

Thousand Islands Girl Scout Council

OUR COUNCIL'S OWN PATCH

FAMILY GIRL SCOUTING

for Brownie, Junior, Cadette and Senior Girl Scouts

This patch program is an adaptation of Northwest Georgia Girl Scout Council's
My Family Shares Girl Scouting patch program.



If a girl is a Brownie, Junior, Cadette or Senior Girl Scout, you can share Girl Scouting with her and have fun at the same time! Carry out the activities in each of the three parts (you may do them in any order you wish). Some activities may have choices; they may be carried out by the girl and her parent(s) or the girl and an adult friend or guardian. Part 4 is optional.

1. The adult/parent and girl participates in a troop/group or neighborhood activity which the girls have had an active part in planning, coordinating and carrying out. Examples: an investiture, bridging or awards ceremony, an extra fundraiser, a picnic, play project or event, Mother's Tea, Dad and Me, etc.

2. Girl shares with family/adult friend or guardian what it's like for her to be a girl Scout by talking about one of the seven following ways in which she has not shared before:

- The meaning of the Girl Scout Promise.
- Ways to apply the Girl Scout Law in her daily life.
- Juliette Low's birthday, Thinking Day, Girl Scout Week, In-gatherings, etc.
- Highlights of troop/group meetings for a month.
- What happens to calendar and cookie sale profits (include troop dues if any).
- Share and explain a special project/event that the troop or neighborhood is participating in.
- Share a special skill, knowledge, or experience gained in completing a Try-It, Badge or Interest Project.

3. Adult shares by performing service for the troop in any one of the following three ways:

- Be either a leader, co-leader or assistant leader, committee member, Fall Product Sale manager or Cookie Sale manager.
- Hold a position on the neighborhood service team.
- Perform a service on at least four occasions during the membership year (Oct 1-Sep 30).

4. Adult makes a contribution to the Annual Giving/Family Partnership Campaign. (Optional)

LEADER'S GUIDELINES

Purpose: To encourage and motivate parents'/adults' active participation in and support of troop to promote girl/adult partnership in troops and to encourage active participation or individually registered girls and their parents/adults.

Families and adult friends can share in Girl Scouting. Many families and adults already do and have fun doing so and many more can!

In keeping with Thousand Islands Girl Scout Council, Inc.'s continuing effort to increase parental/adult participation and support of troop activities, this patch program is designed so that the girls and parents/adult friends are able to work in partnership, completing the requirements towards the *Family Girl Scouting* patch.

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| 1. | In addition to the requirement listed above, the thing to emphasize is that the parents/adults participate in an event that the girls actually create. Note: You may want to register the parent/adults as Girl Scouts, individual members or as committee members. |
| 2. | In this section, the girl takes the responsibility of educating her parent/adult about Girl Scouting in a manner that shows how important being a Girl Scout is to her, and shows why family/adult friends should share the experience with her. The suggestions listed may be expanded to meet the needs of the troop/girl. |
| 3. | This part is the actual service of the adult to the troop/group. The services will ultimately benefit the troop and/or the neighborhood. The troop may make a list of the ways paren/adults may be of service as the troop develops project plans. Note: the girls must carry out their appropriate responsibilities in the planned project as well. |
| 4. | This is a financial obligation, so must be optional. |

PROGRAM LINKS

Brownie Links

Try-Its: Girl Scout Ways; Puppets, Dolls and Plays: Her Story; Caring and Sharing.
 Handbook "Brownie Girl Scouts, Let's Get Started", pp. 6-24; "Family and Friends", pp. 77-78.

Junior Links

Home Living; Girl Scouting Everywhere; Hands Around the World; Sign of the Worlds.
 Handbook: "Girl Scouting Basics" pp. 2-18; Family and Friends, pp. 60-74.

Cadette/Senior Links

Interest Patches: Leadership.
 Cadette Handbook: "Relationships wit Friends and Family", pp. 66-83.
 Senior Handbook: "Leadership in Action", pp. 65-92.

FAMILY GIRL SCOUTING
EVALUATION FORM

Please return this form to Thousand Islands Girl Scout Council with your patch order. This evaluation is a mandatory part of the program. Thank you.

Troop # _____ Level Brownie Junior Cadette/Senior Number of girls in troop _____

Leader _____ Telephone _____

Neighborhood _____ Council _____

The purpose of the project is to increase parent involvement in the troop. Please check the actual outcome for this troop. Check ALL that are applicable.

- Number of parents/families who participated.
- Increased parent involvement with *positive* results.
- Increased parent involvement with *less than positive* results.
- Parents already heavily involved; received only additional recognition.
- Same parents that normally get involved completed the project.
- Parents did not get involved.
- Had adult friends involved.

What problems, if any, resulted from the project? _____

What did leaders find most helpful? _____

What activities did the girls enjoy the most? _____

Comments/suggestions made by parents/adult friends? _____

Suggestions for making project more effective? _____

PATCH TRACKER

Track each girl's progress here.

	FAMILY GIRL SCOUTING <i>List girls' names and check off progress. →</i>																		
1.	Girls plan event & adults participate.																		
2.	Girls educate adults about scouting & its impact on girls.																		
3.	Adults complete service to troop by --holding a troop position OR --holding a neighborhood position OR --performing FOUR services to the troop.																		
4.	Donation to Annual Giving/Family Partnership Campaign.																		

COUNCIL'S OWN PATCH ORDER FORM: FAMILY GIRL SCOUTING

Please complete the information below, enclose a check made payable to: *Thousand Islands Girl Scout Council*, and mail to: Thousand Islands Girl Scout Council, 253 State Street, Watertown, NY 13601.

Troop Number _____ Troop Level _____ Leader Name _____
 Neighborhood _____ Council _____

Leader mailing address and telephone number _____

Evaluation enclosed. If your evaluation is not enclosed, your order may be delayed until it arrives.

Number registered girls: _____
 Number of girls completing requirements: _____
 Number of adults completing requirements: _____

_____ patches x \$ 1.00 =	
Postage cost (\$1.25 for each dozen patches for orders in continental US)	
TOTAL	