

All About Patch Programs

The insignia on a Girl Scout's uniform are a record of her adventures and accomplishments.

Nation's Capital has developed additional recognitions which supplement those offered by Girl Scouts USA. These patch programs offer girls the opportunity to learn about subjects not currently covered by Girl Scout badges. These recognitions were created by the Council, but girls from any council are welcome to earn them.

Patches are insignia that are worn on the back of the uniform. Those listed in this document are earned awards that come with specific activities and requirements to complete. Others may be given out as participation patches at events or purchased to commemorate a fun troop experience.

For the most updated information on patch programs, program kits, and other activities, visit www.gscnc.org.

For further questions, contact the Program Specialist who works with patch by emailing emercurio@gscnc.org or calling 202-274-3311.

Patch Programs

Theme	Kit or Resource	Appropriate Level					
		D	B	J	C	S	A
Civics	African-Americans in Congress Challenges girls to explore contributions made to history by black leaders and to learn advocacy strategies to make a difference in their communities. This program was made possible through a partnership with the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation and by generous donations from Dell and Faye Fields.				✓	✓	✓
	Election Connection Prepares girls for their future role as informed voters. The program gives girls opportunities to take an active part in encouraging voters today. Only available during presidential election years.		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Inauguration Learn about the presidential inauguration ceremony with excursions, activities, and crafts.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Discover the Nation's Capital Explore the rich history of Washington, DC by visiting landmarks, museums, governmental offices, gardens, statues, and memorials throughout the district.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	The Gift of Trees Learn about the international friendship and cultural exchange the brought the famous cherry blossoms to Washington, DC. Plus, learn about the importance of trees and their role in our environment. Developed in partnership with the National Cherry Blossom Festival.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Environment	Endangered Species Learn to protect wildlife and the environment by exploring the Endangered Species Act, investigating different endangered species, and making a difference in your own community! This patch program was created in partnership with NOAA.				✓	✓	✓
	Water Drop Learn about water quality and take action to protect and restore local water sources. This program includes a different patch for each Girl Scout level. This patch program was created in partnership with the United States EPA, NASA, and the Smithsonian Institution.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Healthy Living	<p>Be Prepared: Emergency Preparedness Every girl scout should know how to be prepared, identify potential hazards, and respond to emergencies! Learn everything you need to know with this patch program created in partnership with FEMA.</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	<p>FARE: Food Allergy Research and Education Learn about the nine major food allergens, facts and myths about allergies, and how to make the world a safer place for those with food allergies.</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	<p>Grow Strong Helps girls develop healthy habits that will keep them growing strong throughout their lives. Topics include healthy eating, exercise, self esteem, and emotional wellbeing. Created in partnership with CareFirst. Program kits are available to help facilitate each level of the Grow Strong patch!</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	<p>Sports Awareness Try many different sports and find the one you love! Plus, you'll practice teamwork, organization, cooperation, and healthy living.</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	<p>Sun Safety Educate yourself on how to have fun in the sun while staying safe from harmful UV rays. Educate your community and help everyone to practice sun safety! Made in partnership with the Gendell Family Foundation.</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Culture & Society	<p>CHICAS: Discovering Hispanic Heritage This patch program is designed to help Girl Scouts of all cultures develop an understanding and appreciation of Hispanic and Latin American cultures.</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	<p>Including ALL Girls Educates girls about acceptance, inclusion, and how they can include girls with disabilities and differences in all aspects of Girl Scouts. Created in partnership with Mitsubishi Electric American Foundation.</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	<p>Raise Your Hand Pledge to raise your hand in class—and inspire other girls to speak up along with you—by taking the “Raise Your Hand, Raise Your Voice” pledge. This program was created by Girl Scout Junior Alice Tapper.</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

STEM	<p>Intellectual Property Think like an inventor with the Intellectual Property patch! This program, which has different activities for each level of Girl Scouts, helps girls discover the power of branding and intellectual property as they share their creativity with the world. Developed in partnership with the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the Intellectual Property Owners Education Foundation</p>		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	<p>Staying STEM Our council has an abundance of resources for girls to pursue (or discover!) their passion for science, technology, engineering, and math. Explore STEM through activities, experiments, media, and excursions, try new things, and earn a patch along the way!</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Entrepreneurship	<p>Cookie Entrepreneur Make your cookie business stand out from the crowd by developing digital and in-person marketing techniques, learning about the fundamentals of the Girl Scout Cookie Program, and completing some steps for your cookie business badges!</p>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓