

Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts



Golden Ball Tavern Museum

662 Boston Post Road, Weston, Massachusetts 02493

The Golden Ball Tavern Museum is pleased to offer tailored programs for Girl Scouts from September to June, weekdays and weekends. This house has many stories to tell.....built in 1768, the Golden Ball Tavern has been a home, a tavern, a hotel, and a museum. Come learn about the 6 generations of the Jones family who lived here for almost 200 years. In this house, history still lives and breathes through true stories of British spies, the Weston tea party, and the comings and goings of the children and families.

In addition to the badge programs listed below, we are happy to work with individual troops to design a visit that will meet your needs. The list on the back gives some ideas of topics that fit nicely with the Golden Ball Tavern's history. We can also fulfill certain requirements of other badges or journeys, e.g., **Brownie Badge Celebrating Community: Step #4 Tour a landmark that honors the past.** Two chaperones (required) are included free in the program and we have a maximum limit of 15 girls. Generally our programs run 2 hours and cost \$10/girl.

If you are interested in scheduling a visit or have any questions, please contact Michelle Roman at GBTmuseumeducation@gmail.com or 781-894-2924.



Badge Programs

Brownie Badge: My Family Story

Tour the Jones' family home; identifying their prized possessions and their large family tree. Listen to some of their exciting and true family stories. Then explore your family: What are some of your family's stories and heirlooms and what do they tell you? Make a family tree and crest to reflect what you have learned about your family. By the end of the visit, you will have completed all but one of the requirements. (We will send a family data collection form to be filled out prior to the visit.)

Junior Badge: Playing the Past

Learn what life was like for Isaac Jones' daughters during Colonial times by touring the Jones' home and tavern. Learn a skill colonial girls would have had to learn (cross stitching) and play some colonial games. Then pretend to be one of Isaac's many daughters and write in your diary about your life. You will complete at least 3 of the 5 requirements.

Junior Badge: Birth of Our Nation (An Eastern Massachusetts Council Badge)

See how a colonial family lived around the time of the revolutionary war and learn about Isaac Jones, a Tory, a tavern keeper, and a father of 11 children. Listen to a true story of British spies visiting the tavern and how Isaac helped them. Learn some games his children played. By the end of your visit, you will have completed 4 of the 6 badge requirements.

If you prefer to design your own visit to the **Golden Ball Tavern Museum**, we can work with you to include a variety of activities. The following is a list of potential activities and an example of how one visit (on Folk Art) might be put together.

Potential activities:

- Themed tours
 - Folk Arts
 - Revolutionary War (a Tory perspective)
 - Colonial games and chores

- Colonial crafts
 - Cross stitch
 - Silhouettes
 - Stenciling

- Creative expression
 - Journal writing and stories
 - Role playing

- Historical discovery
 - News – yesterday and today
 - Identifying changes in towns through maps
 - Family trees and photos



Folk Art Visit

Tour the Golden Ball Tavern and identify folk art from the 1700's. See two Jones' family portraits and try your hand at making a silhouette. You will also learn about colonial samplers and create your own cross-stitch with linen and floss and perhaps even learn to stencil. Girls will take their projects home. (All materials provided.)

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Come and see how children lived 200+ years ago!

Golden Ball Tavern Museum is in the center of Weston on Old Boston Post Road just off Route 20.