

Girl Scouts Give Council Patch Program

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Philanthropy: the love of (wo)mankind. Or, according to the Brownie Philanthropist badge, “Philanthropist? That’s just a big word for someone who makes sure people have what they need!”

The Girl Scouts Give patch program aims to help you understand the importance of supporting your Girl Scout Sisters through investments of your TIME, TALENT, and TREASURE. Through this patch program, you will learn ways to be a philanthropist, how to be a sister to every Girl Scout, why donating to Girl Scouts is important, and how to use things you’re doing every day to create good. So, without further ado, let’s go—be a sister to every Girl Scout!

This patch program was developed in partnership with Girl Scouts – North Carolina Coastal Pines’ Fund Development Team.

Activity Requirements

Girl Scout Level	Required	Discover	Connect	Take Action	Total Activities
Daisies	3	1	1	1	6
Brownies	3	1	1	1	6
Juniors	3	1	1	1	6
Cadettes	3	1	1	1	6
Seniors	3	1	1	1	6
Ambassadors	3	1	1	1	6

Required Activities:

1. **ALL:** Recite the Girl Scout Law:

I will do my best to be
honest and fair,
friendly and helpful,
considerate and caring,
courageous and strong, and
responsible for what I say and do, and to
respect myself and others,
respect authority,
use resources wisely,
make the world a better place, and
be a sister to every Girl Scout.

2. **ALL:** Read the following passage. Then draw or list your three favorite Girl Scout memories.

a. **D/B/J:**

Girl Scouts bring their dreams to life and work together to build a better world.

Through programs from coast to coast, Girl Scouts of all backgrounds and abilities can be unapologetically themselves as they discover their strengths and rise to meet new challenges—whether they want to climb to the top of a tree or the top of their class, lace up their boots for a hike or advocate for climate justice, or make their first best friends.

Backed by trusted adult volunteers, mentors, and millions of alums, Girl Scouts lead the way as they find their voices and make changes that affect the issues most important to them.

Take it to the next step and draw an avatar (a picture representing you)! Be sure it looks like you and represents one of your favorite Girl Scout activities/badges/events and write one fun fact or sentence that describes you.

b. C/S/A:

When you think of Girl Scouts, you might think cookies, campfires, and friendship bracelets. And sure, those things are all part of this exciting, life-altering journey, but there's so much more to it! Girl Scouts are big thinkers, groundbreakers, and role models. They design robots, start garage bands, and improve their communities – and yes, they sell the best cookies on the planet.

Everything a Girl Scout does – whether it's climbing mountains, speaking her mind, or dreaming up new technology – has been developed especially for, and is tested by, girls. Girl Scouts is a world where girls can do, and be, whatever they dream. Girl Scouts is for girls who want to change the world, run a business, speak up for others, explore the outdoors, and/or soar with STEM.

Take it to the next step and reflect on your Girl Scouting experiences. What has being a Girl Scout meant to you? What have you learned through Girl Scouting? How have you changed since you first joined Girl Scouts? Talk or journal about your experiences.

3. **ALL: Closing activity:** Complete the “so all girls can” signs and take a picture (individually or as a troop). If applicable, complete your troop's pledge to give other local girls a Girl Scout experience.

Troop leaders: please consider sharing your work (drawings, action plan, etc.) and pictures with GirlScoutsGive@nccoastalpines.org so we can give a shout-out to your troop! Spreading the story of your troop's philanthropy will encourage more troops to pursue the Girl Scouts Give patch program!

Discover:

- **ALL: The importance of inclusion.**

a. D/B/J:

1. [Check out this video](#) to learn about Girl Scouts in our council who may be different from you.
2. Think about why it's important for all girls to have a chance to be Girl Scouts. How can we use parts of the Girl Scout Law to practice this (e.g., considerate and caring, courageous and strong, respect myself and others, make the world a better place, be a sister to every Girl Scout)? Write or draw ways you can be a sister to every Girl Scout.
3. Being a sister to every Girl Scout is also critical in tough times. Do you know how you can help in case of an emergency? For example, in the past, Girl Scouts have led donation drives to help people affected by hurricanes. Brainstorm what you might do next time a crisis affects our state. How might you help Girl Scouts in another part of the state if they have an emergency? In what ways can you help Girl Scouts who need it in general? How do [differences across our council footprint](#) impact Girl Scouts?
4. Earlier, you drew an avatar to represent you and your favorite part of Girl Scouts. Now, it's time to create a sister avatar to share what you learned about inclusion. This avatar should come from a different community (such as rural vs. urban), a different family structure, or be interested in different Girl Scouting activities. Be sure to show her favorite part of Girl Scouts or something she hopes to do because of Girl Scouts through your drawing and her fun fact! Share your picture and fun fact with your troop or a parent.

b. C/S/A:

1. Research GS-NCCP's 41-county footprint. [Here is some data to help lead this discussion](#). How are the counties different – cities vs small towns, types of jobs, where are the biggest colleges, how far do people have to drive to go to the grocery store/a gas station/a restaurant/church? How does it differ from where you live? Are there parts of the 41 counties that are more affluent or more economically disadvantaged? Are there parts of your county that are? How do these things impact girls?
2. Based on what you learned about girls who come from different backgrounds, discuss what inclusion means to you? Why is being inclusive important as part of Girl Scouts? How can we use parts of the Girl Scout Law to practice this (i.e. considerate & caring, courageous & strong, respect myself & others, make the world a better place, be a sister to every Girl Scout)?
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Connect:

- **ALL:** Learn about philanthropy.

a. D/B/J:

1. [Watch the Culture of Philanthropy #101 video](#) with the Girl Scouts -North Carolina Coastal Pines' Fund Development team, the team responsible for fundraising and philanthropy at Girl Scouts. Remember all the great things about Girl Scouts we talked about in number 2? Many Girl Scout activities and programs you love wouldn't happen without the support of donors.

Watch the video to learn:

- What is a donation?
 - What are examples of giving your time, talent, and treasure?
 - What is the fund development team's job at Girl Scouts – North Carolina Coastal Pines?
 - Who gives money to Girl Scouts – North Carolina Coastal Pines?
 - How does Girl Scouts – North Carolina Coastal Pines raise money?
 - How does Girl Scouts – North Carolina Coastal Pines help ensure all girls can be Girl Scouts?
2. Learn about a Girl who benefitted from Girl Scouts Give! [Watch this video](#) to hear about the fantastic experiences Brownie Brooke had thanks to Girl Scouts Give donors!

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2. Learn about a famous philanthropist. Research a famous philanthropist, living or dead. What did they support with their philanthropy? How did their philanthropic interests reflect their careers or passions? Do they have their own foundation? If so, what kind of work does it do? Create a collage or presentation about what you learned to share with your troop or parents. Bonus: See if you can find a way to contact the philanthropist or their foundation. Write them a letter or email about what you're learning about philanthropy and ask their advice on how you can become a philanthropist and make a difference. If you get a response, make sure to share it with us!

Take Action:

ALL: Make your plan. Now it's time to determine how you're going to take everything you learned and put it into action. Think back to your brainstorming activity about ways you can be a sister to every Girl Scout. Are there any you want to try as part of your action plan?

1. Set a goal for how you want to help a local girl.
 - Remember your favorite Girl Scout memories you listed before? Your troop can donate to ensure other girls get a chance to have similar experiences. Consider adding up the experiences you love to determine how much you want to donate. Then, discuss how you'll save and earn money to pay on your pledge. You can use the [troop goal-setting worksheet](#) to help.
 - Alternatively, each girl can determine her contribution and roll it up to make your troop's pledge. Use the girl goal-setting worksheet to help. Ideas can include: "bringing \$1 to every meeting," "using some allowance money," "using some of my savings," and "doing my chores and some extra things like washing a car." Have them give one copy to you and keep one to share with their parents. Make a Girl Scouts Give "piggy bank" to bring to troop meetings to collect their contributions. Encourage a different girl to take the bank home after each meeting to practice responsibility.
2. Create a presentation on what you learned about Girl Scouts across Girl Scouts - North Carolina Coastal Pines, philanthropy, and giving back to share with your parents. Invite them to your next troop meeting, or each Girl Scout can share it at home. Pro tip: Consider asking parents to match what the girls have decided to contribute.

