

Lighthouse Brownie Try-it

The purpose of this Try-It activity is to educate Girl Scouts about lighthouse history.

Brownie Try-It Badges are earned by completing four of the five activities below. Activities in *italics* may be completed at the Lighthouse.

1. *What is a lighthouse and where are they located?*
 - *Why are they located there?*

Learn what it was like to live at a remote lighthouse.

 - *How/where did they get their food?*
 - *Where did the children go to school?*
 - *What was daily life like for lighthouse wives & mothers?*
 - *What everyday duties did the lighthouse keepers perform?*
2. Visit a lighthouse in Florida.
3. **(TROOP ACTIVITY)** Look at pictures of lighthouses in Florida, then do one of the following:
 - Draw a picture of a Florida lighthouse or make a model out of clay, paper, paper cups, or other medium of your choice.
4. *Learn about a female lighthouse keeper.*
5. *Read a story about what it was like to live at a remote lighthouse.*

References:

There are a number of excellent children's books related to the history of lighthouses and their keepers at your local library and for sale in our gift shop. These books include:

- *The Little Red Lighthouse and the Great Gray Bridge* by Hildegarde H. Swift, Lynd Ward (Illustrator)
- *Birdie's Lighthouse*, by Deborah Hopkinson
- *Lighthouses of North America* by Laura Trumbauer
- *Lighthouses for Kids* by Katherine L. House **(Gift Shop)**

Learn about some of America's most famous female lighthouse keepers by reading:

- *Keep the Lights Burning, Abbie*, by Peter and Connie Roop
- *The Lighthouse Keeper's Daughter*, by Arielle North Olson
- *Mind the Light, Katie (The History of Thirty-Three Female Lighthouse Keepers)*, by Mary Louise Clifford and J. Candice Clifford

Lighthouse Posters:

- *Lighthouses of Florida* **(Gift Shop)**
- *Florida's 30 Lighthouses* **(Gift Shop)**

Want to find out about lighthouses on the web?

- Florida Lighthouse Association – visit <http://www.floridalighthouses.org/>.
 - Go to the LINKS section and look for web sites related to Florida lighthouses.
- University of North Carolina – visit <http://www.unc.edu/~rowlett/lighthouse/>
 - Click on FL and read about all of the Florida lighthouses.