

Girl Scout Birthday Week Patch

Girl Scout Week - March 12 - 18, 2023

The Girl Scout Birthday on March 12th commemorates the day in 1912 when Juliette “Daisy” Gordon Low officially registered the organization’s first 18 girl 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.

The activities in this 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 curriculum and Girl Scout traditions. The variety of activities will encourage all Girl Scouts, no matter their interest or age to participate in this patch program.

Purpose:

This 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.

All patch programs follow along with the Girl Scout Leadership Experience – Discover, Connect, and Take Action.

Discover: girls understand themselves and their values and use their knowledge and skills to explore the world.

Connect: girls care about, inspire and team with others locally and globally.

Take Action: girls act to make the world a better place.

Directions:

To earn the Girl Scout Birthday Week Patch, you must complete the requirements below (challenge yourself to do them during Girl Scout Week):

Daisies also complete 1 activity each for Discover, Connect and Take Action, plus 1 more from your choice of categories

Brownies and **Juniors** complete 1 activities each for Discover, Connect and Take Action, plus 2 more from your choice of categories

Cadettes, **Seniors** and **Ambassadors** complete 1 activities each for Discover, Connect and Take Action plus, 3 more from your choice of categories

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Activities:

Discover!

- Journal on how the Girl Scout Law relates to your beliefs and do you think that there are any parts of the Law you need to work on?
- Learn about and earn the Girl Scout My Promise/My Faith award (this can be found in your Girls Guide to Girl Scouting book or online)
- Rewrite the Girl Scout Law in your own words
- Draw or paint a picture of your favorite Girl Scout event
- Create a card or homemade gift for a friend, parent, troop leader, teacher, etc.
- Take time to do your favorite skill you have learned from Girl Scouts (painting, paddle boarding, archery, STEM activities, etc.)
- Write a short essay about your favorite Girl Scout memory or ask a former Girl Scout her favorite Girl Scout memory and submit (with a parent's help if under the age of 13) to the council's web page *Share Your Stories*
- Interview someone who has lived in another country other than the United States
- Learn about a faith tradition that you are not familiar with
- Learn how other cultures celebrate birthdays

Connect!

- Bake cupcakes or cookies and give them to your friends or family or local first responders on the Girl Scout Birthday Saturday
- As a troop, plan a Girl Scout Birthday Party. You can include some Girl Scout traditions, games, cake, etc.
- Did you know you have Girl Scout sister in 146 countries around the world? Find out more about one of those countries and their Girl Scouts or Girl Guides
- Learn about the 5 Girl Scout World Centers; find them on the map
- Learn the Girl Guiding Promise & Law from another country
- Learn how to say hello, goodbye, please and thank you in another language
- Make a collage of place around the world you would like to visit
- Take a Girl Scout Selfie and share it on Facebook or Instagram and tag @KYGirlScouts - Along with the picture, share why you love being a Girl Scout
- Attend your place of worship and be recognized as a Girl Scout in your uniform on Girl Scout Sunday
- Provide your church or place of worship with Girl Scout material and information to share during your weekly services
- Journal on "How did I live the Girl Scout Promise & Law today?"
- Learn the history of SWAPS and then make some to give out at the next SWAPS event

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Take Action:

- Perform a service, such as greeting, ushering, or doing a flag ceremony at your place of worship on Girl Scout Sunday
- Volunteer to assist with teaching or watching the younger children in your place of worship
- Write a letter/story or draw a picture for our veterans. Deliver these to your local veterans' hospital or to the program team at the Boise office
- Bring the birthday week celebration home and decorate the dinner table with homemade decorations and talk about birthday week with your family
- Do a good deed for someone in your family or neighborhood
- Host a milk and cookies reception with your troop and invite your family and friends
- Leave a special thank you note for each family member
- Donate gently used items or volunteer at a local women's or family shelter
- Donate gently used books to your school library or community library
- Write a poem about a place you have visited
- Write a note or letter to a friend to let her know you appreciate her or to share all the wonderful traits you admire in her
- Give back to your troop's meeting location with a clean-up or beautification project
- Volunteer to read books or play games with children at a local library or community center
- Go on a nature hike and pick up trash along the trail
- Think about what Girl Scouts means to you and write a letter rededicating yourself to Girl Scouts
- Share the Girl Scout love and invite a new friend to join your Girl Scout troop!

Patches may be purchased at your local Girl Scouts of Kentucky's Wilderness Road retail store. The patch is to be worn on the back of the vest.



PATCH PROGRAM EVALUATION

Troop _____ Service Unit _____ Age Level _____

Troop Leader's Name _____

Address _____

Street _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone (h) _____ (w) _____ Email _____ Our

troop of _____ girls worked on and completed the Girl Scout Birthday Week Patch Program.

Please complete the following evaluation with responses from the girls.

1. Why did you choose this program? _____

2. How much time did you spend on it? _____

3. What outside resources did you use? (people, facilities, equipment, etc.) _____

4. What part did you like best? _____

6. What are some things you learned for the first time? _____

Please return this form to:

Girl Scouts of Kentucky's Wilderness Road

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