

The Smithtown Historical Society is committed to the preservation, restoration, and interpretation of Long Island's heritage for the education and enjoyment of the public. We are stewards of 5 historic homes and 14 out buildings in 3 locations, including our 20 acre main campus on Middle Country Rd, the Caleb Smith II home on N Country Rd and the Obadiah Smith Home located on St. Johnland Road in Kings Park. We continue LI's agricultural history with our Rockwell Farm and Grow to Give Garden, and offer family and adult programming that helps to bring the Smithtown and surroundings communities together for fun and learning.

To earn the SHS Partnership Patch, Daisies and Brownies must complete 1 out of 3 requirements; Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors must complete 2 out of 3 requirements.

1. **Come See the Smithtown Historical Society!** – Visit us “down on the farm” and help us feed and clean up after the animals, gather eggs from our henhouse and learn what it was like to be a child growing up on a farm in the 1700's -1800's. Tour our original 1740's farmhouse and barns, make jam or pickles, craft with fiber and more! *Please note:* Staff led tours and programs are for an additional fee and must be registered in advance. To book your visit, please contact: Melissa Clements, Director of Education at 631-265-6768 or [education@smithtownhistorical.org](mailto:education@smithtownhistorical.org).
2. **Women in Long Island History** Women have played an important role in helping to develop and advance Long Island throughout its long and varied history. Depending on your level, research and answer the questions about one or more of the women below. Daisies and Brownies, select 1; Juniors and Cadettes, select 2; Seniors and Ambassadors, select 3. Once you have completed your research, present what you have learned about these inspirational women with other troops.

Verina Harris Morton Jones – 1865-1943 – Doctor/Activist/Philanthropist

Edith Loring Fullerton – 1876 – 1931 – Businesswoman/LIRR Official

Rosalie Gardiner Jones – 1883 – 1978 - Suffragette

Elinor Smith 1911- 2010 - Aviation

Doris Kearns Goodwin – 1943 – Historian/author

Questions:

- a. What do you believe the woman you chose did that had the biggest impact on Long Island or its history?
  - b. Do you believe that her background was a help or a limitation to the work she wanted to accomplish? Explain how her background might have helped or limited her.
  - c. Do you believe that her work still has an impact today on the people and the history of Long Island? Explain why you believe this way.
3. **Old Fashioned Fun!** Below are descriptions of games children played during the 1700-1800's. Many of the items needed to play can be purchased inexpensively or even improvised like children of the Colonial Time Period did. *Please note:* These games can be played at the Historical Society during an on-site visit described in Option 3 to help complete the requirements.

To complete this requirement, Daisies and Brownies, select 1; Juniors and Cadettes, select 2; Seniors and Ambassadors, select 3. What other games or toys do you think girls played with during this time? Research and describe other colonial period games children played with or created on their own. Make sure to include what materials are used for the game/toy, and how the game was played. Teach your game to another troop so they can learn and join in on the fun!

- a. **Marbles** - Marbles were made of stone, pottery, clay, or china. Some had colorful swirls or other designs. Children may also have used musket balls, nuts, or hard berries to play. Marble collections were always changing, as children won, lost, and traded their marbles. A big bag of marbles was considered a treasure. Visit [www.wikihow.com/Play-Marbles](http://www.wikihow.com/Play-Marbles) for a brief description of the rules of this game.
- b. **Pick Up Sticks** - Pickup sticks, or jackstraws, was a very popular game and originated with Native Americans. It was originally played with straws of wheat, but later items used were wood splinters, straws, or ivory straws. Modern versions of jackstraws use wooden or plastic sticks. To play, sticks are heaped in the middle of a table. Each player takes a turn removing one stick from the pile, trying to do so without moving any of the other sticks.
- c. **Jacks** - The game of jacks is played with small six-pronged objects called jackstones, or jacks. The first player starts the game by throwing the jackstones on the ground. The other players then take turns tossing one jack into the air, picking up another jack from the ground, and then catching the flying jack as it comes back down-all with the same hand! In the next round, players try to grab two jacks, then three, then four. If someone fails to pick up enough jacks, or allows the flying jack to hit the ground, that person is out of the game.
- d. **Hoop Rolling/Hoop & Stick** – Hoop rolling, also called hoop trundling, is both a sport and a child's game in which a large hoop is rolled along the ground, generally by means of an object wielded by the player. The aim of the game is to keep the hoop upright for long periods of time, or to do various tricks.