

## Girl Scout Birthday Week Council Patch Program

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The activities in this council patch program have been inspired by a combination of many different facets of the Girl Scout organization, including: the celebration of Girl Scout Week, GSUSA program, Girl Scouts- North Carolina Coastal Pines' Spirit Week, and other Girl Scout traditions. The variety of activities will encourage all Girl Scouts, no matter their interest or age level to participate.

This council patch program should be used to encourage Girl Scouts of all grade levels to observe the significance of Girl Scout Week, Girl Scout traditions, and to help them demonstrate pride in being a member of the world's largest organization for girls.

**The Girl Scout Birthday Week Patch Program was originally developed by Girl Scout Troop #1797. Girl Scouts – North Carolina Coastal Pines thanks troop 1797 for the original activity content. Over time these activities have been added to and updated to complement the Spirit Week theme.**

The Girl Scout Birthday on March 12<sup>th</sup> commemorates the day in 1912 when Juliette “Daisy” Gordon Low officially registered the organization’s first 18 members in Savannah, Georgia. Along with Daisy, these first Girl Scouts blazed trails and redefined what was possible for themselves and for girls everywhere. The long history of Girl Scouting has inspired millions of girls and women to gain courage, confidence and character, while making the world a better place.



Girl Scouts can complete the Girl Scout Birthday Week patch program each year. Those participating in the **Girl Scout Birthday Week** patch program for the first time will earn the original Girl Scout Birthday Week patch pictured here.



Second year participants will earn a **second-year rocker** and so on. Additional rockers are placed under the Girl Scout Birthday Week patch.

To earn the **Girl Scout Birthday Week** patch, the following requirements must be met:

Girl Scout Level	Discover	Connect	Take Action	Spirit Week Activities	Total Activities
Daisies	1	1	1	2	5
Brownies	2	2	2	3	9
Juniors	2	2	2	3	9
Cadettes	3	3	3	3	12
Seniors	3	3	3	3	12
Ambassadors	3	3	3	3	12

## DISCOVER:

- Reflect on the Girl Scout Law. Journal about ways you can practice the Law throughout the year.
- Get outside. Explore a new park or just take a walk.
- Do an experiment. Check out the [Girl Scouting at Home](#) STEM resources.
- Learn a new Girl Scout [song](#).
- Rock your Girl Scout pride by wearing your favorite Girl Scout merch to school during Spirit Week. [Need something new](#), just reach out to the retail team at [shop@nccoastalpines.org](mailto:shop@nccoastalpines.org).
- Explore your artistic side. Dive into the [Girl Scout Way badge](#) activities shared in Girl Scouting at Home, where you can express yourself through song, art, celebration and writing.
- Learn the birthday song in another language.
- Explore how to earn your [My Promise, My Faith](#) pin.
- Research the religious recognitions that can be earned by Girl Scouts. With the help of your family, visit the [Girl Scouts and Faith](#) website for more information.
- Think of a problem in your community or in the world. What are some creative ways to take action and address the issue? Write them down.
- Learn how an object (examples: lipstick, iPhone, camera) is made, ask an expert or watch a video.
- The [World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts](#) (WAGGGS) reaches 10 million girls and young women in 150 countries across five regions. Visit the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS) website to learn more. Then check out the [Girl Scouting at Home](#) post for information on the World Centers.

- Broaden your view of the world and understanding of others by participating in the [Thrive Read Aloud](#) or reading from [Spring Thrive Book Club](#). Missed the live Read Aloud event? Watch the recording on our [Facebook page](#). Don't forget to [order](#) your Thrive Book Series patch for participating in either.

## CONNECT:

- With the help of your troop or friends, plan a Girl Scout birthday party with cake, games, and other Girl Scout traditions. How can everyone be involved in carrying out the party plans?
- Research how other cultures celebrate birthdays. Can you incorporate your findings into your Girl Scout Birthday Week celebration?
- Bring the Girl Scout Birthday Week celebration home. Decorate the dinner table with homemade decorations and talk about the importance of the Girl Scout birthday with your family.
- Join your Girl Scout sisters in helping to create a community where all girls can thrive by registering to attend the [Building Beyond Today: How do you thrive?](#) event on March 27, 2021.
- Make a poster of your favorite Juliette Gordon Low quote and share with your troop or family.
- Invite a friend who is not a Girl Scout to attend your next meeting or outing.
- Accept the challenge! Learn about different people, cultures, customs, and more by completing the [Thrive Challenge](#). Don't forget to [order](#) your Thrive Challenge patch.
- Interview a courageous woman. See the [Resource Section](#) for interview question ideas.
- Make a SWAP or craft about Juliette Gordon Low or other parts of Girl Scout history. Recruit a Girl Scout sister to do the same. Swap with her!
- Provide your place of worship with Girl Scout material to share during weekly services.
- Since 1912 Girl Scouts has emphasized an inclusive environment. Register for the April [Thrive Talk Series](#) event to learn more about inclusion.
- If you've identified an issue in your community, enlist the help of your Girl Scouts sisters or your Girl Scout network to broaden your reach. Connect with these people to see how they can support you as you Take Action to solve a community issue.
- Learn a new game and teach it to your friends or another Girl Scout troop.

## TAKE ACTION:

- Attend your place of worship and offer a greeting or perform a service.
- Complete GS-NCCP's [Diversity, Equity, Inclusion](#) council patch program for your Girl Scout level. Don't forget to [order](#) your Diversity / Equity / Inclusion patch.
- Do a good deed for someone in your family.
- Clean up your community by picking up trash at a local park, hiking trail, or waterway.
- You've identified an issue in your community, mobilized your Girl Scout network, and now it's time to Take Action. You've got a plan, so put it in action. You go Girl Scout!
- Creatively express what "community" means to you by entering at least one submission in the [Thrive Art Show](#). Don't forget to [order](#) your Thrive Art Show patch.
- With help of an adult (if needed), find and make a recipe from another country. Consider hosting a dinner for your family and sharing information about the country, culture, and cuisine.
- Bake cupcakes or cookies and give them to your family or neighbors. When you deliver the goodies, tell them about the Girl Scout birthday and share a Girl Scout story.
- Make bedtime bags or birthday boxes for homeless shelters or foster homes. See the [Resource Section](#) for instructions.
- Donate your old books to a library, canned goods to the shelter, or clothing to a charity.
- Plant a pollinator garden to help save honeybees. See the [Resource Section](#) for planting ideas.
- Make your own pet toys and give them to a shelter. See the [Resource Section](#) for ideas.

## 2021 SPIRIT WEEK

### 2021 Spirit Week Theme: commUNITY

Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup> • Girl Scout Sunday

Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup> • Sister Squad

Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> • Traditions

Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> • Network of Good

Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup> • Courageous Moments

Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup> • Girl Scout Birthday / Girl Scout Jummah

Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> • Girl Scout Sabbath / Shabbat

**Read on for ideas on how to observe Spirit Week. Follow us on social media and share your stories. Check us out on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) or use our story submission [form](#). Remember, it's your week! Celebrate in true Girl Scout fashion by keeping it girl led.**

#### Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup> Girl Scout Sunday

- Celebrate Girl Scouts with your faith community.
  - Wear your uniform to your place of worship.
  - Earn My Promise, My Faith.
  - Attend your place of worship and offer a greeting or perform a service.
  - Purchase the Girl Scout Sunday patch by emailing [shop@nccoastalpines.org](mailto:shop@nccoastalpines.org).
  - Share Girl Scout Sunday experience with us!

#### Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup> Sister Squad

- You're part of the Girl Scout sisterhood, rock your Girl Scout spirit!
  - Learn about our global sisterhood – World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.
  - Expand the sister squad by inviting a friend.
  - Learn about the diversity our sisterhood by participating in the Thrive activities.
  - Share your sister squad stories with us!

#### Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> Traditions

- Discover some of the Girl Scout traditions that unify our Movement.
  - Put the Girl Scout Law into action.
  - Learn the songs that Girl Scouts know and love, like "Make New Friends".
  - Learn our Girl Scout history.
  - Share your songs and favorite Girl Scout memories / traditions with us.

#### Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> Network of Good

- Mobilize your Girl Scout network to impact your community.
  - Perform community service.
  - Tackle a Take Action project.
  - Speak up / advocate for what you believe in.
  - Support GS-NCCP's [Operation Cookie Drop](#) community service project. Write a letter/story or draw a picture to be sent to military troops along with Girl Scout Cookies. Drop off your letters to the Raleigh Service Center by April 23, 2021 or mail to:  
Attn: Operation Cookie Drop c/o Kelly Griffin; 6901 Pinecrest Rd. Raleigh, NC 27613
  - Share your community impact story with us!

### Thursday, March 11<sup>th</sup> Courageous Moments

- Believe in yourself. You have the ability to change the world!
  - Speak up for something or someone.
  - Step outside your comfort zone and try something new (food, hobby, experiment, book, you name it!).
  - It's okay to lean on your community. Work together to build each other up.
  - Share your courageous moments with us!

### Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup> Girl Scout Birthday / Girl Scout Jummah

- Celebrate the Girl Scout birthday
  - How will you celebrate the Girl Scout birthday? Share your celebration with us.
- Girl Scout Jummah
  - Wear your uniform to your place of worship.
  - Earn My Promise, My Faith.
  - Attend your place of worship and offer a greeting or perform a service.
  - Purchase the Girl Scout Jummah [patch](#).
  - Share Girl Scout Jummah experience with us.

### Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> Girl Scout Sabbath / Shabbat

- Celebrate Girl Scouts with your faith community.
  - Wear your uniform to your place of worship.
  - Earn My Promise, My Faith.
  - Attend your place of worship and offer a greeting or perform a service.
  - Purchase the Girl Scout Sabbath [patch](#).
  - Purchase the Girl Scout Shabbat [patch](#).
  - Share Girl Scout Sabbath / Shabbat experience with us.

Girl Scout Sunday, Sabbath/Shabbat, and Jummah give girls an opportunity to attend their place of worship and be recognized as Girl Scouts. If a place of worship is the group sponsor, girls may perform a service, such as greeting, ushering, or doing a flag ceremony. These days can also be a time when girls explore other faiths. Girl Scout Week faith observances can be celebrated by any faith group. For celebration resources and additional information on Girl Scouts and Faith, click [here](#).

## RESOURCE SECTION

### Courageous Women Interview Questions

1. Who was your female role model growing up?
2. What does 'be a leader' mean to you?
3. How do you define courage?
4. Who is a courageous female you admire?
5. How does one become courageous?
6. How have you overcome challenges in your life?
7. What advice would you give yourself at my age?
8. When was a time that you felt courageous?

You can always add more or use your own questions; these are just suggestions.

### Pollinator Gardens

One of the most important ways you can help pollinators is by planting plants that provide pollen and nectar. Check out these pollinator garden resources:

These [lesson plans](#) were designed for 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders. However, with the help of your family or friends, all Girl Scouts may be able to complete this activity using these lesson plans from [kidsgardening.org](http://kidsgardening.org).

[LASSO THE MOON](#) provides a great resource for planting a honeybee garden.

[David Suzuki Foundation](#) provides a wealth of information about creating a pollinator-friendly garden.

## Bedtime Bags

Bedtime bags are a great source of comfort for children transitioning into a new home, whether it be to a new foster home or a homeless shelter. Many times, the transition is very hard on children because they don't have their own toys and blankets.

Suggested items to put into a bag:

- Blanket
- Toothbrush
- Travel toothpaste
- Book
- Stuffed animal

## Birthday Boxes

Birthday boxes or bags can be donated to a homeless shelter for both children and adults because everyone deserves a birthday treat and celebration.

Suggested items to put into boxes:

- Box of cake mix
- Jar of frosting
- Disposable cake pan
- Candles
- Plates
- Napkins
- Forks
- Birthday decorations
- Small toys for kids

\*Always check with the local foster care system or homeless shelter for their needs before donating items.

## Homemade Pet Toys

These projects are a great way to help shelter animals from home.

[Dog Toys](#)

[Cat Toys](#)

\*Always check with the local shelter before making toys and donating them.

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## Place Girl Scout Birthday Week patch order and complete evaluation:

Follow this [link](#) to complete the patch program evaluation and to order patches.