

# Scouting Around Victoria



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Please Note: Girl Scouts of Greater South Texas tries to keep the information in this packet updated, but we recommend that you call each location ahead as you plan your visits. Please send an email to [program@gsgst.org](mailto:program@gsgst.org) if you notice that any of the information is out-of-date or inaccurate.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR SCOUTING AROUND VICTORIA.

Complete the starred activity (\*\*) and three additional activities to earn the patch.

### \*\*1. MEMORIAL SQUARE

<b>Location &amp; Contact Information:</b>	402 N. De Leon St. Victoria, TX 77901 Phone: (361) 575-8227
<b>Hours:</b>	Always open.
<b>Admission:</b>	Admission is free.
<b>What to do:</b>	Read the Texas Historical Marker and monuments. Include the granite monument located diagonally Northeast from the Memorial Square plaque.
<b>Answer these questions:</b>	1. When was the square laid out? 2. How was the square originally used? 3. Why did the city stop using this park for its original purpose? 4. What Native American tribe inhabited the Victoria region?

### 2. MCNAMARA HOUSE

<b>Location &amp; Contact Information:</b>	502 N. Liberty St. Victoria, TX 77901 Phone: (361) 575-8227 Website: <a href="http://www.victoriaregionalmuseum.com/mcnamara">http://www.victoriaregionalmuseum.com/mcnamara</a>
<b>Hours:</b>	Tuesday thru Sunday: 1:00pm-5:00pm CLOSED Monday
<b>Admission:</b>	Children: \$1.00 Adults: \$2.00 Groups call two weeks in advance.
<b>What to do:</b>	Tour the house.
<b>Answer these questions:</b>	1. Who built the McNamara House? 2. When was the house built? 3. What was Mr. NcNamara's profession? 4. What two things in the formal parlor are actual artifacts?

### 3. DE LEON PLAZA

<b>Location &amp; Contact Information:</b>	101 N. Main St. Victoria, TX 77901
<b>Hours:</b>	Always open.
<b>Admission:</b>	Admission is free.
<b>What to do:</b>	Tour the plaza and read the markers.

**Answer these questions:**

1. What was the plaza's original name?
2. When was it renamed to De Leon Plaza?
3. Who was Martin De Leon?

#### 4. FOSSATI'S DELICATESSEN

**Location & Contact Information:**

302 S. Main St.  
Victoria, TX 77901  
Phone: (361) 576-3354

**Hours:**

Monday thru Friday: 11:00am-2:00pm

**Admission:**

Admission is free.

**What to do:**

Take a look inside and enjoy a delicious lunch

**Answer these questions:**

1. When was Fossati's Delicatessen established?
2. Who established Fossati's Delicatessen?
3. What nationality was he?
4. Is this the original site for the Fossetti Delicatessen?

#### 5. OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Location & Contact Information:**

105 N. Williams St.  
Victoria, TX 77901  
Phone: (361) 575-3813  
Website: <http://www.lourdesparish.org>

**Hours:**

Call for hours.

**Admission:**

Admission is free.

**What to do:**

Tour the church and read the marker.

**Answer these questions:**

1. Who was the church constructed to serve?
2. Where did Rev. Jean Baptiste Teitien travel to get funds to build it?
3. In what year did the first service take place in the church?
4. Who was the pastor of the church when a fire destroyed the building?

#### 6. VICTORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

**Location & Contact Information:**

302 N. Main St.  
Victoria, TX 77901  
Phone: (361) 485-3302  
Website: <http://victoriapubliclibrary.org/>

**Hours:**

Monday thru Thursday: 9:00am-9:00pm  
Friday & Saturday: 9:00am-5:00pm  
CLOSED Sunday & Holidays

**Admission:**

Admission is free.

**What to do:**

Tour the library and read the Texas Historical Marker in the library about

	Viola Case.
<b>Answer these questions:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. After Reverend John R. Shive died, who ran the school that he founded?</li> <li>2. To what was the school renamed in 1870?</li> <li>3. How did the Victoria Public Library begin?</li> </ol>

## 7. MUSEUM OF THE COASTAL BEND

<b>Location &amp; Contact Information:</b>	2200 East Red River Victoria, TX 77901 Phone: (361) 582-2511 Website: <a href="http://www.museumofthecoastalbend.org">http://www.museumofthecoastalbend.org</a>
<b>Hours:</b>	Tuesday thru Saturday: 10:00am-4:00pm
<b>Admission:</b>	Children under 4: Free Children 4yrs-8 <sup>th</sup> grade: \$2.00 Adults: \$3.50
<b>What to do:</b>	Tour the museum.
<b>Answer these questions:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What was the name of La Salle's ship?</li> <li>2. How many cannons did La Salle bring to Texas?</li> </ol>

## 8. NAVE MUSEUM

<b>Location &amp; Contact Information:</b>	306 W. Commercial Victoria, TX 77901 Phone: (361) 575-8227 Website: <a href="http://www.victoriaregionalmuseum.com/Nave">http://www.victoriaregionalmuseum.com/Nave</a>
<b>Hours:</b>	Tuesday thru Sunday: 1:00pm-5:00pm CLOSED Monday
<b>Admission:</b>	Children: \$1.00 Adults: \$2.00
<b>What to do:</b>	Take a tour of the fine arts museum.

## 9. TEXAS ZOO

<b>Location &amp; Contact Information:</b>	110 Memorial Drive Victoria, TX 77901 Phone: (361) 573-7681 Website: <a href="http://www.texaszoo.org">http://www.texaszoo.org</a>
<b>Hours:</b>	Daily 9:00am-5:00pm (Front gates close at 4:30pm)
<b>Admission:</b>	Children 2 and under: Free Children 3-12: \$3.50 Adults: \$4.50 Call for group rates for 21 or more guests and for guided tour rates.

**What to do:** Tour the zoo and see over 150 species of animals native to South Texas.

## 10. 1892 VICTORIA COUNTY COURTHOUSE

**Location & Contact Information:** 101 N. Bridge St.  
Victoria, TX 77901  
Phone: (361) 575-4558  
Website: <http://www.victoriacountytx.org>

**Hours:** Call ahead.

**Admission:** Call ahead.

**What to do:** Read Texas Historical Marker in front of the 1892 Courthouse. Enter the 1967 Courthouse to take a tour of the inside of the old one.

**Answer these questions:**

1. When was the courthouse built?
2. What happened to the architect in 1892?
3. What is the name of the style in which the Courthouse was designed?

## ANSWERS TO SCOUTING AROUND VICTORIA QUESTIONS

### \*\*1. MEMORIAL SQUARE

**Answer these questions:**

1. When was the square laid out?  
A. 1824
2. What was the square used for originally?  
A. It was a cemetery.
3. Why did the city stop using the park for its original purpose?  
A. The cemetery was moved to stop a cholera epidemic.
4. What Native American tribe inhabited the Victoria region?  
A. Karankawa

### 2. MCNAMARA HOUSE

**Answer these questions:**

1. Who built the McNamara House?  
A. Mr. McNamara
2. When was the house built?  
A. 1870s
3. What was Mr. McNamara's profession?  
A. He was a dealer in cotton, wool, and hides.
4. What two things in the formal parlor are actual artifacts?  
A. The eyeglasses and journal are artifacts.

### 3. DE LEON PLAZA

**Answer these questions:**

1. What was the plaza's original name?  
A. Plaza de la Constitution
2. When was it renamed to the De Leon Plaza?  
A. 1941
3. Who was Martin De Leon?  
A. Founder of Victoria

### 4. FOSSATI'S DELICATESSEN

**Answer these questions:**

1. When was Fossati's Delicatessen established?  
A. 1882
1. Who established Fossati's Delicatessen?  
A. Frascio (Frank) N. Fossati
1. What nationality was he?  
A. Italian
1. Was this the original site for the Fossati's Delicatessen?  
A. No. Mr. Fossati had it constructed and moved to its current site.

### 5. OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH

**Answer these questions:**

1. Who was the church constructed to serve?  
A. The German-speaking population of Victoria

2. Where did Rev. Jean Baptiste Teitien travel to get funds to build it?  
A. Germany
3. In what year did the first service take place once it was completed?  
A. 1875
4. Who was the pastor of the church when a fire destroyed the building?  
A. Rev. Lawrence

## 6. VICTORIA PUBLIC LIBRARY

**Answer these questions:**

1. After Reverend John R. Shive died, who ran the school that he founded?  
A. His wife, Viola Case
2. To what was the school renamed in 1870?  
A. Mrs. Case's Select School
3. How did the Victoria Public Library begin?  
A. The library began as a collection of Viola Case's books.

## 7. MUSEUM OF THE COASTAL BEND

**Answer these questions:**

1. What was the name of La Salle's ship?  
A. La Belle
2. How many cannons did La Salle bring to Texas?  
A. Eight. Seven are on display at the Museum of the Coastal Bend. The other is on exhibit in Austin.

## 10. 1892 VICTORIA COUNTY COURTHOUSE

**Answer these questions:**

1. When was the courthouse completed?  
A. 1893
2. What happened to the architect in 1892?  
A. J. Riely Gordon was discharged due to other pressing commitments.
3. What is the name of the style in which the Courthouse was designed?  
A. Romanesque Revival

**SCOUTING AROUND VICTORIA  
REPORT FORM**

TROOP #: \_\_\_\_\_ Leader's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Completed: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of girls completing patch program: \_\_\_\_\_

Give a brief report of the girl's reaction to the activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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What activity the girls like least? \_\_\_\_\_

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What activity did the girls like the most? \_\_\_\_\_

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Other comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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NUMBER OF CENTER PATCHES NEEDED \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF ROCKER PATCHES NEEDED \_\_\_\_\_

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THE CENTER PATCH AND ROCKERS ARE \$1.50 PLUS TAX (.0825) EACH  
ADD 10% FOR POSTAGE AND HANDLING (\$ .50 MIN - \$7.50 MAX)

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:**

Report filed: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of patches: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Patches Mailed: \_\_\_\_\_ Receipt Number: \_\_\_\_\_