

Arkansas State University Museum Scout Patch:

PORTALS OF THE SOUL Ancient Peoples of Northeast Arkansas

For Brownie Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts



This patch is designed to help scouts learn about native peoples of Northeast Arkansas.

To earn the activity patch:

1. Complete the attached worksheet at the ASU Museum.
Gallery hours: Tuesday 9 am–7 pm; Wednesday–Friday 9 am–5 pm;
Saturday 9 am–5 pm; Sunday 1–5 pm.
2. Sign and make a comment in the Museum’s guest book.
3. Get the signature of a museum employee below.

To get the activity patch:

1. Take your signed, completed worksheet to:

Girl Scout office at 4803 East Johnson Ave, in Jonesboro, Arkansas.

2. Purchase the patch there at the Girl Scout Office.

Good luck!

I certify that _____ has completed the activity sheet to receive the ASU Museum *Portals* activity patch. Signed:

Museum staff name

Date

MASTERS OF THE MASTODON

1. What did Paleoindians wear for warmth?
2. What giant mammal did Paleoindians hunt?

ANCIENT FARMERS

3. Name one of the plants grown by ancient farmers.
4. Some Native American pottery looked like what vegetable?

ARTFUL INDUSTRIES

5. Name the two animal hides in the case.
6. Name one use of the Bow and Arrow.

EMBLEMS OF STATUS

7. Name some of the objects made from shell.
8. Name one item that was traded from far away.

POTTERY ENGINEERS

9. What was the main way of making pottery in prehistoric Arkansas?
10. Who were the “pottery engineers” in ancient Arkansas?

THE VANISHED ART

11. Name at least two examples of the “vanished art.”
12. Name some of the ways prehistoric people used woven goods.

CULINARY ART

13. What vegetable was the basis for nearly every meal in prehistoric times?
14. Why are some of the pots blackened or charred?

FEAST!

15. Who prepared the food for a feast?
16. What liquid was an important part of ritual drinking?

PORTALS

17. How many worlds made up the ancient universe or “cosmos?”
18. Find a portal symbol in this case and draw it here.

SYMBOLS OF THE SPIRIT WORLD

19. Find a swastika symbol and explain what it meant in the Mississippian spirit world.
20. What did swirls symbolize?

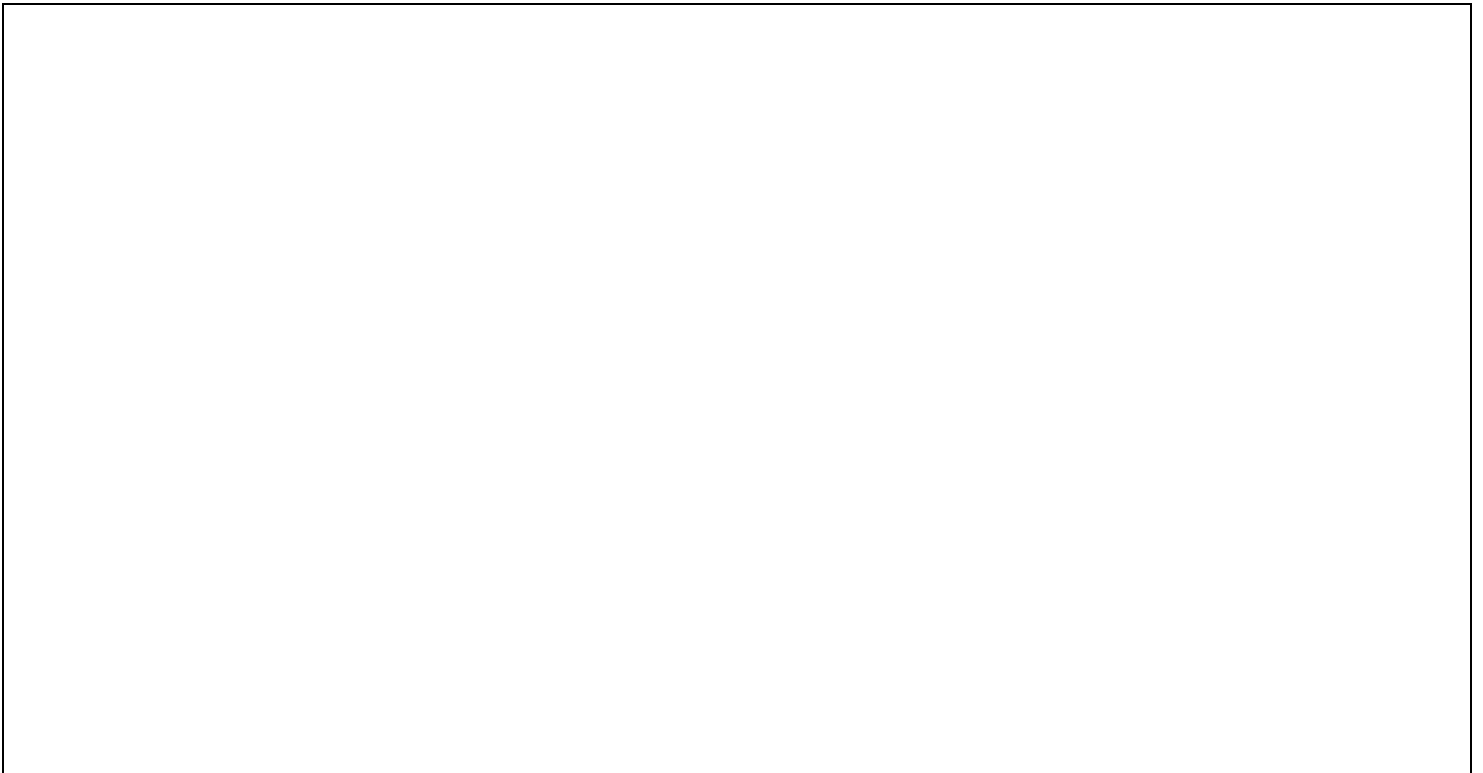
POWER ART

21. What is an example of “power art” today?
12. What do the horns on the horned vessels look like?

THE MISSISSIPPIAN COSMOS

23. What constellation of stars in the night sky was considered the “Path of Souls?”
24. In the Mississippian cosmos, birds lived in which world?

Below, draw or describe your favorite thing in the exhibition:

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for a drawing or description of a favorite thing from the exhibition.