



GIRL SCOUTS OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

A RAINBOW OF SERVICE

A GS NORCAL COUNCIL'S OWN PATCH PROGRAM

BROWNIES, JUNIORS, CADETTES,
SENIORS & AMBASSADORS

TO ENCOURAGE GIRLS TO GET INVOLVED IN SERVICE ON
MULTIPLE LEVELS: AS INDIVIDUALS, TROOPS, SERVICE
UNITS, COUNCILS AND COMMUNITIES.



PURPOSE

Service is an important part of Girl Scouting. This program encourages girls to get involved with Girl Scout service at all levels: individually, as a troop or group, with the Service Unit, at the Council level, and in the community.

The program is designed to increase awareness about the need for service in our communities and for girls to actively participate in serving their communities. Girls are expected to discover the many avenues of service available and to deliver service to individuals and the community in general.

REMINDER

The Rainbow of Service Patch Program recognizes girls who choose to do service on a year round basis. The patch and a red arc will be earned the first year the program is completed. Each year, if a girl continues her service, she will earn a different colored arc.

ORDER INFORMATION

To order the Rainbow of Service Patch Program, please visit www.girlscoutsnorcal.org and purchase the items online. Please note that shipping and handling will be added to all online orders.

Members of Girl Scouts of Northern California will not be charged for shipping and handling if they use the GS NorCal Council's Own Order Form and have badges shipped to the closest GS NorCal store in their area for members to pick up.

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RAINBOW OF SERVICE PATCH REQUIREMENTS FOR BROWNIE GIRL SCOUTS

Complete 3 of the following activities - each activity must be in a different level.

INDIVIDUAL

1. Choose a project to complete on your own at a place or for an individual from the following list.
 1. Around your own home
 2. At an after school child care site or babysitter
 3. At a church or community center
 4. For a neighbor that needs some extra help
 5. For a relative that needs some extra help.

After you have completed your project, make a presentation for your troop

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Create a display board illustrating your service and share it with your troop

TROOP/GROUP SERVICE

1. Participate in a Neighborhood association or Improvement Committee Rally improvement project with your troop.
2. Plan and carry out a cooperative or collaborative project with another troop, organization, parents or other adults.
3. Plan and complete an environmental improvement project indoors or outdoors at your troop meeting site, a Girl Scout house or camp, a favorite or local park, or another place in the community.
4. Plan and carry out a recycling program, or similar activity, that earns money for your troop.

SERVICE UNIT

Talk with your Service Unit to determine which service projects have been planned for your service unit. Participate in one.

COUNCIL LEVEL

Participate in at least two Council sponsored service projects.

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RAINBOW OF SERVICE PATCH REQUIREMENTS FOR JUNIOR GIRL SCOUTS

Complete 2 activities in each of the following categories.

INDIVIDUAL

The following activities are to be completed individually.

1. Monitor the recycling habits of your family, start a recycling program if one does not currently exist.
2. Adopt an area of your community. Pick up litter at least once a week to keep the area beautiful.
3. Spend time reading with a younger child.
4. Plant a tree at home or in the community and take care of it.
5. Walk a neighbor's dog.
6. Help a neighbor or relatives with some chores.
7. Volunteer for a Council sponsored event.
8. Help clean up a Girl Scout Program Center

TROOP/GROUP SERVICE

The following activities are to be completed with your troop.

1. Visit a recycling center and start a troop-recycling project.
2. Clean up a local park, community center, church, or schoolyard.
3. Help a library with a book drive and book repairs.
4. Collect health care items for a homeless shelter or children's home.
5. Make gifts for people without families. (Not limited to the holidays)
6. Write a puppet show or skit about being a Girl Scout. Perform it for younger children at a homeless shelter or day care center.

SERVICE UNIT

The following activities are to be completed with your troop.

1. Find out what service projects have been planned by your service unit and participate in one.
2. Plan a service project with your troop and invite your service unit to participate.
3. After a service project has been completed, write an article and submit it to the Communications Department at GS NorCal prior your local newspaper.

COUNCIL LEVEL

Participate in at least two Council sponsored service projects.

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RAINBOW OF SERVICE PATCH REQUIREMENTS FOR CADETTES, SENIORS & AMBASSADORS

Choose 3 of the following categories of service., complete the required number of activities in each.

INDIVIDUAL

1. Choose a project to complete on your own at a place or for an individual from the following list.
 1. Visit one of the following: a homeless shelter, an animal shelter, a convalescent hospital, a retirement home, a library, or day care center. During your visit, find out what type of service is needed. Volunteer your services for four weeks.
 2. Volunteer your services at a Girl Scout program center for ten hours.
 3. Volunteer to read stories or tutor at your local library, school, or day care center.
 4. Volunteer to serve on an event committee for the Girl Scout Council or your Service Unit.
 5. Start a recycling program at a local park, community center, church, or neighborhood business.
 6. Compile a list of recycling centers that take items other than those picked up by the curbside service. Make the list available to your neighbors and local businesses.
 7. Take a first aid, CPR, or babysitting class. Use your knowledge and skills to volunteer at an event or for babysitting.

TROOP/GROUP SERVICE

1. Recycle Christmas trees in your neighborhood after the holidays.
2. Volunteer at a local food bank for four hours.
3. Volunteer to serve, prepare, or clean up at a local soup kitchen.
4. Start a reading or tutoring program at a local library, school, or community center.
5. Plan a day to clean up a stream, lake, or beachfront. Invite another older girl troop to help.
6. Collect clothing and household items for a local thrift store.
7. Contact the Volunteer Exchange to find out about youth volunteer opportunities. Have members of your troop contact agencies you have been referred to and report information at a troop meeting on how to become involved with these agencies.

SERVICE UNIT

Participate in a service Unit sponsored service project.

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Plan a service project with your troop and invite the Service Unit to participate.

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COUNCIL LEVEL

Participate in at least three Council sponsored service projects.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Participate in a service project sponsored by a community agency. (i.e. blood drive, fun runs, a food drive, clean ups).

- ❖ Remember that Girl Scouts can not raise money for other organizations.

NOTE

As you complete requirements or when you have completed the entire patch program, write up what you did. Submit the article to the Communications Department at GSNC prior your local newspaper.

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