



Girl Scoutsgiving Patch Program

November is a month full of gratitude, kindness, and giving! Girl Scoutsgiving celebrates the spirit of thankfulness and helping others. In this patch program, Girl Scouts will explore meaningful ways to give back to their communities, show appreciation, and discover how even the smallest acts of kindness can make a big difference.

By earning this fun patch, girls will:

1. Understand the importance of gratitude and community service.
2. Learn how to identify needs in their community.
3. Plan and participate in a service or giving project.
4. Reflect on how giving back creates positive change.

Steps to earn your patch:

- [Order your patch](#) (available while supplies last)!
- Complete 4 activities of your choice



About the Patch Program

The requirements to complete the program can be done individually, as a family, troop or as a group. Girls must **complete at least one activity from each of the following four categories:**

- Gratitude and Reflection
- Learn About Your Community
- Give Back!
- Share the Spirit

Gratitude and Reflection

Learn about gratitude and thankfulness — the “why” behind giving. Then begin practicing thankfulness and mindfulness in your everyday life. Choose from an activity below or create your own.

All Ages	• Start a Gratitude Jar: Write one thing you’re thankful for every day for 30 days.
Daisies/Brownies	• Draw or color a “Gratitude Garden” showing people or things you’re thankful for. • Make a “thankful collage” using magazine cutouts or drawings of what you appreciate most.
Juniors	• Keep a gratitude journal for a week by writing down a few things every day that you were thankful for that day. • Create a “Thank You Challenge”: Write or tell one person each day something you appreciate about them.
Cadettes	• Write thank-you notes to community helpers (teachers, postal workers, firefighters, nurses, sanitation workers, police officers etc.). • Write a short essay, poem, or social media post about what giving back means to you.
Seniors/ Ambassadors	• Start a Gratitude Journal and include reflections on service, kindness, and leadership. • Host a “Gratitude Circle” where your family, friends or troop members share something meaningful they’ve learned about helping others.

Learn About Your Community

Discover how your community works and where you can make a difference. Choose from an activity below or create your own.

All Ages	• Visit your local library or town hall to learn about community programs that help others.
Daisies/Brownies	• Go on a “Community Walk”: Spot places that help others (libraries, food pantries, animal shelters). • Draw a “Community Helpers Map”: Identify places close to your house that help others - include police, teachers, mail carriers, and others who serve.
Juniors	• Interview a community leader or volunteer about what their organization does. • Interview a neighbor, teacher, or community volunteer to learn about their role in helping people.
Cadettes	• Research one local issue (food insecurity, homelessness, environmental needs) and share findings with your family. • Research what nonprofits organizations are, then find one local nonprofit online; what’s their mission, and how could someone your age support them?
Seniors/ Ambassadors	• Map local volunteer opportunities and identify a need you could help address. • Identify one community issue that matters to you (like hunger or animal welfare) and learn how it’s being addressed locally.

Give Back!

Put gratitude into action through individual acts of kindness or service. Choose from an activity below or create your own.

All Ages	• Pick up litter in your neighborhood or a local park (with an adult if needed). • Bake cookies or make cards for first responders, teachers, or veterans. • Make homemade dog/cat treats for a local humane society or shelter. • Donate gently used toys, books, or clothes to a local shelter or thrift store. • Help an elderly neighbor with yard work, snow shoveling, or carrying groceries. • Write a kind message in sidewalk chalk to brighten someone's day. • Make "kindness rocks" and leave them around your neighborhood.
Daisies	• Make "thank you" cards for school staff or neighbors.
Brownies	• Collect canned goods for a food pantry. • Create a "Kindness Chain": Challenge family or classmates to do one kind thing each day for a week.
Juniors	• Create/Participate in a small service project like making hygiene kits or pet toys for a local shelter. • Cook or bake something special to share with a neighbor or community helper.
Cadettes	• Volunteer with a community organization or coordinate a donation drive. • Organize a mini collection drive with friends (pet food, canned goods, hygiene items).
Seniors/ Ambassadors	• Volunteer for a few hours at a local nonprofit or use social media to raise awareness about a community cause.

Share the Spirit

Celebrate your efforts and inspire others to join in! Choose from an activity below or create your own.

All Ages	• Take a photo of your service project or gratitude craft and share it (with permission) on your Service Unit or Council page using. Submit it to www.gsdakotahorizons.org/story to be featured in marketing materials. • Start a Girl Scoutsgiving Family Tradition: Everyone writes one act of giving they'll do this month.
Daisies/Brownies	• Tell a friend or family member about what you did to give back and ask them to try something too!
Juniors	• Write a paragraph or create a poster showing what you did and how it helped others.
Cadettes	• Create a short video or slideshow reflecting on your experience and what you learned about community giving.
Seniors/ Ambassadors	• Share your Girl Scoutsgiving story in your school newspaper, local paper, or community newsletter to inspire others.

Take It Further

How can you keep giving all year?

- Continue volunteering whether it's helping at a food pantry, writing letters to veterans, or supporting an animal shelter, your time and effort make a lasting impact.
- Make Girl Scoutsgiving an annual tradition by planning a service project or kindness challenge each November with your troop, family, or friends.
- Start a gratitude journal to record things you're thankful for throughout the year and share your reflections with others.
- Encourage others to join in! Inspire your school, community, or family to take part in simple acts of kindness all year long.