

Monthly Patch Program

Activities and Programs

How to Participate: Daisies and Brownies complete 3 of 5 steps, Juniors and Cadettes complete 4 of 5 steps, and Seniors and Ambassadors complete all 5 steps. Step 1 is required for all levels.

1. Girl Scout Knowledge
2. Council Programming
3. The Four Pillars of Girl Scouting
4. Patch Programs and Fun Patches
5. National Service Projects



***Patch design concept ONLY.
Not guaranteed design.***

Each month will contain both research and activities which will need to be completed to earn the patch.

Ready to go ALL IN? Order all your monthly patches at once! The All-In order is \$30 and is due **October 15**. Patches will still be mailed out on a monthly basis but this option allows you to order all patches up front at the beginning of the year.

Patch orders are due the 15th of the following month. For example, October's patch registration is due November 15th. Each patch is custom designed and will be mailed out roughly 8-10 weeks after the order is due. Individual patches are \$3 each.

*Did you know?
Check out these neat
facts on each page!*

For more information, please contact Tiffany Kaufmann at tkaufmann@girlscouts-gsci.org.

Register at GetYourGirlPower.org

Girl Scout Knowledge

With permission from a parent or guardian, see if you can find the answers to the following questions either online or in your Girl Scout handbooks.

Every Girl Scout has their own curiosity, dreams, and talents, so when you get a group of them together, the sky is the limit!

1. List the Four Pillars of Girl Scouting:

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

2. What can Girl Scouts do (there are at least 6 answers, all found on the GSUSA website)? _____

3. What two ways can you chose to participate in Girl Scout events?

4. What is it called when you come up with a plan to give back to your community? _____

5. On the GSUSA website, where can you explore official Girl Scout Activities?

6. What is the largest girl-led entrepreneurial program in the world?

7. What Institute measures the impact of Girl Scouting and conducts original research on girls' leadership, healthy development, and well-being?

8. What can families download from GSUSA that provides family activities, helpful info, and a place for Girl Scouts to write down their favorite memories from the year? _____

9. What are the two main online resources for Girl Scout Leaders called?

10. What is your favorite activity to participate in with Girl Scouts?

Council Programming

In your council's program guide or event calendar, look up programming for your age level. Find a program that interests you. If registration is not full, register and attend the program. If it is full, reach out to your council to see if there is a way to set up your own event either individually or with your troop.

There are over
100 Girl Scout
councils across
the US.

Pony Tails I

March 16

Session 1: 10-11am

Session 2: 11:45am-12:45pm

Session 3: 1:45-2:45pm

Session 4: 3:30-4:30pm

or

April 20

Session 1: 10-11am

Session 2: 11:45am-12:45pm

Session 3: 1:45-2:45pm

Session 4: 3:30-4:30pm

Camp Tapawingo, Metamora

Here is your introduction to the wonderful world of horses and ponies! Learn with your friends how to groom a pony/horse and then head out to the arena to take a turn riding. While in the arena you will learn how to sit properly in the saddle, as well as how to steer and stop your pony/horse.

\$30/Girl Scout • \$33/non-member

Min/Max: 3/6 youth

Register by March 10 for March 16 sessions

Register by April 14 for April 20 sessions

Give Back and Make

Someone's Day

March 28, 5:30-7pm

Camp Kiwanis, Mahomet

Give back and make someone's day! Earn your third charm for your GSCI Community Service patch. Learn the art of making custom cards while spreading smiles to children in foster care. With your newfound skills, you can craft cards for every occasion! Learn how to make a difference, one card at a time.

Charm not included. Must submit order for charm by April 15 at bit.ly/GSCIPatchProgram

\$5/Girl Scout • \$8/non-member • \$0/adult

Min/Max: 10/25 youth • 2/10 adults

Register by March 17

Teen Winter Campout

January 19, 6pm - January 21, 10am

Camp Tapawingo, Metamora

Do you miss camp and can't wait until summer time? Come to Tapawingo and enjoy a weekend of fun camp activities! Get in touch with your creative side while creating colorful scented candles and learn how to wood burn an ornament. Take over the camp kitchen to make some late night snacks. Bundle up as you hike around camp exploring its beauty during winter.

This is a drop off event.

\$60/Girl Scout • \$63/non-member

Min/Max: 5/20 youth

Register by January 7

All Council Camporee!

April 20, 10am - April 21, 9am

Siloam Springs State Park, Clayton

We are ALL IN for this camporee! Let's get the entire council together for some fun and camping! Spend the day with your program level earning or working towards TWO badges. Then, set up your tent and enjoy dinner and comradery around the campfire. Enjoy breakfast in the morning and explore the beautiful Siloam Springs on your own before you head home. *Please bring a sack lunch for Saturday. Overnight is not required, but is a great opportunity for Girl Scouts to experience overnight camping. If not staying overnight, badgework will conclude around 4pm.*

Daisies will earn their Buddy Camper and Trail Adventure Badges, Brownies will earn their Outdoor Adventure and Hiker Badges, Juniors will earn their Eco Camper and Camper Badges, Cadettes will earn their Eco Trekker and Trees Badges, Seniors will complete steps toward earning their Adventurer and Adventure Camper Badges, and Ambassadors will complete steps toward earning their Survival Camper and Ultimate Recreation Badges.

\$20/Girl Scout • \$23/non-member • \$15/adult

Min/Max: 100/400 youth • 20/150 adults

Register by April 7

Teddy Bear Picnic

January 20, 2-3pm

Decatur GS Urban Program Center, Decatur

Today's the day the teddy bears have their picnic... Bring your favorite stuffy and best manners for a party with your teddy bear pals. Girls will practice their best manners, have fun with friends and play games.

Daisies will earn their Manners Badge.

\$5/Girl Scout • \$8/non-member • \$3/adult

Min/Max: 5/20 youth • 3/10 adults

Register by January 14

The Four Pillars of Girl Scouting

Visit the Girl Scout Activity Zone on the GSUSA website and find an activity for each pillar of Girl Scouts. Complete one activity from each pillar.

You can also choose from the activities below listed for each pillar.



S.T.E.M.

- Build a rollercoaster, pinewood derby car, or paper airplane
- Play a coding game
- Investigate nature and its structures
- Discover robots and build your own
- Make slime
- Create a secret code
- Look at the sky at night and identify 3 constellations
- Make your own bubble mixture
- Create a bath bomb, lip gloss, or sugar scrub
- Try out digital photography or filming a short movie



Outdoors

- Try out using a slingshot, bow and arrows, or hatchets (check safety guidelines)
- Go camping
- Build a fire (with adult supervision)
- Learn knife safety (with adult supervision)
- Go boating, canoeing, or kayaking (check safety guidelines)
- Climb a rock walk (safety guidelines)
- Go on a hike
- Learn about bugs, birds, flowers, or trees
- Create art based on or by using something in nature
- Try out Geocaching



Life Skills

- Paint, draw, or craft one of your favorite things
- Make jewelry for a friend
- Learn how to sew, knit, or crochet
- Dance to your favorite song
- Learn how to play a musical instrument
- Write a short story or poem
- Cook a snack or meal
- Play a game fairly
- Clean up a room in your home
- Plant a garden



Entrepreneurship

- Plan a fundraiser for your troop
- Create a budget for yourself, your family, or your troop
- Design your own product to sell
- Make a plan to sell a product
- Create a video for a product
- Save up money for an item you really want
- Set your goals for the upcoming cookie season
- Play a shopping game where you are the customer or the shop owner
- Track your troop's spending for a month or your family's spending for a week
- Learn about loans, credit cards, and what good and bad credit is

Patch Programs and Fun Patches

Girl Scouts do not always have to earn National Proficiency Badges. There are also patch programs for specific programming and fun activities.

Look up on your council's website to see if they offer any specific patch programs (hint: you are doing one right now). If your troop plans a fun activity, you can also earn a fun patch to place on the back of your tunic, vest, or sash.

The Girl Scout Activity Zone provides free activity plans online.

Girl Scouts of Central Illinois Patch Programs

- 2023-2024 Monthly Patch Program (Become a Girl Scout Expert)
- Backyard Challenge
- FARE Awareness Patch Program
- Past Patch Programs
 - Influential Women
 - 2023 Camp Sampler



GSUSA Patch Programs

- Girl Scouts Give Back
- Girl Scouts Heritage Months
- Make Your Mark Challenge
- Better Together Challenge
- Resilient, Ready, Strong
- Girl Scout Tree Promise
- Girl Scouts Love the Outdoors
- Girl Scouts Love State Parks



Other Council's Patch Programs*

- GS Southern Illinois- Asthma Awareness
- GS Nation's Capitol- Endangered Species Patch Program
- GS Green and White Mountains- Maple Sugaring
- GS Black Diamond- Girl Coders Patch Program
- GS Orange County- Quake Safe Patch Program



*You can find more council patch programs by searching "Girl Scout council patch programs" on your web browser.

National Service Projects

Girl Scouts always step up and give back to their communities, improving the world from the ground up. Take on one of GSUSA's National Service Projects, either on your own or with members of your troop.

Visit <https://www.girlscouts.org/en/activity-zone/national-service-projects.html> to view more details on GSUSA's National Service Projects.

You can share your service project with your council and they can pass the word around to others!

Girl Scout Tree Promise:

Identify where you will plant a tree (s) and get permission to conduct a tree planting, Determine what type and size of tree is best for your location, prepare to plant, invite your community to join you, plant your tree (s), and record the tree (s) you plant on the Girl Scout Tree Promise Tree Tracker.

Honoring our Everyday Changemakers:

Think about the people who support and inspire you. They might be teachers, parents, or any individuals serving your community and supporting others. Talk about why it's important that we honor people who support us. Use our discussion guide to help you get started. Once you've decided on one person you'd like to honor, decide how you (and your troop) will show your gratitude. You could write a letter to tell the person what their support has meant to you or you could support a cause they champion. Reflect on the experience of recognizing this person. How did it feel for you? How did they react? Were your actions responded to by others in your community? How so?

Fighting Hunger:

Support a food drive in your community or organize your own. Thank a Food Bank Hero, write to them to show your troop's appreciation and send encouragement for the hard and vital work they do. Mail your handwritten notes to your local food bank. Volunteer at a drive-thru distribution program with local food banks in your area.

Citizen Science:

Choose either the Great Sunflower Project (for girls of all ages) or the Globe at Night project (for Cadettes, Seniors, and Ambassadors) to create an account for your troop on SciStarter, Read the project's instructions on your SciStarter dashboard and gather the needed tools and materials. Collect data for the project using the recommended tools and materials, and log the data using your Scistarter dashboard. Snap a photo of your troop's work and share on social media using #GirlScoutsGiveBack (and tag @girlscouts). Don't forget to add your project to be counted as participating in our national service projects.

Letter-Writing Service Project:

Ask your friends to write letters to seniors and caretakers. You can mail letters to one of the facilities GSUSA provides or reach out to a local assisted living center and find out how they would like to receive your troop's letter. You could collect and deliver them, have the girls mail them individually, or even deliver them via e-mail. Take a picture of your letter packet and post it to your social media using #GirlScoutsGiveBack (and tag @girlscouts). Don't forget to log the number of letters to add them to the national campaign.