



December

Monthly Patch Program

Girl Scouts of Central Illinois

Dolly Parton

“Don’t get so busy making a living that you forget to make a life.”

Dolly Rebecca Parton is an American singer, songwriter, multi-instrumentalist, actress, author, businesswoman, and humanitarian, known primarily for her work in country music.

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 January 15th, 2021 at www.getyourgirlpower.org

Discover

1. Learn more about Dolly’s life. Check out books at local library. She has written many books. Find out how Dolly Parton changed history.
2. Dolly has had more than two dozen albums go gold, platinum or double platinum, an Academy Award nomination, Emmy and Golden Globe award nominations, countless Grammy nominations, and eight Grammy Awards, as well as dozens of People's Choice and Country Music Association awards. Discover Dolly’s other accolades not associated with her music career.
3. Library of Congress published: deep roots in the early Nashville country music scene, as an actress in Hollywood films, as a business woman with a theme park to her credit, and as a female giving voice to the experiences of women in the second half of the twentieth century. Dolly's shift from her early Nashville roots to a more mainstream country style helped to broaden the audience for country music and to pave the way for other country music performers who have followed her. What makes music country? Learn about County Music. Explore different county songs.



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4. Dolly has made her fortune through an entertainment empire that she built with years of hard work. She has created more than 40 top-10 country albums and won nine Grammy awards — a testament to the popularity of her music. What other business has Dolly developed through her career? Is she working on a new project? What charities does she involve herself in?

Connect

5. Dolly's progressive lyrics and her willingness to speak out despite potentially adverse consequences made her stand out among female performers. Listen to her music. Read the lyrics to a few of her songs. Find a song that speaks to you. Share the song. It could have a different meaning to somebody else.
6. Her songs have captured the hearts of generations. Her electric smile has brightened the lives of millions. Her trademark style is recognized across the globe. "My dream was to make as many people happy as I could in this life." Write a song. Learn the steps to create your own song. Custom songs are the perfect way to brighten a person's day and bring a smile to their face. Share your song with your family and friends.
7. "I'm not going to limit myself just because people won't accept the fact that I can do something else" If Dolly Parton doesn't limit herself, why should you? SO many people will question whether or not you can really make money at what you're doing. You might want to start offering a new service or try out a new business idea. The limits we put on ourselves should never come from someone else's unfounded opinion! Find out how to create a business plan. Write or pitch your mission statement and business goals to your troop leader or parent. Your business can offer different items or services.
8. In addition to the rides, shows and other attractions at Dollywood, one of its most iconic exhibits is the Eagle Mountain Sanctuary. Managed by the American Eagle Foundation, the 30,000-square-foot aviary houses what the organization describes as the country's largest collection of "non-releasable" bald eagles. Discover why Eagles are so important in America. Check out the American Eagle Foundation. Visit virtually or in person a sanctuary. It doesn't have to be an Eagle sanctuary. There are other sanctuaries that protect animals.



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9. Dolly wanted Dollywood to bring jobs to her community. Parton grew up in the economically depressed area of Sevier County, Tennessee, and after she found success, she wanted to give back to her childhood home. She created Dollywood as a way to bring jobs to the community. Take a look at Dollywood. What does it offer? What kind of rides and attractions does it host? Do you enjoy theme parks? Build your own “Dollywood”. Draw, use recycled materials, or use anything around your house to create your own theme park. What kind of attractions will you have? What would you call it?

Take Action

10. Dolly is a philanthropist—a person who gives generously to help other people. Even though she's known around the globe for her stunning songwriting and sparkling personality, Dolly is most well-known in her home state for being an incredibly generous philanthropist. She's long been a champion for causes that range from childhood literacy to environmental conservation, and this year, she donated \$1 million to fund research to develop a cure for COVID-19. Find out more about basic human needs and learn how you can be a "philanthropist"—a person who gives to people who need help! Think—and act—like a philanthropist.
11. In 1995, Parton made the Imagination Library, her non-profit organization that sends one book per month to each enrolled child from birth until their first year of school. The Imagination Library was founded in tribute to Parton's father, who was unable to read. Originally intended to just serve the children of Sevier County, Tennessee, the Imagination Library has since broadened its reach outside of the United States. In 2006, the Library began shipping books to children in Canada and, in the following year, the United Kingdom. The program expanded to Australia in 2013. Twenty-three years after it was founded, the Imagination Library mailed its 100 millionth book to a child in March 2018. At present, the program ships more than a million books each month to 1.3 million participants across the globe. How can you contribute to Dolly's dream? Do you have free little libraries in your town? Maybe donate some of your books to them. Help spread Dolly's dream of spreading books around the world.