

All About Patch Programs

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

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

Patches are worn on the back of the Girl Scout uniform. Those listed in this document are earned awards that have 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 Programs by emailing cbigbee@gscnc.org or calling 202-274-3311.

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Theme	Patch Program	Appropriate Level					
		D	B	J	C	S	A
Civics	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 that 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 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	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.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	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	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Sports Awareness Try many different sports and find the one you love! Plus, you'll practice teamwork, organization, cooperation, and healthy living	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	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.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
C u i t	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. 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.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
STEM	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		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Entrepreneurship	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!	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓