





Developed in partnership with Girl Scouts – North Carolina Coastal Pines' Fund Development Team

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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!"

Dear Girl Scout,

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.

The Girl Scouts Give patch program is open to all Girl Scout grade levels – Daisy through Ambassador- but this guide targets older girls (Cadette-Ambassador). This program will guide you in meeting the Girl Scouts Give patch program's Discover, Connect and Take Action requirements. You will need to complete #1-6 below to meet all requirements.

So, without further ado, let's go—be a sister to every Girl Scout!

Before you start:

• Print the "So All Girls Can" sign

Resources:

- Troop Goal-Setting Worksheet
- Girl Goal-Setting Worksheet
- Girl Scouts Give Pen Pals sign up
- Girl Scouts Give Friends sign up
- Money-Earning Guidelines

Getting Started:

#1- Let's kick off this activity by reciting the Girl Scout Law

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.



Discover

#2- Read the following passage and then draw or list your three favorite Girl Scouts memories.

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 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- The importance of inclusion (Complete all 3)

- 1. Research Girl Scouts North Carolina Coastal Pines' 41-county footprint. Here are 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 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 Girl Scouts?
- 2. Discuss what inclusion means to you based on what you learned about Girl Scouts from different backgrounds. Why is being inclusive important as part of Girl Scouts? How can we use features 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)?



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 country if they have an emergency? In what ways can you help Girl Scouts who need it in general? Email the Fund Development team at GirlScoutsGive@nccoastalpines.org to share your ideas or ask about GS-NCCP's past relief efforts and ways you can support your Girl Scout Sisters in a time of need.

Connect

Choose (at least) 1

1. Q&A Phone Call (10 minutes): Culture of Philanthropy 101 with a member of Girl Scouts – North Carolina Coastal Pines' fund development team or Girl Scouts Give Champion.

Determine which Girl Scout will lead each question.

- Share: with your guest what you learned about donations what is a donation? What does it mean to contribute your time, talent, and treasure?
- o Ask: What is your job at Girl Scouts North Carolina Coastal Pines?
- o Ask: Who gives money to Girl Scouts North Carolina Coastal Pines?
- o Ask: How does Girl Scouts -North Carolina Coastal Pines fundraise?
- Ask: How does Girl Scouts North Carolina Coastal Pines use those resources to support financial assistance?
- Optional: (this can be done in advance of the call and "pitched" to the guest, brainstormed with the guest, or saved for the next portion of the meeting)
 Brainstorm how your troop will save/earn money to help other girls be Girl Scouts. A few ideas include:



Earn Money

By practicing a skill you've learned through your badge work. Did you get your babysitter certification? Then you're ready to go!



Penny Power

Troops in Robeson and Wayne County have run Penny Wars, saving over \$200 and \$100!

Celebrate

Juliette's birthday or the birthday of a Girl Scout Sister, just like an Orange County Girl Scout who gave a gift in honor of her friend!



So Sweet!

New Hanover County challenged troops to share 1% of their cookie proceeds!



Serve, then share

Troops in Wake 22 earned over \$400 by serving dinner at the church that hosts many of their troop meetings

- or email to learn why they support Girl Scouting, what other causes are important to them, and how they decide where to give their time, talent, and treasure.
- 3. Learn about a famous philanthropist. Research a renowned 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 for 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

#5- Make your plan- Now it's time to determine how you will 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?

Choose (at least) 1:

1. Get to know Girl Scouts who are different from you. Sign up for the GSG Friends program (https://gsnccp.wufoo.com/forms/wluffogw07xias2/). You'll be matched with another troop or Juliette from another area so you can correspond throughout the year. Use phone, video chat, or email to talk to them and learn more about their families, friends, community, what they like to do, and their Girl Scout experience. Be sure to think about your similarities and differences! Council staff will send you prompts every month to serve as conversation starters. From there, what you talk about is up to you!

2. 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 Start with her membership: \$25; for every activity: add \$25; for every event, trip, or project: add \$50; to help send her to summer camp: add \$150. Then, discuss how you'll save and earn money to reach your goal (make sure to follow council money-earning guidelines). You can use the troop goal-setting worksheet to help. Your troop can create a fundraising page at give.nccoastalpines.org/GirlScoutsGive to set your goal and track your progress.
- o Alternatively, each Girl Scout can determine their 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," or "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 Scout to take the bank home after each meeting to practice responsibility.

3. 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.

#6- Closing

Complete the "so all girls can" signs and take a picture (individually or as a troop). If applicable, complete your troop's goal to give other local girls a Girl Scout experience.



Troop leaders: please consider sharing your work (presentations, action plan, etc.) and pictures with GirlScoutsGive@nccoastalpines.org so we can give a shout-out to your troop! You can also share letters from your Pen Pals or GSG Friends. Spreading the story of your troop's philanthropy will encourage more troops to pursue the Girl Scouts Give patch program! Click here to evaluate this program and order your patches.

