

# Lighthouse Junior Proficiency Badge

The purpose of this Junior Proficiency Badge is to educate Girl Scouts about lighthouse history and the restoration and preservation efforts needed to maintain them.

**Junior Proficiency Badges are earned by completing six of the eight activities listed below.**

Activities in *italics* may be met during Girl Scout Day 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. **(TROOP ACTIVITY)** Locate all the lighthouses on a map of Florida
3. *Visit a lighthouse in Florida*
4. *Learn about (at least) one female lighthouse keeper*
5. Learn about the history of lighthouses and lightships
6. Read about haunted lighthouses and lighthouse lore
7. What are lighthouse “flash characteristics” AND “day–marks”?
  - Draw pictures of three lighthouses near where you live in Florida (show their “daymarks” and mark down their flash characteristics)
8. **(TROOP ACTIVITY)** Make a list of all the lighthouses in Florida and determine if they have already been preserved, are currently being preserved, or are in need of preservation
  - What is the difference between preservation and restoration?
  - Learn what would have to be done to preserve a lighthouse, then tell the rest of your troop about lighthouse preservation

## References

There are a number of books (**available at your local library, and several in our Gift Shop**), that will give you a good appreciation of lighthouses and the lives of the lighthouse keepers. Books may be purchased online at [www.poncelighthousestore.org](http://www.poncelighthousestore.org) or by phone at (386) 761-1821 ext. 21.

- *Lighthouses & Keepers: The U.S. Lighthouse Service and Its Legacy* by Dennis L. Noble
- *Guardians of the Light: Stories of U.S. Lighthouse Keepers* by Elinore DeWire
- *Lighthouse Families* by Cheryl Shelton-Roberts and Bruce Roberts **(Gift Shop)**
- *A Lighthouse Family* by Harold B. Jennings
- *Up the Shore: The Lighthouse Years* edited by Bonnie Rourke **(Gift Shop)**
- *Lighthouses of North America* by Laura Trumbauer
- *Lighthouses for Kids* by Katherine L. House **(Gift Shop)**

Learn about many 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 and Candice Clifford
- *Women Who Kept the Lights* by Mary Louise and Candice Clifford

Learn about Florida Lighthouses by reading:

- *The Florida Lighthouse Trail* edited by Thomas W. Taylor **(Gift Shop)**
- *Guide to Florida Lighthouses* by Elinore DeWire **(Gift Shop)**
- *Florida Lighthouses* by Kevin McCarthy
- *Images of America: Florida Lighthouses* by John Hairr
- *Lighthouses of Florida* by Bob & Sandra Shanklin **(Gift Shop)**
- *Florida's Territorial Lighthouses 1824-1845* by Thomas W. Taylor
- *Florida's Fabulous Lighthouses* by Tim Ohr, Pete Carmichael, & Winston Williams **(Gift Shop)**

General lighthouse books:

- *Great American Lighthouses* by F. Ross Holland Jr
- *Lighthouses, Lightships and the Gulf of Mexico* by David L. Cipra **(Gift Shop)**
- *The Lighthouse Encyclopedia* by Ray Jones
- *Southern Lighthouses* by Bruce Roberts **(Gift Shop)**

Lighthouse Posters:

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

Want to find out more about lighthouses on the web?

- Florida Lighthouse Association – visit [www.floridalighthouses.org](http://www.floridalighthouses.org).
  - Go to the LINKS section and look at the web sites for lighthouses around Florida.
- University of North Carolina – visit [www.unc.edu/~rowlett/lighthouse](http://www.unc.edu/~rowlett/lighthouse)
  - Click on FL to read about Florida's lighthouses, including flash characteristics.
- United States Lighthouse Society – visit [www.USLHS.org](http://www.USLHS.org)
- Great Lakes Lighthouse Keeper's Association – visit [www.gllka.org](http://www.gllka.org)