



# 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## Patch Program

## Join us when our first 100 years turns into our next 100 years!

The 100th Anniversary of Girl Scouts is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. We've come a long way in the last 100 years, and we're looking forward to what the future of Girl Scouting will hold. Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low assembled 18 girls from Savannah, Georgia, on March 12, 1912, for a local Girl Scout meeting. She imagined that Girl Scouts could be "the magic thread" that would connect girls everywhere, and for 50 million girls and women, the ties have never been stronger. As we commemorate 100 years of Girl Scouting, we will boldly claim our rightful place as the premier leadership organization for girls. We hope to grow our membership, reconnect with our alumnae, and secure resources and funding to ensure that more girls have the opportunity to reap the benefits of the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. And, of course, we will have a ton of fun celebrating too!

We hope that everyone who has been a member of the Girl Scout family will join us in a variety of opportunities across Minnesota and Wisconsin during 2012 to be a part of history and a part of the future.

Celebrate the 100th Anniversary all year long! Throughout the process of earning this one-of-a-kind patch, you will rediscover the history and traditions of Girl Scouting, connect with other Girl Scouts through a multitude of events and activities, and explore how you can impact the future of the Girl Scout Movement. This program is designed to give troops and individual girls alike a snapshot of all that Girl Scouting has to offer—and an opportunity to reflect on what Girl Scouting is really all about.



## DISCOVERING OUR PAST

All girls should complete one in each category. Girl Scout Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors should also complete an additional 2 activities of their choice from any category.

### Exploring Girl Scout History

- Attend the Girl Scout exhibit at the Stearns History Museum in St. Cloud, MN opening in March 2012.
- Learn about the history of Girl Scouting, and then write up your own troop's history.
- Earn the Juliette Heritage council patch. Requirements can be found at [www.gslakesandpines.org](http://www.gslakesandpines.org).
- Learn about the Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin Lakes and Pines council. When did the council begin and what are its roots? How many members are there, and how many camps are there? Share what you learn with your troop/group or family.
- Interview someone in your community who was a Girl Scout during a different decade and share your findings with others.

### Ceremonies

- Plan and/or participate in an Investiture/Rededication, Scout's Own, Bridging, Flag, or Court of Awards ceremony.
- Teach a younger girl or troop about the traditional ceremonies used in Girl Scouting (see previous item for suggestions).
- The flag ceremony has been an important part of Girl Scout meetings for the last 100 years. Learn and practice doing a flag ceremony. Learn about what the stars and stripes on the flag mean. Try to start every meeting/gathering/event with a flag ceremony.

### Patriotism/Citizenship

- Learn the Girl Scout Motto and Slogan. Keep a journal of ways that you or your troop carried out the slogan throughout the year.
- Find out who your local elected officials are and how to contact them. Learn about some of the big issues they stand for.
- Participate in the council's advocacy activities during Girl Scout Week.
- Learn about an important Girl Scout from Minnesota or Wisconsin's history.

### Serving God

- Earn one of the religious recognitions for your faith. Check out [www.praypub.org](http://www.praypub.org).
- Earn the "My Promise, My Faith" Pin from the Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting.
- Participate in Girl Scout Sunday or Sabbath activities at a local place of worship.
- Explore your faith with a younger group of children at your place of worship. This could mean volunteering at Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, etc.

## CONNECTING IN THE PRESENT

All girls should complete one in each category. Girl Scout Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors should also complete an additional 2 activities of their choice from any category.

### Service

- Make an impact in your school, church, or community by helping with some event or project that will benefit others.



- Earn your Program Aide (PA), Counselor in Training (CIT), or Volunteer in Training (VIT) patch or pin.
- Plan (alone or with others) an event for other Girl Scouts in your local area.
- Provide service to Girl Scouting by representing Girl Scouts at a community or recruitment event.
- Juliette's childhood was affected by war. Girl Scouts performed important service tasks during WWI and WWII. Support today's men and women in the armed services by writing letters or holding a drive to collect needed items. You could also earn the Support our Troops council patch. Requirements can be found at [www.gslakesandpines.org](http://www.gslakesandpines.org).

### **Celebrating 100 Years**

- Celebrate with us by participating in one of the following events: Forever Green Community Action Project, Nation's Capital: Rock the Mall Sing-a-long, Girl Scout Gold Award Celebration, Great Girl Gathering at the Mall of America, or one of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary overnights at the Stearns History Museum.
- Collect or create 100 recipes and make a troop cookbook.
- Participate in a parade and celebrate with the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary theme.
- Wear your Girl Scout uniform and pins on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Create a SWAP or a notecard to pass out to friends at school or people in the community letting them know why you're wearing your uniform and a little bit about what Girl Scouts is.

### **The Great Outdoors**

- Participate in an outdoor educational activity or event appropriate to your program age level (for example, an environmental education event, park program, community clean-up project, etc.). This can be a council sponsored event or through your local community.
- Participate in a troop, area, or council camping weekend.
- Attend your local Service Unit's Day Camp with the theme Girl Scouts Through the Years.
- Attend one of the GSMWLP Camporee – 100<sup>th</sup> Year Girl Scout Celebration events at one of our council camp properties.

### **WAGGGS**

Girl Scouts is part of an even bigger movement, the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

- Plan and/or participate in activities for World Thinking Day.
- Learn about the four World Centers and prepare a poster, skit, or booklet on what you've learned.
- Contribute to the Juliette Low World Friendship Fund.
- Learn and play a game from another country.
- Learn at least one of the songs celebrating the world centers: the Our Cabana Song, the Our Chalet Song, the Pax Lodge Song, or Come in to Sangam.

### **Learning New Things, Making New Friends**

- Earn two of the new badges from *The Girl's Guide to Girl Scouting*.
- Participate in a council program event beyond the anniversary events.
- Check out one of the council's Programs on the Go, and bring the activities to your troop/group.
- Host an "Invite a Friend Day" with your troop. Invite non-Girl Scout friends to join your fun.
- Learn the Girl Scout Promise and Girl Scout Law in sign language or another spoken language. Try to start a troop meeting with your new skill.

### **Cookies, Cookies, Cookies!**

- Participate in the 2012 Girl Scout Cookie Sale.

- Help plan and/or run your area's cookie rally.
- Help a younger Girl Scout prepare for the Cookie Sale Program by teaching her marketing strategies, working with her on how to interact with customers, helping her set a personal sales goal, and/or helping her with other cookie sale-related skills.
- Delve into the history of the Girl Scout Cookie Sale Program and see how it has changed over the years. Use this information in developing a marketing plan for your own/your troop's cookie sale.
- Find the recipe for the original Girl Scout cookie at [www.girlscouts.org](http://www.girlscouts.org) and bake it for your troop or family.

## **TAKING ACTION FOR THE FUTURE**

How can you make a lasting impact on the Girl Scouts of the future? All girls should complete one in each category. Girl Scout Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors should also complete an additional 2 activities of their choice from any category.

### **Looking Forward**

- Participate in the Family Partnership Campaign by making a contribution or making a presentation about it to others.
- Develop an Our Own Council's badge or patch program on some topic of interest to you. Make sure you get your topic pre-approved before you begin.
- Complete a service project at one of the council offices or anywhere Girl Scouts meet.
- Participate in a local or council bridging event.

### **Leadership**

- Complete a Girl Scout Journey and earn one or more of the Journey awards.
- Complete your Girl Scout Bronze, Silver, or Gold Award.
- Develop and implement a Take Action project within your community or school.
- Work with a younger Girl Scout or Girl Scout troop to accomplish some task or goal.
- Brainstorm issues that girls will likely face in the future (ex: environmental issues, etc.) and decide on some possible solutions. Take action to start solving this issue now.
- Create an ad campaign (flyers, commercials, posters, etc) to recruit Girl Scouts.

### **Traditions**

- Design a badge for the future or take a current badge and envision it for the future. List the activities and draw what the badge would look like.
- What will camping be like in the future? Where will you go? What equipment will you bring? Plan a futuristic camping trip with your troop. Create a poster of what it will look like.
- Create a troop time capsule.
- Learn about opportunities for you in older program levels and how you can stay involved once you graduate from high school. Make a personal plan on how you will stay involved.
- Send 'Welcome Future Girl Scout' cards to new moms of baby girls at local hospitals or maternity wards.



## 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Patch Order Form

Adult Name \_\_\_\_\_ Girl Scout Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Program level (circle one)      DA    BR    JR    CAD    SR    AMB

Troop Number \_\_\_\_\_      SU Number \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ # of patches ordering x \$ 2.50 each      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Add \$1.00 postage/handling fee if mailing OR to eliminate postage/handling fee (please check below)

\_\_\_\_\_ I will pick up my patches at the Waite Park Regional Center

\_\_\_\_\_ I will pick up my patches at the Duluth Regional Center

Total Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail forms with payment to one of the following shops:

Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin Lakes and Pines  
Waite Park Regional Center Shop  
400 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave S  
Waite Park, MN 56387

Girl Scouts of Minnesota and Wisconsin Lakes and Pines  
Duluth Regional Center Shop  
424 W Superior Street  
Suite G3, Ordean Building  
Duluth, MN 55802

