

Parent Handbook

**Troop [troop number]
[Leader Information]
[Phone Number]
[Meeting Place]
[Any other misc. information, girls name, etc.]**

Benefits of Girl Scouting to Parents

National Girl Scout research has shown that Girl Scouting provides benefits to not only the girls involved, but their parents as well. As a Girl Scout parent you may spend more quality time with your daughter, enjoy a strengthened relationship, build lasting friendships with other adults, and develop leadership skills.

Girl Scouts gives parents and girls the opportunity to be involved in an activity that benefits the community and gives them a sense of personal satisfaction by achieving a goal together.

The Girl Scout Parent's Promise*

On my honor, I will try:

To encourage and support my Girl Scout daughter,

To help her troop at all times, and

To obey the Girl Scout Parent's Law

The Girl Scout Parent's Law*

A Girl Scout Parent understands the true purpose of Girl Scouting.

A Girl Scout Parent gets his/her daughter to and from meetings on time.

A Girl Scout Parent knows a troop is a team effort.

A Girl Scout Parent sees the job through to the end.

A Girl Scout Parent sets a good example at all times.

A Girl Scout Parent is enthusiastic and cheerful.

A Girl Scout Parent does not consider the leader a babysitter.

A Girl Scout Parent brings troop problems to the leader first.

A Girl Scout Parent always does his or her part willingly.

A Girl Scout Parent is aware that Girl Scouting is for all girls.

*GSHNC adapted Parent's Promise and Law

Responsibility of Girls and Parents

Girl Scout's Responsibility to the Troop:

- ✿ To attend meetings and outings.
- ✿ To fulfill obligation of dues, and know that permission slips are signed by a parent or guardian.
- ✿ To complete any missed activities.
- ✿ To pass along important information to parents or leaders.
- ✿ To treat each member of the troop as a sister.
- ✿ To respect sister Girl Scouts.
- ✿ To respect troop leaders and troop parents.
- ✿ To participate in the meetings.
- ✿ To conduct themselves in a safe manner.
- ✿ To listen to others in the troop and show respect for what they are saying.

Parent's Responsibility to the Troop:

- ✿ To see that your daughter arrives and is picked up on time for all meetings and outings.
- ✿ To help your daughter fulfill troop responsibilities (dues, permission slips, snack, uniforms, etc.).
- ✿ To be supportive of your daughter in her Girl Scout endeavors (help her to complete missed activities).
- ✿ If possible, to notify the leaders ahead of time if your daughter will not be at a meeting.
- ✿ To check with your daughter's leader for any important news or permission slips that may need to be signed, and to return completed paperwork promptly.
- ✿ To assist the troop and the troop leaders during meetings or activities on a rotating or as needed basis.
- ✿ To consider being a member of the Troop Committee.

- ✿ To keep in contact with the leaders and give them feedback.
- ✿ To discuss any issues that arise privately with the leader, not in front of the girls.

Parent's Responsibility to the Troop (continued):

- ✿ To help the troop leaders establish and maintain a positive environment within the troop, by talking with your daughter about acceptable behavior and by setting a positive example yourself.
- ✿ To let your daughter know that you consider her participation in Girl Scouting to be important and special.
- ✿ To attend parent meetings, group activities and special ceremonies.
- ✿ Consider making a personally meaningful, tax-deductible contribution to GSHNC to support the programs and operations of the council and camp properties.

Paperwork

- ✿ Parents must complete the following forms:
- ✿ Girl Membership Form - annual fee is \$15.
- ✿ Adult Membership Form - annual fee is \$15. Leaders and committee members required, parent volunteers optional.
- ✿ Health History Form - this form should be updated every year.
- ✿ Activity Permission Slip - no slip, no trip!

Volunteers are the Lifeblood of Girl Scouting

Our volunteers make a difference... in the lives of girls, in the success of families and in the growth of communities. The strength of Girl Scouting rests on the shoulders of adult volunteers who are committed to helping all girls develop into strong, confident, capable women. Remember that your daughter's troop leader is a volunteer. She spends a great deal of time attending trainings and preparing for and leading her meetings. Please support your Girl Scout's troop and encourage her participation in activities, to enable her to enjoy her Girl Scout experience. Girl Scouts is a team effort among leaders, girls and parents. There are many ways you can help your Girl Scout's troop:

- ✿ Refreshments manager (bring snacks to each meeting)

- ✿ Special events manager (arrange trips and other events)
- ✿ Transportation manager (coordinate who will drive on each field trip)
- ✿ Recordkeeper (keep all troop records, including registration and individual girl records)
- ✿ Recognitions manager (check girls on recognitions work, arrange help when needed, keep recordkeeper informed)
- ✿ Phone tree manager (coordinate calling the girls if necessary)
- ✿ Fall Sale manager (responsible for the Fall Sales Nuts & Magazines)
- ✿ Cookie manager (responsible for the Cookie Sale)
- ✿ Emergency contact (available for leaders and parents to contact in case of an emergency while the troop is on a field trip)
- ✿ Assistant Leader or Co-Leader

Have you hugged your Troop Leader today?

Your troop leader is a volunteer, paid in smiles and hugs. There are many ways you and your Girl Scout can show your appreciation. Leader Appreciation Day is April 22. Keep in mind that these thoughtful gestures would be greatly appreciated at any time!

- ✿ Send a card or letter
- ✿ Give her a drawing
- ✿ Take a photograph of the troop
- ✿ Make a homemade treat
- ✿ Offer to babysit for the leader
- ✿ Donate to Girl Scouts in her name
- ✿ Prepare dinner for the leader and her family
- ✿ Thank her in a letter to the editor of your local paper.
- ✿ Nominate her for an award (contact service unit for nomination form)

Can one person run a troop?

No! Even with just a few girls, there must be a minimum of two registered adults present, one of whom must be a female.

- ✿ Each leader must have a support team of assistant/co-leaders and involved family members.

- ✚ When enough people pitch in to help at meetings, the pressure is taken off the leader, and your child receives a better program.

As a parent or guardian, what can I do to help?

- ✚ As you enter the meeting, ask what needs to be done. For younger girls, set up projects or snacks, collect dues, take attendance, and hand out materials. With older girls, guide them in these tasks. Take the initiative to guide the girls from activity to activity to avoid chaos
- ✚ Take the initiative to help collect and put away materials after a project is completed and help clean up the activity and snack tables. With older girls, help guide the girls to put away and clean up.

Strong volunteer support systems are in place to ensure success

GSHCC has training, manuals, and professional support staff to give volunteers all the tools necessary to be successful. To find out more about upcoming trainings, please visit our website at [insert your council training website link here]

Girl Scout Grade Levels

The Girl Scout age levels are defined by grades. It is important to know your Girl Scout's grade level so that you can be directed to the appropriate materials and uniforms.

Daisy Girl Scouts - Kindergarten and 1st grade

Brownie Girl Scouts - Grades 2-3

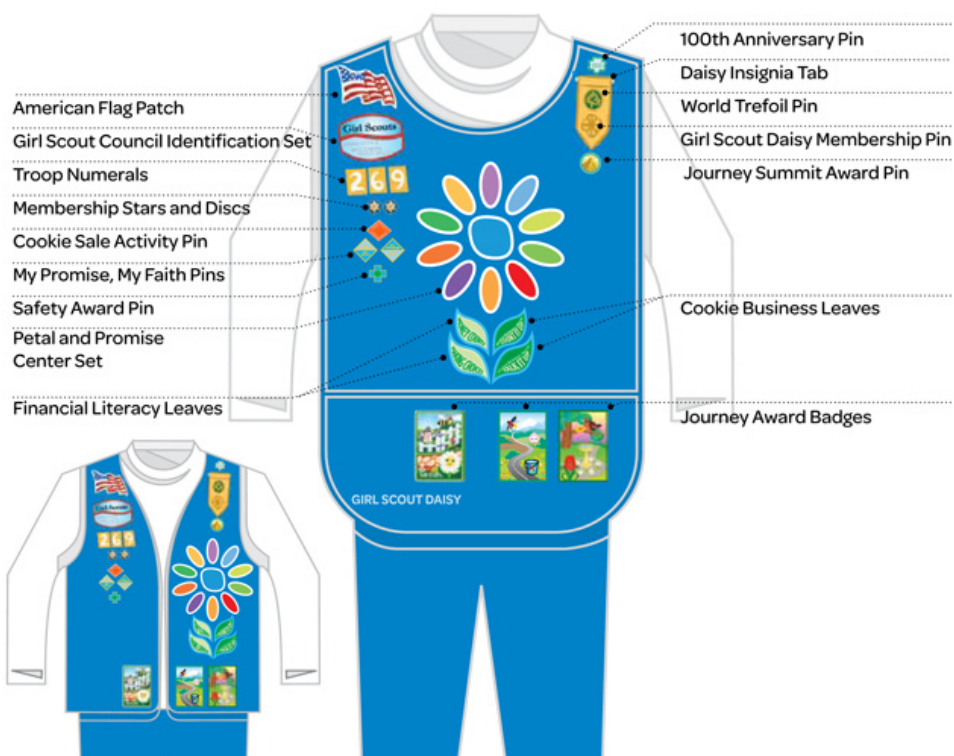
Junior Girl Scouts - Grades 4-5

Cadette - Grades 6-8

Senior - Grades 9-10

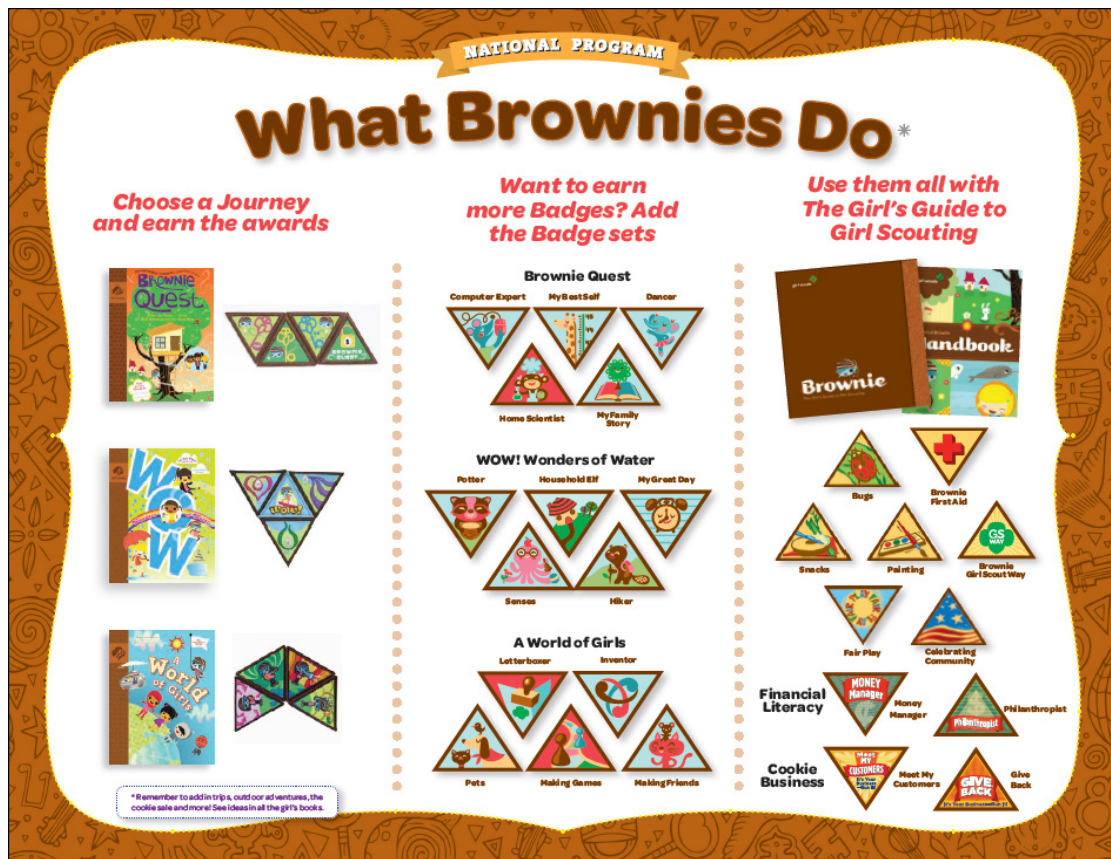
Ambassador - Grades 11-12

Where to Place Insignia on a Daisy Uniform A Visual Guide for Awards, Badges, Patches and More



Where to Place Insignia on a Brownie Uniform

A Visual Guide for Awards, Badges, Patches and More



Where to Place Insignia on a Junior Uniform A Visual Guide for Awards, Badges, Patches and More

NATIONAL PROGRAM

What Juniors Do*

Choose a Journey and earn the awards

Want to earn more Badges? Add the Badge sets

Use them all with The Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting

Agent of Change

Digital Photographer Staying Fit

Musician Entertainment Technology Scribe

GET MOVING!

Jeweler Gardener

Detective Camper Independence

aMUSE

Geocacher Animal Habitats

Playing the Past Product Designer Social Butterfly

Junior Handbook

Bronze Award

Drawing Practice with Purpose Inside Government

Simple Meals Junior First Aid Junior Girl Scout Way Flowers

Financial Literacy

Business Owner

Savvy Shopper

Cookie Business

Cookie CEO

Customer Insights

*Remember to add in trips, outdoor adventures, the cookie sale and more! See ideas in all the girl's books.

American Flag Patch

Girl Scout Council Identification Set

Troop Crest

Troop Numerals

Membership Stars and Discs

Bridge to Girl Scout Junior Award Patch

Junior Aide Award Patch

Brownie Wings

My Promise, My Faith Pins

Cookie Sale Activity Pin

Safety Award Pin

Girl Scout Junior Badges

100th Anniversary Pin

Junior Insignia Tab

World Trefoil Pin

Girl Scout Bronze Award Pin

Girl Scout Membership Pin

Membership Numeral Guard

Journey Summit Award Pins

Journey Award Badges

Place your first Journey awards at the bottom of your vest. As you earn additional Journey awards, work your way up.

If your Journey awards and badges don't fit on the front of your vest or sash, you can wear them on the back.

Place your Journey awards above your badges.

Insignia on a Cadette Uniform

A Visual Guide for Awards, Badges, Patches and More

NATIONAL PROGRAM

What Cadettes Do*

Choose a Journey and earn the awards

Want to earn more Badges? Add the Badge sets

aMAZE!

- Digital Movie Maker
- Public Speaker
- Science of Happiness
- Eating for Beauty
- Screenwriter

Breathe

- Book Artist
- Special Agent
- Trailblazing
- Woodworker
- Babysitter

Media

- Night Owl
- Field Day
- Entrepreneur
- Animal Helpers
- Netiquette

Use them all with The Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting

Comic Artist

Good Sportsmanship

Finding Common Ground

New Cuisines

Cadette First Aid

Cadette Girl Scout Way

Trees

Financial Literacy

Budgeting

Comparison Shopping

Financing My Dreams

Cookie Business

Business Plan

Marketing

Think BIG

*Remember to add in trips, outdoor adventures, the cookie sale and more! See ideas in all the girl's books.

- American Flag Patch
- Girl Scout Identification Set
- Troop Crest
- Troop Numerals
- Membership Stars and Discs
- Bridge to Girl Scout Cadette Award Patch
- Brownie Wings
- Silver Torch Award Pin
- My Promise, My Faith Pins
- Cadette Program Aide Pin
- Cadette Community Service Bar
- Cadette Service to Girl Scouting Bar
- Girl Scout Cadette Badges
- 100th Anniversary Pin
- Cadette Insignia Tab
- World Trefoil Pin
- Girl Scout Silver Award and Bronze Award Pins
- Girl Scout Membership Pin
- Membership Numeral Guard
- Journey Summit Award Pins
- Journey Award Badges
- Cookie Sale Activity Pin
- Safety Award Pin
- Cadette Leadership in Action (LiA) Award Badges

If your awards and badges don't fit on the front of your vest or sash, you can wear them on the back.



Where to Place Insignia on a Senior Uniform A Visual Guide for Awards, Badges, Patches and More

NATIONAL PROGRAM

What Seniors Do*

Choose a Journey and earn the awards

Want to earn more Badges? Add the Badge sets

Use them all with The Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting

GIRLtopia

Web to Designer Women's Health

Troupe Performer Science of Style Novelist

Sow What?

Textile Artist Room Makeover

Truth Seeker Adventurer Car Care

MISSION: SISTERHOOD!

Traveler Voice for Animals

Game Visionary Social Innovator Business Etiquette

Senior **Handbook** **Gold Award**

College Cross-Training Behind the Ballot

Locavore Senior First Aid Senior Girl Scout Way Sky

Financial Literacy

Financing My Future Buying Power

Cookie Business

My Portfolio Customer Loyalty

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American Flag Patch

Girl Scout Council Identification Set

Troop Crest

Troop Numerals

Membership Stars and Discs

10 Year Award Pin

Bridge to Girl Scout Senior Award Patch

Bridge to Girl Scout Cadette Award Patch

Brownie Wings

Torch Awards

Counselor in Training (CIT) I and Volunteer in Training (VIT) Award Pins

My Promise, My Faith Pins

Senior Community Service Bar

Senior Service to Girl Scouting Bar

Girl Scout Senior Badges

Girl Scout Cadette Badges

100th Anniversary Pin

Senior Insignia Tab

World Trefoil Pin

Girl Scout Gold Award, Silver Award and Bronze Award Pins

Girl Scout Membership Pin

Membership Numeral Guard

Journey Summit Award Pins

Senior Journey Award Pins and Badges

Cadette Journey Award Badges

Cookie Sale Activity Pin

Safety Award Pin

Cadette Leadership in Action (LiA) Award Badges

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