

### **Best Girl Scout Year Ever!**

Earn a free patch as you give your Girl Scouts the best foundational experience.

This year your Girl Scout should experience the following:

- A variety of activities
- Badges, Journeys, and Awards
  - Outdoor exploration
- Product program participation
  - Special events
  - Community service
    - Traditions

### Patch Pick-up Details:

These activities may be completed as a troop, as a Juliette, or with family at home. Once girls have completed the patch requirements, please complete the online patch reporting form by July 31, 2024.

Only one entry per troop or Juliette is required.

Research shows that when a girl experiences these things, she is more likely to see lasting benefits of Girl Scouts in her life and stay a member.

Patch Requirements by Program Grade Levels (PGL)

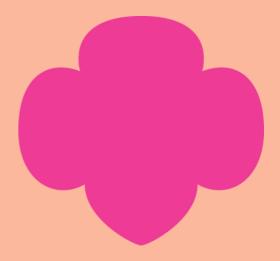
Complete the following number of requirements for your program grade level

Daisies – Complete 5 activities
Brownies – Complete 5 activities
Juniors – Complete 6 activities
Cadettes – Complete 7 activities
Seniors/Ambassadors – Complete 7
activities

## Activity: Attend a GSNETX council-hosted event

Check out the GSNETX Events page or the the Girl Programs Resource Guide. These events engage, excite, and empower Girl Scouts from across the council and give girls the opportunity to meet other members from outside their community.

- Resources:
  - GSNETX Events
  - o Girl Programs Resource Guide



### **Activity: Try some timeless traditions**

Participate in the traditional elements of Girl Scouting. This could be wearing the official Girl Scout uniform or pin, reciting the Promise and Law, making and trading SWAPS, singing songs or ending meetings with a friendship circle.

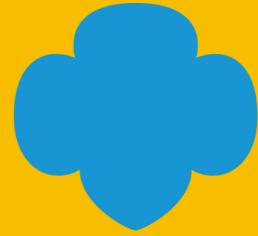
- Resources:
  - o <u>Uniform Starter Kits</u>
  - o Girl Scout Promise & Law
  - Girl Scout Traditions
  - <u>SWAPS ("Special Whatchamacallits Affectionately Pinned Somewhere")</u>
  - o GSNETX Central Rallyhood Sign up to find Girl Scout Songs

### **Activity: Earn Badges and Journeys**

Badges & Journeys are the best way to explore new topics and learn new skills! Earn at least four Badges or one Journey this year. You can get input from your girls on their interests and help decide your badge activities from there. If you're in a troop, you can assign each meeting to a different girl and parent/caregiver so she can own the experience of her favorite badge.

#### • Resources:

- Volunteer Toolkit
- Girl Scout Badge Explorer
- <u>Jumpstart</u>
- o GS Learn



## **Activity: Give back**

Live out the values of being friendly, helpful, and making the world a better place by engaging in giving back to your community this year.

For younger Girl Scouts, it might be random acts of kindness or brainstorming ways you've helped others. For older Girl Scouts, try to do at least one community service or Take Action project this year.

### Resources

- Random Acts of Kindness
- Community Service Project Tips
- Take Action Projects
- Share the Warmth Patch
- Pajamas for Seniors Patch
- o Tackle Hunger Patch

## Activity: Outdoor Leadership: Go a Girl Scout adventure!

Hike! Camp! Zip-Line! Kayak! Get outside to experience the thrills of nature. This could be in your backyard, your local community garden, or at one of our GSNETX camps. With a variety of sleeping accommodations, activities and programs for girls, families and troops, there is something at Girl Scout camp for everyone! For more experienced Girl Scouts, try to find a new place or activity to explore.

#### • Resources:

- GSNETX Camps
- o Girl Scout Safety
- o Activity Approval Form
- o Girl Scouts Love Outdoors Patch
- o Girl Scout Wellness Activities Patch



### Activity: STEM: Tap into her inner scientist

Visit our STEM Center of Excellence! Weekend workshops for individuals, troops, or families are available. Need help navigating STEM badges? Check out Jumpstart, GSNETX's very own digital STEM badge workshop assistant.

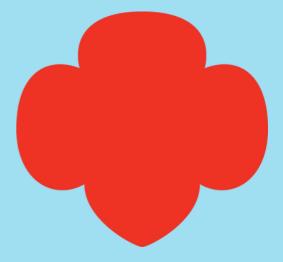
#### Resources:

- STEM Center of Excellence
- Jumpstart
- IF/THEN Patch
- STEM Seal of Approval Patches

# Activity: Entrepreneurship: Help her reach her goals

Start off the year by participating in our (super simple) Fall Product program. The, prepare for cookie season by practicing her people skills by perfecting her pitch and discussing what cookie proceeds can pay for this year. She won't want to miss this year's 2024 GSNETX Cookie Program!

- Resources:
  - Fall Product Program
  - o Cookie Program



## <u>Activity: Life Skills: Connecting her with her</u> <u>community</u>

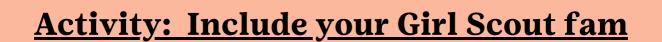
Help her learn more about herself and her community. Attend a local community event or visit a GSNETX program provider.

- Resources:
  - o Program Providers

## **Activity: Help Girl Scouts grow**

Promote the Girl Scout experience to your friends, family, and neighbors. Invite a friend to attend an upcoming meeting, event, or activity.

- Resources:
  - o Membership Campaign Toolkits
  - Be a Hero Girl Scout
  - Join Girl Scouts



Invite your Girl Scout families to one of your upcoming Girl Scout activities or host a family-friendly event. Find out family members' talents, interests, and hobbies that might lend themselves to helping at a meeting or an event.

- Resources:
  - Teaming Up with Troop Families
  - Girl Scout Talking Points