

# Monthly Patch Program

## Traditions

**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. Create a Kaper Chart
3. Make S.W.A.P.S.
4. Plan a Girl Scout Ceremony
5. Participate in Girl Scout Week

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.



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Not guaranteed design.\*\*\*

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

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Register at [GetYourGirlPower.org](http://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..



1. What is the Girl Scout Motto? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How do you make the Girl Scout sign? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What is the Girl Scout slogan? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What is the unbroken chain of friendship represented by girls standing in a circle, crossing their right arms over their left, and holding hands with their friends on both sides called? \_\_\_\_\_
5. There are 11 different kinds of ceremonies can Girl Scouts do throughout the year to celebrate special moments and accomplishments. Name 4.
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6. Throughout the year, Girl Scouts and volunteers celebrate some special days in Girl Scouting. When is Founder's Day? \_\_\_\_\_
7. When is the Girl Scouts' birthday? \_\_\_\_\_
8. When is Girl Scout Leader's Day? \_\_\_\_\_
9. What does S.W.A.P.S. stand for?
  - S \_\_\_\_\_
  - W \_\_\_\_\_
  - A \_\_\_\_\_
  - P \_\_\_\_\_
  - S \_\_\_\_\_
10. What is a way to divide up girl responsibilities within the troop called?  
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# Create a Kaper Chart

A kaper is a job or chore that must be done. In Girl Scouting, a kaper chart indicates all the jobs available and who is responsible for each one. In other words, a kaper chart is a way of dividing the jobs so that each girl has a part. Design your own Kaper chart for either your troop, a campout, or to use at home.



## To make a kaper chart, first decide:

1. Which kapers should be divided (e.g. there are different kapers for camp vs. meetings vs. field trips).
2. Whether the kapers should be handled by groups or individuals.
3. If choosing groups, decide on group size.
4. What type or style of chart to use.
5. How to rotate the groups.

## Kaper Options for Groups

**Opening:** Choose the lead and the opening. Will it be a flag ceremony, favorite game or song, the Promise, or any other ideas?

### Business Assistants:

Pass out and collect papers, take attendance, collect dues.

**Passers:** Pass out any supplies during the meeting.

**Clean up:** Everyone clean, but these girls make sure it gets done.

**Closing:** Choose and lead the closing. Will it be a song, talking about living the Promise, the Friendship Circle?

### Opening Kapers

- Promise Leader
- Law Leader
- Flag Holder (s)
- Flag Ceremony
- Bridge of Silence (2)- these girls make a bridge prior to the flag ceremony and when the other girls pass underneath, they stop talking.

### Business Kapers

- Secretary- attendance
- Treasurer- dues

### Miscellaneous Kapers

- Line leader- hands out craft supplies
- Game girl- Chooses a game
- Song singer- chooses a song
- Share bear- gets to tell a story of their choice.

### Snack Kapers

- Bring/Pass out snacks and drinks

### Clean Up Kapers

- Push in chairs or stack them
- Queen of Clean- cleans up after snack
- Kaper Keeper- move kaper assignments at the next meeting

### Closing Kapers

- Friendship Fairy- starts the friendship squeeze
- Out Scout- Troop closing ceremony

## Kaper Options for Individuals

Example of a troop meeting chart:



Example of a campout chart:

KAPER CHART FOR MEALS						
	Job	Breakfast Saturday	Lunch Saturday	Dinner Saturday	Snack Saturday	Breakfast Sunday
CHOP-FIRE						
SLOP-COOKS						
HOP-HOSTESS						
MOP-CLEAN UP						

### Chop - Fire

- Tie Hair Back
- Wash Hands
- Wear Gloves
- Prepare fire circle
- Fill fire buckets
- Lay Fire
- Light Fire
- Tend Fire
- Put out Fire
- Replenish firewood

### Slop - Cooks

- Wash Hands
- Tie Hair Back
- Post Menu
- Pick Up Food
- Prepare food for Cooking
- Dispose of trash - recycle
- Cook food
- Pack up leftovers
- Clean up food prep area
- Set cookware to soak

### Hop - Hostess

- Clean and set table
- Make a centerpiece
- Lead grace (optional)
- Invite adults to meal
- Put away condiments
- Dispose of food not eaten
- Wash leader's dishes

### Mop - Clean-Up

- Heat Dishwater
- Set up dishpans
- Fill dishpans
- Clean Table
- Check trash can
- Clean Cookware after everyone is done with their own dishes
- Dispose of dishwater
- Clean & dry dishpans

Keep in mind that kaper groups allow leaders to mix the girls in different ways. Typically, groups would stay together for a few times and then are mixed up again. Sometimes girls are rotated more often to give them an opportunity to meet lots of different girls. Sometimes groups use a combination of kaper charts for different functions: e.g. one for groups splitting major jobs, one for flag ceremony jobs.

## Make S.W.A.P.S.

SWAPs are small tokens of friendship that girls exchange with other Girl Scouts they meet. They come in handy when you meet a lot of different troops during events like World Thinking Day, summer camps, and when you travel with your troop. Try out one of the SWAPs below or find one you really like. Then find someone to SWAP with!

SWAPS originated from the Native American "Potlatch" which is a ceremonial exchange of gifts.



### Materials:

- Felt
- String
- Pins
- Pipe Cleaners
- Permanent Markers
- Paper

### Instructions:

1. Cut out a piece of felt that is 2" x 4.5" inches.
2. Roll the felt and secure by twisting two small pieces of pipe cleaner around the ends.
3. Feed the string through to create a hanger for the bedroll swap.
4. Write your troop number and state on the side of the bedroll, or by adding a paper tag.
5. Stick a pin through on layer of felt.

### Materials:

- Mini baggies
- Star sequins
- Pins
- Paper

### Instructions:

1. Print out small pieces of paper with the text in the image to the right.
2. Put the star sequins and paper inside the mini baggies.
3. Put the pin through the mini baggie.



### Materials:

- Pins
- Paper
- Puzzle Pieces

### Optional

- Silver/Gold Pipe cleaners
- Silver/Gold beads
- Silver/Gold rings

### Instructions:

1. Print out small pieces of paper with "Make New Friends" lyrics.
2. Paint puzzle pieces silver and gold.
3. Glue the puzzle pieces to the paper.
4. Put the pin through the paper.

### Optional

You can use pipe cleaners, beads, or rings in place of the puzzle pieces.



Consider making your SWAPs from donated or recycled material. Also think about making your swap so that it can be worn, used, or displayed. They are the perfect way for Girl Scouts to meet one another and promote friendship.

# Plan a Girl Scout Ceremony

With more than 11 different ceremonies to choose from, plan out your own Girl Scout ceremony for the year. Find something that is unique to your troop and incorporate it into the ceremony to make it even more special!



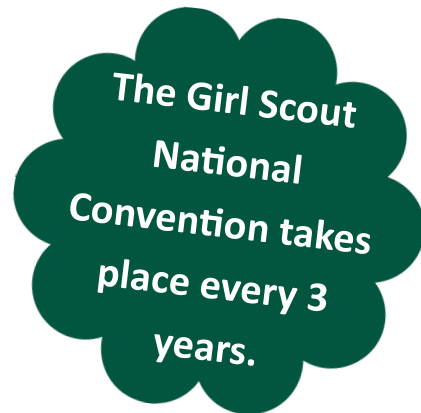
The Girl Scout sign and the quiet sign are not the same. The Girl Scout sign raises 3 fingers and the quiet sign raises all 5 fingers.

Ceremonies help Girl Scouts celebrate special moments and accomplishments throughout the year, such as bridging to another level or earning a National Leadership Journey award. Girl Scouts can plan a ceremony around a theme, such as friendship or nature, and express themselves in words or song.

- **Bridging ceremonies** mark a girl's move from one level of Girl Scouting to another.
- **Flag ceremonies** can be part of any activity that honors the American flag. Be sure to observe flag etiquette during a flag ceremony.
- A **Fly-Up** is a bridging ceremony for Girl Scout Brownies bridging to Girl Scout Juniors. Girls receive the Girl Scout pin along with their Brownie wings.
- A **Girl Scout Bronze, Silver, or Gold Award ceremony** honors Girl Scouts who have earned these special awards and is usually held at the troop/group level or combined with council recognition.
- **Girl Scouts' Own** is a girl-planned program that lets girls explore their feelings around a topic, such as friendship or the Girl Scout Promise and Law, using spoken word, favorite songs, poetry, or other forms of expression. It is never a religious ceremony.
- **Investiture** welcomes new members into the Girl Scout family for the first time. New Girl Scouts receive their membership pin as well as their grade-level pin at this ceremony.
- **Journey ceremonies** honor Girl Scouts who have earned the final award in a Journey. The ceremonies are usually held at the troop/group level and invite Girl Scouts to develop a themed celebration of their Journey, often including friends and family.
- A **Court of Awards** ceremony honors Girl Scouts' accomplishments. They are presented with their badges, year pins, and other recognitions earned during the year. Volunteers may also be recognized during the ceremony. The Court of Awards can be held anytime during the year, at any location, and as often as the troop wants.
- **Opening ceremonies** can kick off regular Girl Scout meetings and make them feel special!
- **Pinning ceremonies** help celebrate when girls receive grade-level Girl Scout pins.
- **Rededication ceremonies** are an opportunity for Girl Scouts, their families, and volunteers to renew their commitment to the Girl Scout Promise and Law.

# Participate in Girl Scout Week

On March 12 we celebrate Girl Scouts' birthday, when Juliette Gordon Low officially registered the first 18 girl members in Savannah, Georgia of 1912. Actually, we celebrate the whole week! Girl Scout Week starts on a Sunday and ends with Girl Scout Sabbath on Saturday, always including Girl Scouts' birthday.



Participate in Girl Scout Week for 2024 with GSCI! Earn an extra fun patch by participating in at least two of the seven days listed below. Then share your pictures with us by submitting them to this form: <https://gsci.wufoo.com/forms/ztlma802w69ue/>  
We can't wait to see what these girls can do!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>10<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Service Sunday</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Make New Friends Monday</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Birthday Bash</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Wellness Wednesday</b>	<b>14<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Throwback Thursday</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Eco-Friendly Friday</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Sing along Saturday</b>
Plan or participate in a service project.	Invite a friend to a meeting or connect with someone new!	<b>Happy 112<sup>th</sup> Birthday Girl Scouts!</b> Join us in celebrating Girl Scouts today.	Try something new to improve your physical or mental wellness.	Share your favorite Girl Scout memory.	Wear green and take some time to enjoy the outdoors.	Teach someone your favorite Girl Scout Song!



## Girl Scout Week with GSCI March 10-16

Participate in at least 2 days of GSCI's Girl Scout Week activities and earn an exclusive "Girl Scout Week with GSCI" fun patch!  
*Cost is for the custom patch. Patch pick-up will be at your local GSCI Service Center.*

\$2.50/Girl Scout

Min/Max: 50/500 youth

Register for the patch by March 23