Pilots use a lot of different aviation terms when flying. Research with your troop what are some common aviation phrases such as, call sign, ETA, ETD, altitude, hangar and

mayday mean; and when they might be used during flying. Have you ever heard some of these terms used when you've been on an airplane?

4. They once said that flying couldn't be done but the Wright Brothers proved everyone wrong. They were the first people to ever fly an airplane. The flight lasted only 12 seconds and distanced 120 feet but they made their dream of flying a reality. Learn more about the Wright Brothers! Check out the video below and discuss with your troop how two bicycle repairmen built the first motorized airplane!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YDlk4Ky_ahs

Connect

5. At an air show in 1920, Amelia Earhart took a plane ride that transformed her life. It was only 10 minutes, but when she landed she knew she had to learn to fly. Earhart immersed herself in all things aviation. She read everything she could find on flying and spent much of her time at the airfield. She even cropped her hair short in the style of other women aviators. Have you ever had a moment that transformed your life? What was it? Is there anything you have totally immersed yourself in like Amelia did? If you have, discuss it with your troop! If not, what is a topic that you want to learn more about? Decide a new skill or hobby that you want to learn and immerse yourself into it just like Amelia did. Make a plan with your troop to keep each other accountable on your new hobby/skill.

6. Amelia's first plane was bright yellow color that she nicknamed "The Canary". Amelia flew "The Canary" to an altitude of 14,000 feet, setting a world record for female pilots. On May 15, 1923, Earhart became the 16th woman in the United States to be issued a pilot's license. Try your hand at making your own airplane, a paper airplane that is, you could even use yellow construction paper and call your plane "The Canary" just like Amelia did. In this STEM activity we will test our paper airplanes by seeing who can carry cargo (coins) the furthest. Check out the link below for the full directions on this airplane STEM activity.

<https://kidsactivitiesblog.com/77853/stem-paper-airplane-challenge/>

7. Throughout her childhood Amelia kept a scrapbook of newspaper clippings about women that have paved the way in predominately male focused careers, which included film direction, law, advertising and mechanical engineering. Is there a woman that has paved the way in a career that you are interested in or maybe a sport or activity that you are involved in? Pick one woman that has helped open doors for female equality in your chosen career/sport/activity and do research on this woman. Was it hard for her to get into the field? What were some of the challenges she endured? Share with your troop!

8. In July of 1937, Amelia embarked on her final flight. Set to go around the entire world, it was her attempt to be the first ever pilot to circumnavigate the globe. Fred Noonan was her navigator. They flew to Miami, then down to South America, across the Atlantic Ocean to Africa, then east to India and Southeast Asia. They departed for the tiny Howland Island which was their next fueling stop on July 2, but were never seen again. There are many theories around what happened to Amelia and Fred Noonan but it still remains a mystery to this day.

Look up some of the theories around Amelia's disappearance and then write at least three diary entries from the perspective of Amelia on this flight. You might talk about how excited you are to begin your journey, what it's like along the way, and then what happened to make your plane go down.

Take Action

9. July 24, Amelia's birthday, is known as Amelia Earhart Day. Have a celebration with your troop, virtually or in person, to honor Amelia. During this celebration you could talk about Amelia's contributions to aviation and her drive to change gender stereotypes about careers suited for women. You could make paper airplanes and try an airplane STEM experiment.

10. The Ninety Nines were a female aviation group started by Amelia Earhart and other female pilots. Their goal was to be viewed equally to men pilots in their abilities and opportunities. Their name comes from the 99 founding members of the organization. Female organizations like this are so important to build each other up and prove that women can do anything. The Ninety Nines remind me a lot of Girl Scouts in this way! Take this time to reflect on how Girl Scouts and the Ninety Nines are similar. Look at both organization's history and then discuss with your troop how the organizations are similar and different. Reflect on what your troop means to you, what do you like to do together and what are some of the things you want to do together in the future? As this monthly patch is the July patch, you may be thinking of what you and your troop want to do this upcoming Girl Scout year. Take this time to dream and brainstorm together about all the good your troop can do to make a difference, as well as all the ways you hope to have fun!